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AMONG THOSE who receive great benefit from THE LOUISIANA METHODIST each week are the shut-ins who cannot attend church as they once did. A church can render a rich ministry by seeing that all of its shut-ins receive the paper. We are indebted to the Rev. Rex Squyres for this picture of the paper being read by Mrs. J. W. Gidlow of Kinder and Mrs. B.J. Hine of Elton, sisters, who nursed their older sister, Mrs. Maggie Phelps, who passed away Dec. 2. Mrs. Hine is the mother of the Rev. Harold Hine, pastor of Davidson Memorial Church, Lafayette.

December Activities

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I know that all of you will be promoting THE LOUISIANA METHODIST in the circulation campaign which is now before us. The paper serves a most important function in the program of Methodism in Louisiana and it can serve us even better if we have a healthy increase in circulation this year.

Mrs. Walton and I had the pleasure of enjoying the fellowship with the ministers and their wives at three District Parsonette Christmas parties on Thursday, December 13, and Saturday, December 15. Mrs. Walton was on the program at the Baton Rouge and Monroe District parties and we were guests at the Alexandria District dinner. These were delightful occasions and we were glad to be present.

On Sunday, December 16, I participated in four services in the Monroe District.

In the morning I preached at Southside, the Reverend Lea Joyner, minister. This church has an outstanding record in the field of evangelism. During the 10½ years of its history Southside has received over 530 members on profession of faith. By Annual Conference when eleven years will be completed, Southside will average receiving fifty members a year on profession of faith. This is a remarkable record and we are grateful for it and for those who have made it possible.

In the afternoon I went with the District Superintendent, the Reverend E. R. Haug, to dedicate educational buildings at Mangham and Boeuf Prairie. The Reverend Edwin A. Keasler is pastor at Mangham and the Reverend Theron T. McKisson is pastor at Boeuf Prairie. Both churches had completed new buildings and had lifted all indebtedness. The church at Boeuf Prairie is one of our oldest churches in Louisiana, having been organized in 1833. The building is one of the oldest Methodist Church buildings still standing in the state. It was constructed in the 1840's of hand-hewn cypress foundation and siding shipped by boat from New Orleans. The building has been moved and repaired and is a beautiful sanctuary, adequate with the new educational building to care for the present congregation.

In the evening I showed pictures of our work in Latin America to a large and interested congregation in McGuire Church in West Monroe, the Reverend Donald E. Wineinger, pastor. It was a good Sunday and I appreciate the work that is going forward in the Monroe District.

The Cabinet met in New Orleans on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12.

On Christmas morning Mrs. Walton and I attended the beautiful and helpful services at Carrollton Avenue Church in New Orleans, the Reverend Jack Cooke, pastor.

We hope that all of you have had a joyous and blessed Christmas season. We wish for you health and happiness in 1963.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton

of Missions.

The agenda of the Board of Missions meeting were worked out by a committee composed of the board's president, the Rev. Al Brown, and its secretary, the Rev. Roy Mouser, and the Conference Missionary Secretary, the

Rev. Jack Cooke.

The executive committee of the Board of Missions is scheduled to meet at Alexandria, at 3:00 p.m. on January 10.

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No. 1

Board of Missions To Meet at Alexandria, Jan. 10-11

The Board of Missions of the Louisiana Conference will meet Friday January 11, 10 a.m., to 3:15 p.m. at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, in a joint session with the Cabinet.

The morning session will deal largely with Church Extension, with reports being made by the district superintendents of progress and needs in their districts. A statement of the services of the Division of National Missions to new churches will be made by the Rev. Karl Tooke. Dr. Virgil Morris will report from the Jurisdictional Board of Missions, and Jurisdictional projects will be discussed under his direction, with particular reference to the emergency needs of the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Tex. The Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District will present the challenge of the quadrennial emphasis, "Our Mission Today".

In the first afternoon session a progress report on the Conference as a whole will be made by the conference missionary secretary, the Rev. Jack Cooke. District missionary secretaries will make their reports and evaluations. A discussion will be conducted relative to Advance Specials. The procedure for granting the "Four-Lane Advance Special Award" to qualifying churches will be worked out. This session will also hear a statement of information and recommendations from Bishop Aubrey Walton.

The final period will provide oppor-

tunity for reports and recommendations from groups with special interests or assignments, such as, The Woman's Society of Christian Service (Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pres.), The Town and Country Commission (the Rev. Garland Dean and the Rev. Rex Squyres), The Committee on Urban Life (the Rev. B. A. Galloway), The MYF and Missions (the Rev. L. L. Gil-

Area Council

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton has called a special meeting of the Area Council for twelve o'clock, noon, January 10, 1963, in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

bert), The Committee on the Incorporation of The Board of Missions (Walter Harris), The Treasurer's Report (R. S. Bond). Also to be discussed at this time are the current extension requests and job analysis for the Area Council Staff as related to the Board

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Louisiana Methodist Campaign

The Methodist churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference will be inviting their members to subscribe to THE LOUISIANA METHODIST for another year during the scheduled campaign period, January 6-13. Because of the program pressures of a busy church calendar Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and Editor Alfred A. Knox are urging every church to emphasize this matter during the scheduled period and to bring the campaign to a close as soon as possible after January.

During his recent visit to the district conferences of Louisiana, Editor Knox challenged the local churches of the state to increase the total number of subscriptions by 2,000. Materials have been sent to the churches that have asked for them and we are sure that every pastor and church will be working seriously to meet this challenge, so essential to the continuation of our paper in its present form and at its present price.

The first printed report of the campaign will appear in the METHODIST dated January 24.

Editorials

Legalized Immorality

A well-worn cliché which has been used to oppose a thousand sincere efforts to make our world a safer place in which to rear children is "You can't legislate morality." No one would want to argue with such an expression because we would all accept the basic reality that morality springs from within persons. Of course the basic natures of people cannot be changed by legislation.

However those who have been so glib in their use of this expression in their efforts to club to death many sincere efforts of good people to influence the course of legislation have not been so ready to recognize that there is another side to this coin. Even though it may be so that you cannot legislate morality, it is definitely true that you can legislate immorality and the whole course of human events reflects a sad parade of such laws, many of which would never have been passed if people could have thought of something better to say than "You can't legislate morality."

When the first laws were passed making the traffic in human slavery possible, immorality was legislated into being. When governments first gave the sanction of legislation and taxation to the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, legislation made its contribution to the breakdown of conscience and righteousness. Every time pressure groups operated by entrenched forces of evil have influenced the passage of laws against the common good, unrighteousness has been given the stamp of public approval. In almost every instance the issues have been further confused by the direction of the revenues to the largest possible

REGARDLESS OF THE PLACE



"WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM."—HEB. 11:6

number of worthy causes, so that when people with a conscience raised their questions or even their eyebrows they have been accused of being opposed to health, education or welfare.

Our generation has seen a breakdown of moral standards that would make our forebears shudder and the foundations of our democracy tremble. Just as in dealing with an aggressive tyrant who would control the whole world, people of character must decide that somewhere, sometime a line must be drawn across which no further encroachment can be tolerated. So we must determine to stand fast against those who would destroy us personally and collectively by legalizing gambling. We agree that no session of Congress or the Legislature can that proposals like these can destroy the moral fiber of people.

Support The Methodist

This issue calls your attention to the fact that it is subscription campaign time once again. As we begin a new calendar year with issue No. 1 for 1963 we hope you will understand how much we need your cooperation during the week of the campaign. Each of you will be presenting the paper to your people in your own way, but we are sure you will be remembering how dependent we are on you.

Your staff has already been planning ways to make your METHODIST more useful and attractive during the new year. If you will send us a 10% increase in our total subscriptions it will be possible for us to implement all these plans for you. We do hope that each of you will realize how important it is to us that you try to meet your church's quota.

Last year the weather was bad during the subscription campaign week and we did not have an increase over the previous year. For this reason we need your best efforts this year. We hope you will do your best to complete the subscription drive in the time designated and that you will report early.

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

CUBAN PRISONERS

Perhaps no year in some time has ended with as many questions still unanswered in international affairs as did 1962. Even as President Kennedy addressed the Bay of Pigs returnees in the Orange Bowl, many were still wondering about the strategy, or lack of it, that sent the men there in the first place.

Perhaps the most significant word from any public figure regarding the whole affair came from Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, who said amidst the last-minute hustle to find some cash for Castro's Christmas stocking, "My brother made a mistake."

Certainly we are all made happy when any group of human beings is given a new lease on life, when their suffering is alleviated, or they are able to end a long period of separation from their loved ones. Nonetheless, we have yet to find a satisfactory explanation of the whole "ransom" deal and all of its present and future implications for our relationships with Cuba.

Almost before they were unpacked and all during President Kennedy's address at Miami, the atmosphere seemed to be that of anticipation of a repeat of the Bay of Pigs affair.

It may or may not be that Cuba will have to be invaded and conquered before there is a return to free government there. It may or may not be that the United States will have to be involved in whatever develops. If this should prove to be the case, we would much rather see the full faith and confidence of our government thrown into the venture in an open manner than for us to be drawn into another "hush-hush" operation like the one on which the curtain has just come down.

General Minutes of Annual Conferences Released In Published Form As 1,087-Page Reference Book

EVANSTON, Ill.—One of the largest and most-used reference books of The Methodist Church is off the press.

Publication of *General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church* for 1962 has been announced by the Rev. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston,

Lay Evangelism Committee Meets Jan. 30-Feb. 2 At West Lafayette

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The National Methodist Lay Committee on Evangelism will meet Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. The committee is promoting the establishment of units of "The Twelve" in Methodist churches, and primary attention at the meeting will be given to this program. Groups of "The Twelve" get their name from the number of Jesus' Disciples. Group members pray, study the Bible, and witness for Christ.

The committee is an auxiliary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Methodist Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, Atlanta, will give three addresses on prayer.

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, will give the keynote address and another address.

Other principal speakers will be Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., committee chairman; the Rev. Dr. Webb B. Garrison, pastor of Roberts Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis; the

Rev. Merle Broyles, pastor of Strathmoor Methodist Church, Detroit; Harold Rogers, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism and national coordinator of "The Twelve"; and the Rev. Dr. C. Leonard Tudor, London, England, secretary, Home Mission Department of the British Methodist Church.

Director of the conference is Harold L. Hermann, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

Other staff members of the General Board of Evangelism will be present for consultation.

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One can be as much of a sinner by being a rightest as by being a leftist.

Approved Supply Ministers Conference Will Host Council of Bishops Officers

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Both the president and the secretary of the Methodist Council of Bishops will address a national Methodist Aldersgate Conference for approved supply pastors Jan. 8-11 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

The president of the Council of Bishops is Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit, and the secretary, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville.

An approved supply pastor is a licensed lay "local preacher" approved by the Methodist annual conference in which he is located to serve as pastor of a charge of one or more churches.

About 2,000,000 of the more than 10,000,000 Methodists in the United States are served by supply pastors, said Harold L. Hermann, Nashville, director of the conference. He is a staff member

Ill., under whose supervision the 1087-page volume has been produced.

Douglas Crozier, associate director of the council's Department of Research and Statistics, is editor of the book. The Rev. Dr. Murray H. Leieffer is acting director of the department.

This year a new format increase the convenience of using the reference book. Annual conferences in the United States are arranged in alphabetical order rather than being grouped by jurisdictions. The minutes, pastoral appointments and the statistical tables relating to each annual conference are placed together for quick reference.

The recapitulation tables, summarizing statistics by annual conferences, areas and jurisdictions, appear as formerly at the end of the detailed tables.

In addition to statistical data from churches in the U. S. and overseas, the volume contains lists of jurisdictional officers, bishops, conference secretaries and their addresses. Included also are lists of missionaries in overseas service and those serving as chaplains. Opinions and decisions of the Judicial Council rendered during the year are also in the volume.

A map and a tabulation help to locate the annual conferences in relation to the 50 states.

The *General Minutes* may be secured from Cokesbury book stores of the Methodist Publishing House.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Jan. 6 - Sunday	Exodus 3:1-12
Jan. 7	Exodus 6:1-9
Jan. 8	Exodus 12:21-27
Jan. 9	Exodus 20:1-17
Jan. 10	Joshua 1:1-9
Jan. 11	I Sam. 3:1-9
Jan. 12	I Sam. 3:10-21
Jan. 13 - Sunday	I Sam 16:1-13

Briefs

RACE SEMINAR

NEW YORK CITY—A seminar to secure "A World View of Race Relations" will be conducted here Jan. 20-22 by three Methodist agencies. It will augment the current year's race emphasis in the church.

The seminar will coincide with the annual meeting of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities of the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights and will include observance of some of its sessions.

The emphasis will be on how other nations and religions view race and the extent to which the ideals of the UN Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights have been realized in their area.

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"AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A 15-minute filmstrip, "An Inclusive Church," is the newest resource available to Methodist groups studying the church's Central (Negro) Jurisdiction.

The filmstrip is designed for local-level use to increase understanding and action toward "interracial brotherhood through Christian love." "An Inclusive Church" outlines the historical reasons behind the Methodist jurisdictional system. It illustrates the Central Jurisdiction's special problems caused by its size—large in territory and small in membership—and by its overlapping of the five geographical jurisdictions.

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MINISTER TO REFUGEES

More than 400 Cuban refugees attend special Sunday worship services conducted in Spanish at six Methodist churches in Miami, Fla.

The extra services are conducted by displaced Cuban ministers who are now serving as associate pastors at the churches which sponsor programs for the exiles.

In addition to worship services, Methodist Youth Fellowship programs, Woman's Society of Christian Service circles, classes in English, and cooking schools to familiarize Cuban women with American foods are available to the refugees.

Other aspects of the program include emergency relief, job counseling, scholarships for 20 Cuban youth at Methodist colleges, placement of 30 children in foster homes by the Latin American Center of the WSCS, and the resettlement of families in other cities.

The overall program embraces efforts of the Florida Conference, the General Board of Missions and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Methodist Men Asked to Study Church's Approach to Communism

EVANSTON, Ill.—Methodist men throughout the United States are being asked to make a special study of a Christian approach to the communist challenge.

Material pertinent to the study is published in a special eight-page supplement to the current (January) issue of *Methodist Layman*, published here by The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities.

Methodist Layman is the official monthly magazine of the Board of Lay Activities edited by Newman S. Cryer, Jr.

General theme of the program material which all clubs of Methodist Men in the country are asked to use at their February meetings is: "Keeping Ourselves Informed—Communicating the Christian Message to Today's Laymen."

In an effort to encourage simultaneous and concerted use of the program material in *Methodist Layman*, letters have been sent to all Methodist pastors and presidents of Methodist Men clubs by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities.



LOOKING OVER the Building Fund pledge cards turned in by members of St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria, are, from left, Dr. Julian H. Thomas, Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance; L. V. Shipp, Chair of the Official Board; Mrs. John Hilligarde, church treasurer; and T. C. Laningham, church financial secretary. The church recently launched a drive to construct a new church plant with the first unit cost estimated at \$30,000.

Alexandria Dist. Holds Workshops

A series of six sub-district workshops were held in the Alexandria District during the months of October and November under the theme of "The Bible in Depth".

There were points of emphasis and scripture passages related to these outlined on a chart.

Members of the staff for the workshop were the Reverend Richard Hoffpauir, evangelism; the Reverend Byrl Moreland, missions; the Rev. Spencer Wren, Christian social concerns; the Rev. Cecil Benoit, education; and the Rev. Clark Bell, stewardship and finance.

Birth Announcement

The Reverend and Mrs. Bob Galatas of Quitman announce the arrival of Mary Virginia, born in Ruston Sunday morning, December 9.

Revolution and urgency are the two great words of this generation.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT COTTON VALLEY

A Christmas Cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem", was presented by the Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church, Cotton Valley, on Sunday evening, December 16. The Cantata told the Christmas story in song beginning with the joyous "Ring On O Song" and concluding with the "Music of the Bells."

Several special numbers were included in the music such as "The Lullaby Hymn," Mrs. J. F. Brown and Quartet; "The March of the Magi," Men's Chorus, Choir and Organ; A soprano and alto trio, Mrs. J. F. Brown, Miss Sue Smith, Mrs. Harry Baker; "The Music of the Bells," soprano obligato, Miss Cathy Miller and Choir; and bass solo, Dr. Glenn Utz. The Men's Chorus was Dr. Glenn Utz; Lester Sprinks, Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr.; Wade Hampton; Bob Canterbury and J. D. Vail.

According to the best estimates of the health authorities, of the 185 million people of the United States, the 10 million Methodists will need 78,000 hospital beds during the year 1963. The denominational hospitals provide 19,761 of that number.



LAYMEN of the First Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, who filled the the church pulpit recently are: top picture, from left, C. B. Alexander, James T. Saint, Official Board chairman, and Mac Mitchell, church lay leader; and bottom picture, from left, Edward Fletcher, Mt. Mitchell, Will Heitman and Orien Perrin.



THE REV. WAYNE PERROT of the Lottie-Rosedale Charge is shown here as guest speaker at a recent Family Night at Urania Methodist Church. He presented a very interesting story on Alaskan Missions.

CHATHAM CHURCH PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church, Chatham, La., presented their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday evening, December 16. The cantata was entitled "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson. Soloists were Mrs. Alton Ewing, Mrs. Joyce Anders, Mrs. Leon Scott and Benoit Anders. The choir was under the direction of and accompanied by Loy Baird, Jr.

MID YEAR TREASURER'S REPORT RETIRED MINISTERS HOME BOARD—LOUISIANA CONFERENCE June 1, 1962 through December 15, 1962

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 14 churches (ranging from \$5.00 to \$106.00)\$285.00
" " 23 individuals (ranging from \$2.00 to \$25.00) ..219.00
" " 4 groups or classes (ranging from \$10 to \$84.15) 114.15

TOTAL for district to date (Dec. 15th)\$ 618.15

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 21 churches (ranging from \$1.25 to \$200.00)\$518.96
" " 21 individuals (ranging from \$5.00 to \$100.00) 345.00
" " 1 Group 10.00

\$ 873.96

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 14 churches (ranging from \$5.00 to \$106.00)\$481.55
" " 21 individuals (ranging from \$2.00 to \$50.00) 292.00
" " 2 groups 20.00

\$ 793.55

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 11 churches (ranging from \$14.25 to \$255.05) \$589.94
" " 9 individuals (ranging from \$5.00 to \$100.00) 185.00
" " 2 groups 20.00

\$ 794.94

MONROE DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 11 churches (ranging from \$2.00 to \$60.00).....\$268.55
" " 28 individuals (ranging from \$5.00 to \$50.00) 305.00
" " 2 groups 20.00

\$ 593.55

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 9 churches (ranging from \$4.80 to \$90.00)\$409.83
" " 18 individuals (ranging from \$1.00 to \$500.00) 746.00

\$1,155.83

RUSTON DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 10 churches (ranging from \$5.00 to \$38.50) ..\$197.86
" " 25 individuals (ranging from \$5.00 to \$100.00) 470.00
" " 2 groups 26.00

\$ 693.86

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

GIFTS FROM 11 churches (ranging from \$5.00 to \$244.00)\$660.07
" " 69 individuals (ranging from \$1.00 to \$100.00) 848.65
" " 13 classes & groups (ranging \$10 to \$297.50) 427.50

\$1,936.22

GRAND TOTAL FROM EIGHT DISTRICTS\$7,458.06

FROM OUTSIDE FRIENDS 75.00

\$7,535.56

101 Churches reporting, 214 individuals, 26 groups.

IS YOUR CHURCH REPRESENTED IN THESE LISTED?

IS YOUR CLASS OR GROUP REPRESENTED IN THESE LISTED?

ARE YOU INDIVIDUALLY REPRESENTED IN THESE LISTED?

COMPLETE REPORT BY CHURCHES WILL BE PRINTED IN THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY 1963 from which the pastors may secure their amounts to be credited in the CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIAL COLUMN.



THESE CHILDREN of Pecan Island Methodist Church were the participants in a recent play at the church. They are of the Kindergarten and Primary classes.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE REV. AND MRS. ROBERT I. GALATAS, Quitman, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Virginia, on Dec. 9. She weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

MR. JAMES N. FOMBY, LAY SPEAKING DIRECTOR for the Alexandria District, made the arrangements for the Lay Speakers Training program held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Dec. 14.

THE METHODIST HOME HOSPITAL Auxiliary held a Christmas Party and open house on Dec. 15 to which all the members, their friends and escorts were invited.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, was guest speaker for the Family Night program recently at Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the pastor.

A GREAT DAY OF METHODIST SINGING was observed at the Palestine Methodist Church recently. The evening service consisted of a hymn festival featuring the hymns of Charles and John Wesley. Their pastor is the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir.

DR. GEORGE W. POMEROY, PASTOR OF First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was the speaker for the Christmas Ladies' Night program of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Crowley, Dec. 10. The Rev. W. D. Boddie is the pastor.

THE REV. QUITMAN C. ROBERTS, JR., associate minister of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, was the speaker for the noon-time services at the Church House, New Orleans, Dec. 3-7. He used as his theme "The Names of the Lord."

BOY SCOUT TROOP 30, sponsored by First Methodist Church, DeRidder, received the Presidential Award in all its patrols at the Fall Camporee held recently. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson.

PAUL CORBETT, REPRESENTING the Wesley Foundation of Northeast Louisiana College, Monroe, spoke during the morning worship service of the Rayville Methodist Church, Dec. 2. The Rev. R. E. Walton is the pastor.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, NEW ORLEANS District Superintendent, was the guest speaker for the organizational meeting of the Methodist Men of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 3. The Rev. B. A. Galloway is the pastor.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE of the WSCS of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, sponsored a "Day Apart" on Dec. 13 in the Chapel. Mrs. Clarence Shaffer was the leader for the day. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is the pastor.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, held a Christmas Coffee on Dec. 12 honoring the district president, Mrs. R. R. Cahal. The Rev. Jack Cooke is the pastor at Carrollton.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT DINNER for the congregation of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was held Dec. 9 at the Westminster Recreation Center. Their pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, featured a program presented in the sanctuary by the Junior Choir and the D. L. McGuire family. The program was held on Dec. 19.

A STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY SUPPER for college students and MYF'ers was held at First Methodist Church, Minden, Dec. 30. The MYF program was led by the college students on the theme "A LOOK TOWARD COLLEGE."

THE REV. RALPH KESSELRING, missionary to Malaya, who toured the district conferences of the Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday evening Dec. 2. The pastor is the Rev. James Stovall.

CENTENARY CHOIR FURNISHED special music for the Family Night Program at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Dec. 12. The members of the congregation brought box lunches to the party. The pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

THE MEMBERS OF LAKE VISTA METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, joined in a Family Christmas Party at the church on Dec. 16. Following a meal the Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. is the pastor.

ON DEC. 19 CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT was observed at First Methodist Church, Bastrop. There was a covered dish supper, fellowship and a Christmas program in Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Robert L. Peyton is the pastor.

A DEPUTATION TEAM FROM the Wesley Foundation of Louisiana Tech, conducted the evening worship service on Dec. 2 at Springhill Methodist Church, where the Rev. Ralph Cain is the pastor.

THE REV. WARREN BLAKEMAN, associate minister of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest speaker for the Dec. 5 meeting of the Methodist Men of North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport. The Rev. George Harkins is the minister.

THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, were honored guests at a coffee at the parsonage of this church on Dec. 4. Host and hostess were the Rev. and Mrs. Ira W. Flowers.

THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH RALLY was held Nov. 19 at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. The program of the evening included a business session, refreshments, the program and a worship service. Miss Gayle French of Jena is the publicity chairman for this group.

LADIES' NIGHT WAS HELD by the LaSalle Parish Methodist Men's Club on Nov. 20 at variety show was presented as the program for the evening. Mr. Lewis Sleeth, Jena attorney, is the president of this group. The pastor of the Jena Church is the Rev. A. G. Taylor.

A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING COMMUNION SERVICE was held at First Methodist Church, Welch, where the Rev. Oakley Lee is the pastor. A special offering was received for One Great Hour of Sharing, Television-Radio Ministry Fund, Methodist Student Day and Retired Ministers Homes.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF First Christian Church and Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette,

presented a Christmas Cantata on Dec. 16. The first presentation was at 4 o'clock in the Christian Church and the second at 7 p.m. in Asbury Church. The Rev. C. Robert McCammon is the pastor of Asbury.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, MONROE, has just completed a Bible Study with the Rev. Don Risinger of Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, as the leader. Eighty people enrolled in the course and 34 received credit. The Rev. George W. Harbuck is the pastor.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF THE Jonesboro and Hodge Methodist Churches presented a program of Christmas music and scriptures at the Jonesboro Methodist Church, Dec. 9. The Rev. Terral T. Lowe, pastor of the Hodge Church, was the narrator for the program. The pastor of the Jonesboro Church is the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF Napoleon Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented their annual Christmas program on Dec. 16, at which times the Chancel Choir presented Robert Graham's "Dawn of Redeeming Grace." Several numbers were also presented by the Junior Choir. The Rev. Don Alverson is their pastor.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE Morning Worship Service at Jonesboro Methodist Church, Dec. 16, was the Rev. Alfred A. Knox, editor of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. At the evening worship service on this same Sunday he was the speaker at services at the Downsville Methodist Church. The Rev. Eskel Tatum is pastor of the Jonesboro Church and the Rev. Brady Forman is the pastor of the Downsville Church.

THE REV. HENRY BLOUNT, pastor of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, was elected president of the Opelousas Chapter, Louisiana Mental Health Association for 1963. Serving with him will be Dr. Joseph Martinez, vice-president, and Miss Claire McKinnon, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Blount and Dr. Martinez were also named delegates to the annual meeting of the state association to be held in New Orleans in April.

BLANCHARD METHODIST CHURCH had a good turnout for its "Song Fest" on Dec. 9. Mr. Tom McKenzie, a layman from Noel Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the song leader. Mr. J. C. Watson was the organist. A special speaker for the occasion was Mr. Hugh Howell from Christ Methodist Church, Shreveport, who gave a very interesting talk on the "1000 Club." A black-light chalk talk entitled "The Road to Bethlehem" was presented by the pastor, the Rev. Harold McClung.

A WATCH NIGHT SERVICE was held at First Methodist Church, Jonesville. The activities of the evening began at 8 o'clock with a Wesley Covenant Service. Following this there was recreation, refreshments and the showing of a film "Does Christ Live in Your House?" A communion service closed the program just as midnight. A large crowd attended from the Jonesville and Harrisonburg Churches. The Rev. Roy L. Garret is the pastor.

THE MANY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP presented a Christmas pageant on Dec. 10 as a part of the program for the Aubrey G. Walton Sub-District meeting, for which the Many Church was host. The pageant was repeated on Dec. 16 for the general public. Through the several scenes of the pageant the narration, written and delivered by the Rev. W. H. Bengtson, pastor of the Many Church, recounted and explained the miraculous events so simply that all the viewers were made to feel that "this is the way it happened." A choral ensemble furnished Christmas music for the intervals between the scenes.

The Sunday School Lesson

JAMES W. WORKMAN



Lesson For January 13, 1963: "JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:14-15.
Printed Text: Mark 1:14-20.35-39.

MEMORY SELECTION: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-9.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help adult students to see how Jesus began his ministry and to see some of the main ways of Christian disciples.

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Last Sunday's lesson in the earliest Gospel, Mark, presented the preparation of Jesus for his ministry. This first lesson of the new year in the gospel of Jesus seen in the conduct of the Lord and his disciples showed the four main events in his preparation. John the Baptist appeared in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. John's preaching required repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins. The several meanings of Jesus' baptism showed his devotion to God's kingdom, and his fellowship with sinful men who repented. The temptations of Jesus showed his triumph over sin in company with ministering angels. The later gospels of Matthew and Luke included most of the material in Mark's gospel. The beginnings of his preparation show how Jesus responded to the call of God. The scripture, the personal ministry, his personal decisions, and his continuing preparation reveal Jesus in his growing vocation.

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The Scriptures Record Jesus' Work in Its Beginning

In addition to the scripture background for the lesson, which is divided into groups of 7, 8, 6, 5, and 5 verses respectively for Monday through Friday, six verses of Luke 4:16-21, and Luke 4:24-30, are added for Saturday and Sunday, January 12, and 13. These passages record the calling of the first four disciples, Simon, Andrew, James and John. The teaching and healing ministries of Jesus reveal to his observers his mighty power, so that they report his wonder working ministries to others. The power of Christian faith, in the healing of the sick, is one of the continuing events of Christian discipleship which follows the example of the master. Behind the public scenes of his ministry is his fellowship with God in private prayer. His ever ready desire to pray opens to us the secret of his presence to do the will of God with diseased people. Such healing power not only made bodies whole but made daily living meaningful in righteousness and peace.

The final passage from Mark in the background scripture records the healing of the leper. He came to Jesus for help. Jesus healed him. He also told the man to report the event to no one except the priest. This would enable the healed leper to get a permit showing his cleanliness of health, allowing him to keep company with others. The leper did not follow Jesus' advice to silence, and the result was that Jesus had to go to other communities to do his ministry.

The passages in Luke show Jesus witnessing his ministry in the synagogue when he read the passage in which today's memory selection occurs. What should come out of his ministry? The prophet listed the fruits as preaching to the poor, comforting the oppressed, and granting deliverance to the captives. The concluding passage in Luke shows that the few Jews who heard this preaching, made people mad and they literally put him out of Nazareth, his boyhood home town. Some of them even wanted to kill him.

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Four Steps in Jesus' First Ministries

The work of Jesus may be seen in four events in today's lesson text. The first is his decision to carry on the work that John the Baptist had been doing, until interrupted by his imprisonment and martyrdom. The Gospel of John reports a ministry of Jesus being carried on in Judea in his early beginnings. Jesus may have been in the southern Judean territory until John was arrested. His attested beginning of his work seems to have been in Galilee where Capernaum is located, on the northwest shore, of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' gospel of God proclaimed the kingdom of God at hand, calling for the repentance and faith.

Jesus chose his disciples for two purposes. First, he wanted the companionship which their company would afford him in his life's work. Second, he wanted them to go and tell his good news. The center paragraph of today's lesson text introduces us to the two pairs of brothers that Jesus invited to come after him. They were all fishermen. They answered the Lord's call and left parents, business, and equipment, to become "men fishermen."

Often in the midst of his ministry Jesus turned to prayer for refuge and for restoration of spiritual fellowship. Such moments of meditation and devotion kept his gospel of God clearly in his ministry. It made him magnetic in gathering his chosen few to be disciplined in God's way of life.

From one to another town Jesus went with his ministry after he had planted the seed of the kingdom. That was his purpose as the record in Mark gives it. His ministry became an ever widening circumference of places and conversions. He continued to preach in the local Jewish chapels, schools, the synagogues, and he kept up his ministries of healing. His gospel cast out evil spirits. Dr. Roy L. Smith gives several illustrations of the four main points of the scripture lesson relating to the beginnings of his ministry. He "came preaching." He gave the message of God's good news. He selected followers to be with him and to carry on his ministry, and the ever widening circle of his work has by now encompassed the planet.

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Preaching Communicates God's Truth Through Personality

Jesus preached the gospel of God. He believed in the one true God. He believed in God's creation of man as the crown of creation. He called men to repent of their sins and be baptized for their forgiveness of sins. Preaching is different from any other form of personal communication. It is the proclamation of the good

news about God seen in the person of Jesus Christ.

Paul preached the only gospel that there is, the gospel of God's reconciliation to man in the person of Jesus Christ. "The Audacity of Preaching" is a lectureship series title, magnifying the first rate importance of preaching the Christian gospel of God's reconciliation to man. Mark's gospel record shows the gospel as perfecting time, time is fulfilled in God's kingdom in the midst of the people who were with Jesus. In Jesus we see the kingdom of God as much as it can be seen possibly in any human being. In Jesus we see the kingdom of God as much as it can be seen in any divine being. Jesus is the kingdom of God in human definition. Christian ministers preach Jesus as their gospel. Jesus preached the good news of God's fullness in time and in events. Mankind does not have to wait any longer to know who God is and what God is doing. God lives in the hearts and lives of human beings in love.

Repentance of sin opens the life of the penitent to the cleansing power of God's forgiving love. Faith and obedience in the gospel of God leads one right into the kingdom of God.

Preaching brings the Kingdom of God to man as God's last and largest gift in Jesus Christ. God does something for man in giving him the good news. True, man must live it out to make it complete, but it is first, God's gift to man, that he can enter into the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is only secondly man's doing. It is first God's initiating gift. "We love because he first loved us," and gave himself to us, for us.

In God's gift of his kingdom he defeats evil and the sins which so easily overweight us. In receiving God's kingdom man is given the power of an endless life. Obedient Christians enter into a joy that is the fruit of knowing that our sins are forgiven. He gives his children the treasures of happiness listed in Jesus' summary of blessings in the beatitudes. Jesus is living this gospel of God for all the world to see. His disciples must learn it by living with him. At least they will learn the full meaning of it all by dying with him.

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Christ Calls—Men Follow His Lead

The romance of vocation is at its clearest best in Jesus' call of his first four disciples. Samuel Small used to speak of the "tantalizing brevity of the gospels". There is so much left unwritten between the lines of the gospels. This is most applicable to the earliest and the shortest gospel, Mark. Did Jesus just look at these fishermen once, call them, and they left, instantly, and quit business home and equipment, and followed this lonely Galilean? Or back of their following, was there an acquaintance, a cultivated relationship, and a divinely inspired insight into their capacity, character, and gifts for the grace of God to use them?

The authoritative call of Jesus called forth all of the hopes and desires and beliefs of these earliest apostles with a total response to the gospel of God. Later his authority was questioned by his detractors. But not his disciples in their growing fellowship with him!

Immediately, immediately, is the twice told timing of the answer of Andrew, and Simon, James and John, to the Master's call. In their fellowship and their witnessing they would be learning the lessons of "mountain and lake" that he would be teaching from rock and from boat.

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Jesus Came Out From God To Give God's Message

Day and night were times of prayer for Jesus. One night's prayer in a garden finds him finding the will of God for a crucial decision. What better way is there to face crisis after crisis in the Christians life than to pray the Lord's prayer, with the assurance that the Lord who taught the prayer is personally in the midst of the life of the disciple in prayer. This is perpetual beginning again.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

We think you might be interested in a resume of some of the more interesting items of religious news related to the recent Christmas season. For example, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, N. C., suggested that church observances of Christmas should not include Holy Communion services. He said, "Holy Communion, does not belong in Christmas, either psychologically or theologically, or even esthetically. Those solemn moments in which we remember our Lord's death on the Cross should be ours at other fitting times, but not on Christmas Eve."

In the nation's capital the Park Service has been involved in a controversy over the wording of a sign they have erected on the grounds of the annual Christmas pageant. The sign declares, "Peace on Earth to Men of Goodwill." This exact wording is not found in any of the many English versions of the Bible and has caused considerable protest.

An airplane piloted by a Catholic priest and carrying an Anglican minister, a Methodist clergyman and a Salvation Army major took part in a crusade for a more reverent observance of Christmas at Newcastle, Australia. With Father John Walsh at the controls, the plane was used to drop some 10,000 leaflets to remind people that Christmas is the birthday of Christ.

In Roanoke, Va. a chapel was opened for Christmas shoppers in a suburban shopping center. Members of the Williamson Road Ministers Association, representing several Protestant denominations, conducted ten-minute prayer services twice a day at the Crossroads Mall.

In Toledo, fewer liquor-drenched Christmas office parties were reported as the result of efforts of the local Council of Catholic Men to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Many business and industrial firms pledged to eliminate cocktail parties after the Council distributed some 20,000 four-page pamphlets urging cancellation of staff parties and recommending that the day be given to employees so they could join their families.

In Sharon, Mass. there were no Christmas trees or similar decorations in classrooms of three public schools, including the high school. The principals of these schools believed that the decorations would violate separation of Church and State principles.

Because somebody goofed in Boston it required a special dispensation for Jimmy Durante and other Catholics to have sausage with their eggs at a Friday breakfast given in his honor. The committee planning the breakfast had failed to note that it fell on Friday. A hurried call was made to Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, who decided that, because it was all in a good cause, the Catholics would be allowed to eat the meat on Friday. Durante was appearing at a Columban nuns' benefit at Boston Garden.

The president of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Benjamin Browne of Chicago, has said that church people should rally to the support of a broadcasting official who opposes tobacco advertising on radio and television designed to encourage young

people to smoke cigarettes. He said they should stand behind Leroy Collins, president of the National Association of Broadcasters and a prominent Protestant Episcopal layman who is under fire from the broadcasting industry.

Plans for the establishment of an ecumenical center designed to revitalize town and country church life were announced recently in St. Louis at a meeting of the executive board of the National Council of Churches' Division of Home Missions. The center for renewal and planning will be conducted as a five-year experimental pilot project. Site of the center, which is scheduled to get underway by Jan. 1, 1964, will be the Merom Institute in Merom, Ind., an institute related to the United Church of Christ.

Church-sponsored resettlement of Cuban refugees is enabling the uprooted people to become productive citizens, a National Council of Churches official has said. Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, associate executive secretary of the NCC's Division of Home Missions, reported that only one out of 65 resettled refugees is on relief rolls. In contrast, two out of three refugees who have remained in the Miami area are receiving public assistance.



CHRISTMAS is marked in, of all places, Moscow, where Tradition is strong enough to offset Communist anti-religious and pro-atheist policies. This photograph was taken in one of the Russian capital's leading department stores. Proof that Christmas remains a strong factor to be considered by Communist governments came in Poland, where the Red regime established a three-day Christmas holiday, Dec. 24-26.

The first Vietnamese church to grow out of Southern Baptist missionary work in South Vietnam has been formed in Saigon with 33 charter members, the denomination's Foreign Mission Board reported in Richmond. Southern Baptist missionaries have been conducting Sunday services in Vietnamese through interpreters since June, 1961, and English-language service since late in 1959 when denominational workers first entered that country.

An American colonel in the British army has proposed that military training include a compulsory course on religion to give soldiers inner strength in the face of nuclear warfare. Col. Peter Xaux of the Army Staff College in Camberley said several hours of religious teaching a week should be given service men and women, supplemented by visits of clergymen to military units.

Roman Catholic priests in Newport, R. I. recently took their Protestant counterparts to dinner there, a social event without precedent in that state. 33 priests and 34 Protestant clergymen attended the dinner in the Catholic Information Center. Described by both hosts and guests as a "purely social gathering," the dinner was unanimously hailed as a success.

All active bishops of the world-wide Anglican communion—481—have been invited to attend the Anglican Congress in Toronto next August. In addition, each of the 328 Anglican dioceses is entitled to send one priest and one layman to the family gathering of Anglicanism.

A prominent American Orthodox rabbi declared recently in London that Roman Catholicism is the natural ally of Jewish Orthodoxy in the struggle against communism and materialism and for the assertion of the supremacy of religion in private and public life. Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, spiritual leader of New York's Fifth Avenue Synagogue, in an interview published by The Jewish Chronicle commented on his efforts to weld a better relationship between Orthodoxy and the Catholic Church.

John Steinbeck, recently in accepting the 1962 Nobel Prize for literature, warned in Stockholm that man has taken over "many of the powers we once ascribed to God." The noted American novelist, who received the coveted prize from King Gustav VI, called on man to save himself from final destruction. He said, "Having taken God-like powers, we must seek in ourselves for the responsibility and wisdom we once prayed some diety might have."

A brief filed before the U. S. Supreme Court in behalf of a Baltimore atheist urged the nation's highest tribunal to reverse a Maryland Court of Appeals decision upholding the requirement of the city's schools that daily opening exercises include a reading from the Bible or the Lord's Prayer. In the brief, Leonard J. Kerpelman, attorney for Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray, maintained the United States is a secular democracy, and Baltimore's prescribed school prayers threaten the constitutional guarantee that government shall not favor one belief over another, even religion over non-religion.

The Soviet Union has protested the United Nations' acceptance of contributions from the Vatican to the Expanded Technical Assistance Program. After failing to secure Second Committee approval of a contribution to the fund from the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), George Arkadyev, USSR delegate, complained that both the Holy See and Kuwait, non-members of UN, had been allowed to attend and donate funds. The Holy See, during the October pledging conference, made a pledge of \$2,000 to the technical assistance program.

A Presbyterian official said recently in Excelsior, Minn. that the Christians of that state "must tear down some denominational walls which loom as large as the Berlin wall" before churches can serve people of the state well. The Rev. Elbert T. Larvick, field assistant in national missions for the Presbyterian Synod of Minnesota, made the comment at a retreat of Minnesota's church executives.

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A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Christmas Revives More Than Childhood Memories

BETHLEHEM AND BEYOND—In a beautiful church some years ago my attention was called to a "children's door." At the side of the main entrance to the sanctuary was a door cut to the scale of a child's size. The knob was placed low enough so that the little ones could turn it. Through such a children's door most of us, I venture to think, would like to enter the Christmas scene.

Christmas is the red letter day of childhood. We who are grown remember the glow of our early Christmas experiences. Expectancy quickened our pulse for days in advance and even crept into our dreams. The mysterious bringer of Gifts during the night before Christmas, the surprises and shouts of the glad morning—all these come back to us across the years. In that childhood atmosphere, the beautiful Bible stories seemed perfectly at home. The shepherds hearing the heavenly host, the wise men seeing a star, the manger, and the dumb beast looking on—these figures were as fresh and evergreen as the Christmas tree which brightened our homes.

No doubt many of us wish we could cast away the accumulated years, close our ears to the cares around us, bow our critical heads and enter the Christmas scene with childhood emotions. How often we hear it said that it requires the presence of children to make a real Christmas. And to be sure, the day would serve a worthy purpose, if it did nothing more than bring about a renewal of childhood memories and contacts. There is a slumbering spark of youth in us and blessed is the occasion which fans it into flame.

In the Christmas number of a humorous magazine some years ago appeared the picture of a toy counter surrounded by sad but fascinating adults, and one distinguished elderly man was making some purchases of toys with the explanation, "I am buying these for my nieces and nephews whom I haven't seen for twenty years."

Good it is to have a day like this when time slips backward, and we enter through the children's door into the spirit of Christmas, when we translate the prose of everyday living whose most active verb is, "to get" into the poetry of Christmas whose most active verb is, "to give".

But we are content that Christmas should mean only this to us? Personally, I am not; therefore, while the children's door to Christmas is open and beckoning, let us go by way of the grown-up's entrance. In the words reported by the ancient shepherds, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass." And let no one think that he has to leave his intelligence behind when he goes to see the thing which came to pass at Bethlehem. We are not sitting down to hear a lovely fairy tale; we are going to behold first of all, the birthday of the world's most wonderful personality. The Christmas event is like the stars, in that the more we know about it the more our wonder grows. The most wonderful thing about Christmas is the One who came, rather than the way He came.

Remember, it is the birthday of a real person. When we go up to Bethlehem, we are in the presence of no solar myth, but of a historical personage. More honest scholarly study has been given to the life of Jesus than to any other single subject, except perhaps to the physical universe itself. As a result of that study Jesus has been established as a historical figure; born at Bethlehem, reared in a carpenter shop at Nazareth, preaching His gospel in Galilee, calling fishermen and other plain folk to be His disciples, healing the sick, making friends of publicans and sinners, then setting His face to go up to Jerusalem where He was arrested, tried before Pontius Pilate, scourged and crucified; and then three days later turned His disciples from despair to triumphant confidence by the conviction that He was still a living force. Such is the brief biography of the historical personality born at Bethlehem.

But while He did wondrous things during those brief thirty years, the still more wonderful fact is that He refuses to die.

You explain Christ's continuing power as due to the respected cultivation of His memory by the church. But what keeps the church alive despite the sings and mistakes of its members, its divisions within and its persecution from without? It is not the church which has kept the memory of Christ alive; it is rather the power of Christ which has kept the church going.

Christ is the Eternal Contemporary.

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AN ARCHITECT'S SKETCH shows the proposed Spiritual Life Center at Methodist-related American University in Washington, D. C. The unique interfaith assembly and worship center will be topped by a constantly-burning flame symbolizing man's faith in eternal life and spiritual values. The \$350,000 building will be named in honor of Abraham S. Kay, Jewish businessman and philanthropist who is a trustee of the university. Included in the building will be a circular chapel with small alcoves containing altars suitable for Protestant, Catholic and Jewish worship services. Those of other faiths, such as Buddhists, will be invited to use the center.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THOUGHTS FOR ALDERSGATE YEAR

This year, 1963, has been set apart for the celebration of the 225th anniversary of Rev. John Wesley's real conversion. Congregations across all of Methodism will be putting more than ordinary emphasis on evangelism. Special studies will be made by various church groups for the purpose of recapturing the deepest meaning of Mister Wesley's spiritual renewal. An experience of true evangelistic revival in our churches is long overdue. Therefore this observance must not be just a matter of paying dignified respect to the founder of our particular denomination. It should be, at least, the springboard for a new and powerful thrust of evangelical strength, made across the entire church.

Christendom is divided roughly into two general groups, the liturgical churches and the evangelical churches. The first group places a good deal of stress upon the ritual of worship. This stress filters down into the home life of the communicants and quite often produces a feeling of deep devotion to God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and to their own church communion. No one can deny that it has a large place in the lives of Christians.

The second group places considerably less stress on ritual and more on fellowship and on evangelistic out-

reach. Sometimes the sanctuary is noisy before the actual service of worship begins on Sunday morning. Sometimes small children are permitted to race up and down aisles.

These weaknesses of this second group are offset, for the most part, by the evangelistic outreach of the denominations. Unlike the liturgical groups, they are, or should be, at least, constantly engaged in visitation and in personal witnessing, not just for the church or for the congregation, but for Christ. It is a heartening experience to see lay people at work telling other people about the redeeming love of God, and placing more emphasis upon Christian commitment than upon just the social benefits that accrue to church membership. Everywhere I have gone, I have found those who are much concerned about the spiritual carelessness of both the clergy and the laity of the Methodist Church.

Our denomination was born when a young minister had his heart warmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We are badly in need of a re-warming, a re-kindling of that same heavenly fire. Let us pray and work for such an experience during this Aldersgate observance this spring.





Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Consecration and The Aldersgate Experience

Rev. H. O. Bolin

All that has been said in this series of articles should lead to one definite goal—that of consecration. John Wesley himself was thoroughly consecrated to God and the church. He put his all on the altar of sacrifice and let the Spirit control his life. His chief motive was to lead others to this same experience. He declared that the Methodist societies were organized to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land. He found his peace, pardon and spiritual power in his fully surrendered life. He spoke often on the witness of the Spirit, a thing one cannot have unless he is fully surrendered to the Lord. His favorite text was, "It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." He placed his assurance of salvation, at least partially, on this fact. He preached a know-so religion. He insisted that through this witness one can know whether or not he is a child of God. The big question is not how, when, or where one became born again or not converted, but does he have the witness of the Spirit now? One's religion can be just as up to date as the morning newspaper.

Both justification and consecration are very important. The Bible deals with them fully, but it has more to say about consecration than it does justification. This is brought about through the fact that justification is more or less completed in short order. This is true even if one comes to the experience gradually. There comes a time when it is completed. On the other hand consecration continues through life. It is more or less progressive. As one gets new light from time to time he has to make fuller surrender and greater dedication.

The need of this consecration is seen when one considers the fact that the Methodist Church today, from a moral and spiritual standpoint, is about where the Established Church of England was in Wesley's day. The same sins that were so prevalent among church members then are with us today. The drinking of intoxicants was the accepted custom everywhere. The same is true today and is even becoming more so. At least half of our members today are consuming intoxicants in some form. Many of them are keeping beer and wine in their refrigerators.

Another very prevalent sin in Wesley's day was that of gambling, and the same is true with us. Much of this, to be sure, is on a small scale but that does not make it right. The principles of wrong influence is still there. Parents might be social drinkers or social gamblers but the influence of their activities might lead their children or other young people to become alco-

holics or gamblers who make their living through this trade and thus become blood-suckers; or human lice; parasites who make their livelihood off of the economic and social well being of others. Church members in that day, as is true now, had their sex craze, divorce evil, economic and political corruption. Wesley, filled with the Spirit of God cried out against these and a revival came. He could say of himself like Paul, "I am crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me." The world could see Christ in his consecrated life.

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Build A Devotional

"Be It Therefore Resolved"

Yet, my brothers, I do not consider myself to have 'arrived', spiritually, nor do I consider myself already perfect. But I keep going on, grasping ever more firmly that purpose for which Christ grasped me. My brothers, I do not consider myself to have fully grasped it even now. But I do concentrate on this: I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal—my reward the honor of being called by God in Christ." Phillipians 3:14, 15 (Phillips)

Compressed in these few words is the greatest statement in all literature of our only way to be right in a world where nothing can ever be wholly right. These are not the words of a "starry-eyed dreamer" without knowledge of reality. He has tasted the bitterness of human perversity; he has experienced the agony of loneliness; he has passed through the valley of defeat; in all this—and more—he has not lost the glow of adventure out of life. The possibility has not been submerged beneath a crust of bitterness and disillusionment. He is ready to throw his all into the race.

A group of youth were talking of New Year and the things they resolved to do in the New Year. One youth spoke up, "I don't make New Year resolutions. If I don't make 'em, I

don't break 'em". It is doubtful that he really meant what he said, and even if he did think he meant it he had not counted what such an attitude would cost him. One question among many might be asked, "Do you surrender to the thought there is no ground for self-improvement?" Improvement does not depend on just a New Year's resolution but each new day challenges us to make it better than the one that is past.

Be it therefore resolved that I will look for more of God's creativeness in my world and my own heart each day. When Paul says, "I do not consider myself to have 'arrived', spiritually—" he is not talking of heaven. He is recognizing the first step in real spiritual achievement. The person who has "arrived" has closed the door to future growth.

Be it therefore resolved that we leave the past behind. If the King James translation of the Bible is correct, then Paul is asking us to do something that we cannot do—"forget the things that are behind." The more accurate meaning of the passage is to "leave the past behind—" It is not difficult to name some of the things about our life we would like to leave behind, failures, successes, sorrows, grudges, hatreds, and the list could grow longer.

PASSING OF THE YEAR

The winds are sighing
The year is dying
It's sands are running low.
The toll of the bell
Sounds the death knell
It's ebb'd no more to flow.

Oh Son of Might,
And Christ of Light!
Abide with us today,
To ease our strife
Thou Lord of Life
Ever lead us, we pray.

In this New Year
Cast out our fear
Our Savior, good and true,
Be Thou so near
That we may hear
"Behold, I make all things new!"

—Sybil Nash Adams

Let The Children Come

The wise men had traveled far to see the baby Jesus. They had followed a star and found the baby lying in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem. They had presented their gifts and worshipped Him. Now they must begin their long journey home. How do you think they felt as they started down the hillsides out into the valleys and the desert back into their own far country?

They believed that this baby was a special person who would grow up to lead His people. They expected Him to make their nation great and to teach them more about God. They did not understand exactly how He would do these things for this baby was a great mystery to them. So greatly did they believe this that they went back to their homes by another way so that the wicked King Herod could not find and harm the baby.

Now that Christmas is past, perhaps we should think about what it really means to us. What kind of gifts did we give to those we love? Were they only something we could buy or were they really part of your real love and concern for those around you? Did you remember to do some small service for someone who did nothing for you? Have you thought of those far off who may need a gift of food or clothes to keep them comfortable? Did we think more of ourselves than we did of others?

What place did Jesus have in our thoughts and celebrations? As we begin another New Year, let us think some new thoughts and decide to love Jesus more and to serve His church better.

Turn in your Bibles and read these verses: Luke 10:38-42 and then think about this verse:

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shall thou serve." Matt 4:10.

—Aunt Feather

What vigorous words Paul uses in the relationship to his adventure! Spiritual maturity does not come by merely dreaming about it. There must be concentrated and devoted effort if there is to be achievement.

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT

and its Wesley Foundations

Delton Pickering, Editor

ROBERT BAREFIELD NAMED USL WESLEY DIRECTOR

The Reverend Robert S. Barefield was recently named by the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana to the position of director, replacing the Reverend Allen O. Jernigan. Currently serving as pastor of Kenly and Buckhorn Methodist Churches in North Carolina, Mr. Barefield will begin his USL appointment on January 1, 1963.

Mr. Jernigan, after directing the Wesley Foundation on the Lafayette campus for over four years, last month assumed duties as Foundation director at the University of Houston.

Mr. Barefield has over three years experience as a Wesley Foundation chaplain, having directed student activities at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, North Carolina; Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, Missouri; and Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In addition he served more than five years in regular pastoral work in the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Since graduating from the Duke Divinity School in 1952, Mr. Barefield, a native of Georgia, has worked toward a master's degree in education from Appalachian College. He received a degree in engineering physics from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1948.

Mr. Barefield's wife is the former Ann Lee of Winston-Salem North Carolina. They have two sons, Robert Carter, two and one-half, and Timothy Lee, one.

Julian Hartt to Speak At State MSM Conference

The Reverend Julian N. Hartt will be the platform speaker at the annual state conference of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement on March 16-17, 1963, according to the Reverend Delton Pickering, state MSM director. Dr. Hartt is Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology in Yale Divinity School and chairman of the undergraduate department of religion in Yale University.

A native of South Dakota, Dr. Hartt has been a member of the Yale faculty since 1943. He is an ordained minister in the Methodist Church and, as a student and teacher, has served parish churches for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Hartt's field is Christian theology and particularly the philosophical aspects of theology. He is the author of two books, "Towards a Theology of Evangelism" and "Being Known and Being Revealed," and the co-author of a third, "Humanism Versus Theism." Dr. Hartt will edit a forthcoming series of books on Christianity and contemporary art.

DELTON PICKERING TO SERVE AS MSM STATE DIRECTOR

Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, has announced that the Rever-

end Delton Pickering will serve as director of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement until June, 1963. Mr. Pickering, director of the LSU Wesley Foundation, replaces the Reverend Allen O. Jernigan, who was recently appointed director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Houston.

In his capacity as state director, Mr. Pickering will represent the Methodist Student Movement on Conference boards and agencies. He will also give leadership to such annual affairs as the Campus Ministers' Retreat and the MSM State Conference.

CAMPUS MINISTERS SET RETREAT

Each year in January Louisiana Wesley Foundation, campus ministers, and Methodist Student Movement counselors hold a three-day retreat for the purposes of study, worship, fellowship, and concerted planning for our church's ministry to Methodist college and university students. The retreat dates this year are January 21-23. Place of the retreat is to be announced.

This year's study will center around the meaning of the Christian sacraments. Emphasis will be given to the discussion of the means by which the sacraments can be made more relevant through the campus ministry to students, faculty and staff.

Chairman of this year's retreat is the Rev. Howard Daughenbaugh, Jr.

MSM TO SPONSOR NATIONAL ARTS SEMINAR

The National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement will sponsor an arts seminar March 17-23, 1963, in San Francisco.

The theme of the seminar will be "Faith and Art: Union or Divorce?" It will include visits to the San Francisco Art Institute and other galleries, conversations and interviews with Bay area artists and directors, and attendance at plays being performed by San Francisco theater groups. Daily worship will also be a part of the program.

Focus of the seminar will be on the relationship of art to the church, and on the meaning of art itself. A wide variety of artistic experiences will be evaluated in terms of the Christian faith. Coordinator will be Dr. Harold Crain, head of the Speech and Drama Department at San Jose State College.

Participation will be limited to 40 persons, 35 students and 5 campus ministers. Applicants should have some knowledge and understanding of theology either through courses in religion, private reading, or MSM study groups, and should have some background or participation in the arts, either on an amateur or pre-professional level.

Louisiana students interested in this seminar should contact their Methodist campus minister or write to Delton Pickering, 467 East Chimes, Baton Rouge.



THE REVEREND DON ANDERSON, center, spoke on the LSU Wesley Foundation's Sunday Evening Forum November 4. Mr. Anderson, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Mississippi, spoke on "The Ole Miss Situation." He is shown with the Reverend Delton Pickering, director of the LSU Wesley Foundation, and Edwin Augustat of Houma, LSU Wesley Foundation student president.

WORK GROWS IN BRASILIA

Brazilian Methodists, energetic and enthusiastic about their new home missions outreach in Brazil's ultra-modern capital, Brasilia, now operate four chapels, five other preaching points and four Sunday schools in the city and its suburbs.

Booming Brasilia, where Methodist work was pioneered by a bishop who built a chapel with his own hands, is one of the two major home mission fields of the Methodist Church of Brazil. The other is Recife in Brazil's poverty-stricken Northeast.

SECRETARIES LOOK AHEAD

The Council of Secretaries met at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 14-15 to plan for the observance of the 25th anniversary of Methodist reunion and a forecast of the next 25 years at the 1964 General Conference. They also discussed plans for Methodist representation in the Protestant Center at the forthcoming New York Worlds Fair.

The Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins of Nashville, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, presided at the council session. Next meeting is set for April 1-2 in Chicago.

EVANGELISM MEETING SET

A national meeting of Methodist local-church directors of evangelism will be held in Nashville Jan. 21-24. It will be sponsored by the Board of Evangelism.

About 100 persons are expected to attend. Many of them will be ministers whose full time is devoted to evangelism and visitation. For the most part, they are associate pastors of large churches. Several of them will be laymen who give full time to membership and evangelism in their churches.

Among the speakers will be Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville Area, the Rev. Dr. Leonard Tudor of London, England, and Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the board.

TAKE IMPORTANT STEP

"They also give who receive." That

might well be the theme for a significant action taken recently by the Northeastern District of the Indian Mission Conference in Oklahoma.

The action, while commonplace for most Methodist churches, is important for the Indian Mission, because it marks a first. The district has given to the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions its first Advance Special—a voluntary gift for mission work among the Negroes and the Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest.

What is significant is that the Indian Mission is itself a major Methodist home mission field and, as such, receives several hundred thousand dollars each year in mission funds. Now Indians in this district have become givers of mission funds as well as recipients. Though the Mission has always paid a proportionate share of World Service, Methodism's general benevolence fund, it had never before given to the Advance Special program.

TO ADVANCE PREACHING

As part of its concern for a program of continuing education, Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., has inaugurated, on an experimental basis, a School for the Advancement of Preaching, to be held Jan. 13-19.

The school is designed to provide opportunity for spiritual and intellectual stimulus of pastors who have spent from five to 10 years in the pastorate beyond seminary. The four bishops whose episcopal areas lie within the basic geographical territory of the seminary have been asked to select 12 men for this pilot project.

METHODIST BRIEFS

Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Friends of the World Council of Churches.

Methodists in Czechoslovakia recently commemorated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Church in that country.



WOMAN'S PAGE



At Lake Providence



Mrs. A.J. Nyley (left), teacher of the Women's Bible Class of Lake Providence First Church, is presented a gift by Mrs. Earnest Newman, who was hostess to the annual Christmas meeting of the class.

BATON ROUGE PARSONETTES

Baton Rouge District Parsonettes had a Christmas luncheon with their husbands December 13 at William B. Reily Memorial (University) Church in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Aubrey G. (Mildred) Walton gave a lovely and interesting program, "The Parsonette Looks at the Madonnas", assisted by her husband, Bishop Walton.

Mrs. Walton and Mrs. D. W. Poole, the district superintendent's wife, were presented with beautiful Christmas corsages, and exquisite ceramic madonnas made by Mrs. George M. Horne.

Retired ministers and their wives were guests of honor.

LAFAYETTE DIST. FAMILIES



To their "First Family", the parsonettes and parsons of the Lafayette District presented the LP record, "The First Family", along with a substantial cash gift with which to purchase additional records of their own choice. The presentation to the Reverend and Mrs. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendent, was made by the Reverend W. D. Boddie (right) at the annual Christmas Dinner on December 14 at the Franklin Church. The president of the Parsonettes, Margaret Boddie, presided at the program, which included a solo by Ray Holt, the reading of the Christmas story was Janelle McCammon, and the singing of carols.

Family Night at Monroe, First Church



The December Family Night program at Monroe First Church featured The Junior Choir in four numbers, wearing new scarlet choir robes for the first time. They were directed by Lamar Robertson, minister of music at First Church, and accompanied by four choir members playing audioharps. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor.



Mrs. Edwin J. Barksdale, soprano, from New Orleans (center) provided an afternoon of delightful music for members of the Jennings Music Club and their guests at a tea at the home of Mrs. Elmer Conner (right) in November. Mrs. Charles Byrd, (left) former accompanist for the Centenary Choir, and now of New Orleans, accompanied at the piano. Mrs. Barksdale, wife of the pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in New Orleans, opened her program with the sacred "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel, stirred the audience with Wagnerian drama, touched them with folk songs and amused them with an imitation of "Minnie Pearl" and her hillbilly antics.

AT CURTIS PARK, SHREVEPORT

Featured at the Christmas program and party at Curtis Park Woman's Society in Shreveport were: Mrs. Norm Bale who read the story "The Uninvited Stranger"; and Mrs. T. E. Carroll reading an original poem, "An In-

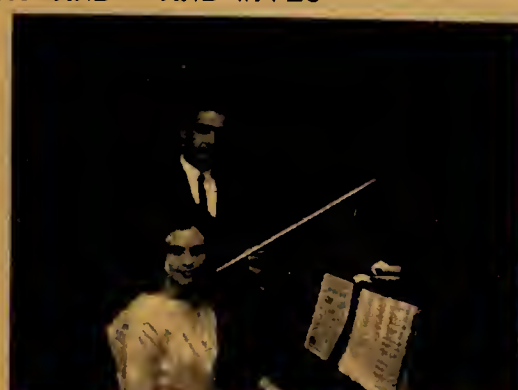
ventory of Talents" which described individual members.

Christmas gifts were exchanged, secret pals revealed, and a buffet luncheon enjoyed. Mrs. John D. Boyd was hostess in her home on Bardot Lane, December 18.

RUSTON DISTRICT MINISTERS' AND AND WIVES



Mrs. Douglas McGuire told a Christmas story when the Ruston District held the Christmas dinner for preachers and wives at Louisiana Tech Student Center.



Virginia Harp, La. Tech student from Haynesville, and Carl Holland, Tech student from Keithville, played two selections, "Meditation from Thais" and "O Holy Night".



The Steiner family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (center), Janet (left) and Martha enacted a "Christmas Service for the Home", pamphlets of which were distributed to families.



Santa Claus (as portrayed by C. A. Reynolds) made his appearance to the delight of all children present. Each child brought a gift for Santa to give to our Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico.

-- AT DAVIDSON MEM., LAFAYETTE

The Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, observed the Christmas Season with a Candlelighting Service Sunday evening, December 16. On Tuesday evening, December 18, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Commission on Christian Education, an "old-fashioned Christmas Tree night" was held. With only the lights from the chancel and a huge Christmas tree shining, each class of the Children's Division and the Senior MYF presented a short segment of the Christmas Story. Jolly Santa arrived to personally give a gift to every member. These lovely gifts were made by the members and friends of the Woman's Society of Davidson Memorial. This project had been conceived and planned by Mrs. J. J. Davidson and was gotten under way during the early summer months. The Rev. Harold Hine is pastor of the church.



The Rev. Luman Douglas, district superintendent, and Mrs. Douglas opened their gift (a Polaroid camera) presented by the preachers and parsonettes.

Christmas in the Conference

Southside Methodist, Monroe: Sunday night, Dec. 16, the Christmas Pageant was presented by the Senior High MYF, directed by W. P. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boozer. The Christmas cantata, "The Manager King", was presented Dec. 23 by the Chancel Choir. A candlelight Communion service was held on Christmas Eve.

St. Luke Methodist, Lake Charles: activities during the season included a Christmas program and Tree on Dec. 20 for the Church School, followed by a visit from Santa Claus; Dec. 21 the young people and adults went Christmas Caroling; and on Dec. 23 there was a Candlelight Worship Service.



The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Holladay
at open house, Trinity, Shreveport

Quitman Methodist Church: on Dec. 23 the church held its annual Christmas program. It included the children's choir, and a reading by Mrs. C. G. Ruple of Ruston.

Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa: during the Christmas season Stephen Vincent Benet's "A Child is Born" was presented at ESM and the Parish House of St. Matthews Episcopal Church. It was directed by John Hammond, ESM Minister of Music.



First Methodist, Lake Charles, Choirs performed.

Wesley Methodist, Shreveport: the adult and children's choirs combined to bring the service of Christmas music Dec. 16. Jerry Ross is adult choir director and Mrs. Jim Phillips is children's choir director.

First Methodist, Natchitoches: on Dec. 19 the children's choir presented a special Christmas program of "Carols Around the World". It was directed by Mrs. Earle Cross, assisted by Mrs. W. K. Norman.

Clay Methodist Church: the MYF presented a candlelighting service Saturday evening, Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper are counsellors.



Nativity scene at McGowen Memorial, Jeanerette.



A live Nativity pageant at Cotton Valley.

St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles: had a Christmas Play during the Dec. 16 evening services. It was presented by the MYF and was entitled "Holy Search". It was directed by George Copeland.

Forest Hill Methodist Church: had a Christmas program, fellowship supper and Christmas tree December 19.



Santa Claus at First Methodist, Houma.

Glenmora Methodist Church: had the Christmas devotional and tree on Sunday, Dec. 23. Hymns were sung and gifts exchanged by the congregation. The MYF group carolled for the benefit of the shut-ins. An offering was received for the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans.

Lighthouse Sub-district MYF: met in Springhill on Monday, Dec. 17 for their Christmas program.

Cotton Valley MYF caroled to the shut-ins and aged of the Community on Sunday evening, Dec. 16. After this the group enjoyed games and refreshments in the church.

Blackwater Methodist Church: the choir, under the direction of T. N. Retif, presented "The Story of Christmas" at the Sunday morning service on December 16. Soloists were Mrs. Jason Wilson, Miss Glenda Jeeter and Bob Morgan.



Amahl and the Night Visitors
at First Methodist, Lake Charles.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Ruth Bottorff

Mrs. Ruth J. Bottorff departed this life November 29, 1962, at the age of ninety years, nine months and twenty-one days. She was born February 8, 1872, the daughter of Hezekiah R. Childers and Mary Ann Hollenshead Childers, pioneers of Lawrence County, Arkansas. Left an orphan at the age of seven years she, along with her brother Burrel, made her home with her uncle, Burrel M. Childers, until her marriage to James Tilman Bottorff January 23, 1890.

In December 1905 the family left the homestead at Strangers Home and moved to Alicia where she lived until her death.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Baptist church. Later, together with her husband, she united with The Methodist Church where for sixty years she loved, believed in and supported it with her time, talents and means. She never tired of the giving of herself to the building of the Kingdom. As long as health permitted she was active in the Woman's Society and administered to the community needs.

Preceding her in death were her husband who died June 30, 1932, and five children. Three daughters, ten grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren survive. The daughters are: Mrs. Ella Felts, Swifton, Ark.; Mrs. Emma Felts, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Mrs. W. Harrell Ford, Cushman, Ark.

Her family and friends revere her memory for surely her life fulfilled the words of the writer of Proverbs: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest

them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

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Mrs. Nelle Jimerson

Mrs. Nelle B. Jimerson, Augusta, Ark., died Tuesday, December 11 at her home. She was a life-long Methodist and had served her church in many capacities. She taught a Sunday School class for many years, teaching it even the Sunday before her death. She served many years on the Official Board, the Commissions and in any other way in which she was asked.

Mrs. Jimerson was active in the WSCS. She had served her local society as president, the Searcy District as president, and the Conference as Secretary of Christian Social Relations. She served as the adult counselor for the first missionary tour of Nashville, Tennessee, that the North Arkansas Conference made.

The Rev. H. Lynn Wade who conducted her funeral and who had known her as her pastor for a number of years said, "In Augusta she was known as Mrs. Methodist. She knew the official program of the Methodist church, and she believed in it. She believed that there was the correct way to operate a

church and that was the Methodist way. She had firm convictions and stood by them."

Mrs. Jimerson is survived by three sons and a number of grand children and great-grand children.

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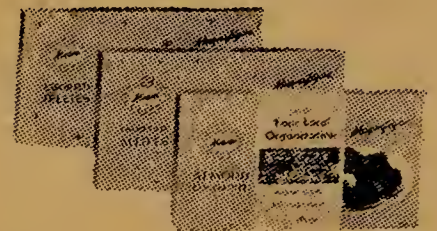
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1000 CLUB

The current call for the 1000 Club in the Louisiana Conference is for the Ruston District, which has not previously received funds from this program. This second call of the year, due during December, January and February, will be used in that district, under the guidance of the District Board of Missions, to assist a number of churches in building improvements which have been long needed and which were impossible without assistance.

The Rev. Luman E. Douglas, Ruston District Superintendent, commenting on this current call has said, "The Ruston District is not a rapidly growing area. Two new churches were organized in 1951—Lakeview in Minden, and Grace in Ruston. The "older" churches have made many improvements. The brochure which is being circulated in connection with this call shows some of the churches constructed in the district during the last six years.

"Our people have supported and will continue to support, the One Thousand Club, as well as the full church program."

Each of the eight districts in the Louisiana Annual Conference participate on the basis of a quota. When that quota has been reached, excess contributions from the district may be retained for use in church extension as allocated by the District Board of Missions.



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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

The Louisiana Methodist

New Orleans, Louisiana
January 4, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

When you read this letter most of you will still be in the process of carrying out your responsibilities connected with the circulation campaign for The Louisiana Methodist.

May I commend you and your people for your energetic and devoted efforts on behalf of our Conference paper. The Louisiana Methodist is indeed necessary to us in the work of the church in our Conference. The paper should be in every Methodist home. May I encourage you to do everything possible not only to reach but to exceed the quota for which your local congregation is responsible. An increase in the circulation of The Louisiana Methodist in the Conference will bring dividends to our program in many ways. I sincerely hope that this will be our best year for the paper.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton
Aubrey G. Walton

Pastor Honored With Scholarship at Drew Univ.

The Rev. C. Ebb Munden, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church in Metairie, is one of 20 Methodist ministers in the United States selected to participate in a special program of "Continuing Theological Education" at Drew University Theological School in Madison, New Jersey.

He was nominated by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton to represent the Louisiana Conference. The Rev. Mr. Munden was granted a one month leave of absence by his church in order to participate in the program which began January 2 and ends January 31.

The basic theme of the school is "The Christian Message." The curriculum will include two courses which will continue throughout the month: "The Hermeneutical Question" - Professor Robert Funk, New Testament; and "American Protestantism: A study in some major issues of our heritage and contemporary task" - Professor Gordon Harland, Church History. Supplementing the class work will be special lectures and discussions by other members of the faculty of the theological school and carefully coordinated visits to representative cultural expressions in New York City (museums, churches and church centers, United Nations.)

During the four Sundays of Mr. Munden's absence the pulpit of St. Matthew's Church will be filled by the Rev. Hugh Gowan, associate pastor, January 6; the Rev. Carl Lueg, New Orleans District Superintendent, January 13; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, bishop

LISTS 15 HIGHEST GIVERS

Churches in Texas, Michigan, Florida, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina were among the 15 congregations which gave the most last year to Advance Specials overseas.

The church giving by far the most to overseas missions through Advance Specials was Marvin Church in Tyler, Tex.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy to Bring Jones Lectures, Rayne Memorial

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area of The Methodist Church will deliver the C. I. Jones Memorial Lectures at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, January 20-22, according to announcements that have been sent throughout Louisiana.

The theme of the 1963 Jones Lectures will be "The Old Gospel and the New Day." Bishop Kennedy will speak at the 10:50 a.m. worship hour on



Bishop Kennedy

of the Louisiana Area, January 20; and Owen Brown, president of the church's Board of Trustees, will speak on January 27 in observance of Layman's Sunday.

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Pastoral Care Workshop Planned For Lake Vista Church, Jan. 21-22

"The Minister's Personal Growth and Pastoral Ministry" is the theme of the first seminar on this subject to be sponsored by The Methodist Church in Louisiana. Sponsored by the New Orleans District, a four day institute will be held at Lake Vista Methodist Church, 6645 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, January 21-25.

Nationally known church men who will be seminar leaders include:

Dr. James Doty, director of Pastoral Care and Counseling for the Indiana Area of the Methodist Church; Dr. James Armstrong, senior minister, Broadway Methodist Church, Indianapolis; Dr. Donald C. Houts, Professor of Pastoral Care and Psychology, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City; and the Rev. Robert Blesse, Coordinator of Counseling and Group Work, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Topics to be discussed during the four day program include: the minis-

ter's role; growth of the minister; the Church ministry; parish care; preaching with counseling insight; beginning and advanced counseling; counseling in acute situations. Each morning Dr. Doty, a counselor to ministers and their families, will conduct a special session for ministers' wives on "The Image of the Minister's Wife." Mr. Blesse, who has been doing role playing for a period of twelve years (five of these with patients in state mental hospitals, will demonstrate the uses of role playing in afternoon sessions. Small therapy groups will be led by each of the resource persons.

Coincident with the Seminar, the C. I. Jones Lectures on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Jan. 20-22, will feature Bishop Gerald Kennedy at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church. Dr. Armstrong will lecture on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Lake Vista.

The opening session of the Seminar is 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 21. It will close with the noon meal Friday, the 25th.

Registration and request for accommodations for the seminar may be sent to Clyde Frazier, John Koelemay, or Ned Stout. Tuition is \$30 and meals are \$10.00. Early registrants will be provided with housing and breakfast in private homes.



Dr. Doty



Dr. Armstrong



Dr. Houts



Mr. Blesse

CAREERS CLINIC

Dr. James Armstrong, pastor of Broadway Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., will be the featured speaker for the Christian Careers Clinic for the young people of the New Orleans District to be held at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, January 25 and 26. Dr. Armstrong will be the speaker at the Friday evening session of the clinic.

Editorials

Secularized Education

Evangelist Billy Graham recently spoke out against the secularization of education in this country and called on American religious leaders to halt the trend. "God, the Bible and Christ have been expelled from many schools," he charged, pointing out that in several American cities observance of Christmas and even the singing of Christmas carols had been outlawed.

He pointed out that in other school systems the Ten Commandments have come under the ban and that in one California city a school has directed its librarian to remove from circulation all the books in which the mention of God is made.

As we read of these and other developments across our land we have been grieved because of the great error which has possessed so many people in their interpretation of the great American principle of separation of Church and State. Again we would quote Dr. Graham who said, "Separation of Church and State was never meant to separate our youth from God. This trend to extricate God and moral teachings from the school is a diabolical scheme and is bearing its fruit in the deluge of juvenile delinquency which is overwhelming the nation."

The time is not far away when the United States Supreme Court will render its decision on the question of whether Bible reading and the Lord's Prayer may have a place in the schoolroom. A negative decision from the Court on this matter would be far more destructive to American education than was the earlier judgment concerning the required prayers in the state of New York.

We hope that the Supreme Court will say that

WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF THE YEAR AHEAD



Bible reading and voluntary prayers are permissible because we feel that the opposite ruling will play havoc with all types of character education in our public schools.

Nevertheless we must be prepared for such a ruling so that if it does come we will have the imagination and the determination to see that the basic ingredient of moral and character education are never completely eliminated from our schools. This would be a result never anticipated by those who wrote into the Constitution the guarantee of separation

The Katanga Dilemma

We admit to a strong prejudice in favor of the United Nations, and yet, after a great effort we cannot find it in our mind or heart to justify what is now being done by United Nations forces in Katanga. It may be that very recent events are only the inevitable result of a course that had already been determined in the Congo. Surely Secretary of State Rusk and UN Secretary General U Thant seem to be of one mind about action that looks from here like nothing more nor less than aggressive warfare.

Despite the urgent need of the central Congo government for the lucrative income from the Katangese mines, we simply cannot see the UN being sacrificed to attempt to meet that need. One cannot read the current news reports from that part of the world and then read again the UN Charter and feel that the same organization is being described.

We do not purport to know all of the international implications of the developments in the Congo. We wonder just when, if ever, there will be a strong central government there. We do believe, however, that we can see clearly that two things are definitely happening to the United Nations through its aggressive action there - the image of UN as a peace-loving and peace-making body is deteriorating, and it is moving swiftly and surely down the road to bankruptcy.

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

PORTUGAL VS. MISSIONS

We would like to visit with you again concerning the great challenge to the Christian mission from the continued opposition of the government of Portugal against missions in general and Methodist missions in particular.

Bishop Ralph E. Dodge of Salisbury, Rhodesia has protested to the Portuguese embassy in Washington about the pressures which he says are being brought against missions and schools of the Protestant churches in the territories of Angola and Mozambique. The bishop, whose jurisdiction includes work in both of these countries, says he believes that the recent problems of missionaries in Mozambique are related to earlier difficulties in Angola.

He indicated that he is hopeful that ways may be found to avoid an open break with the Portuguese colonial authorities such as occurred in Angola when four American missionaries were arrested, jailed and later deported a little more than a year ago.

Declining to elaborate on the cases he called to the attention of the embassy, Bishop Dodge did say that they relate to government seizure of mission schools, refusal of visas for new missionaries, and like restrictions on the activities of Methodist missions.

The bishop returned to Rhodesia following his brief Washington visit after he learned that his application for a visa to visit Angola had been refused by Lisbon. He said, "I had been told earlier that I would probably receive the visa and this would have been a favorable step in the direction of reconciling our differences with the colonial administration."

We sincerely hope that ways may be found to continue and strengthen our work in these territories.



WOMEN JOIN American farmers in an effort to help feed the world's hungry through the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Here Indiana women are among the workers taking part in a CROP canvass for corn in Hendricks County. Protestant women throughout the midwest's farm states have joined in a campaign to secure corn and seed for destitute families living in under-developed countries.

Methodists Plan Caribbean Tour During February

A tour has been planned to two of Methodism's major home missions fields, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, in February by the Methodist Board of Missions. It is for any person especially interested in national missions work.

The group will see the rapidly growing Methodist work in Puerto Rico, including churches in San Juan and its suburbs, other cities, and in the village and rural areas. They will observe the educational work and the program of Methodist work among students at the University of Puerto Rico. The Methodist Church has the largest mission program of any major Protestant denomination in Puerto Rico.

The tour will leave Miami February 13 and return there February 21. The cost will be \$295 per person. Persons interested in detailed information should write the tour director: The Rev. Clifford P. Albertson, 13th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Jan. 13—Sunday	I Sam. 16:1-13
Jan. 14	John 1:1-18
Jan. 15	Acts 2:1-21
Jan. 16	Acts 2:22-36
Jan. 17	Acts 2:37-47
Jan. 18	Gen. 2:1-17
Jan. 19	Gen. 2:18-25
Jan. 20—Sunday	Psalms 19:1-11

102 Methodists In 88th Congress Is Largest Yet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—More members of the 88th United States Congress will be Methodists than are in any other denomination. The total is 102 Methodists, the largest group yet. Last session included 97 Methodists.

The new list shows 24 senators and 78 representatives. Representatives include Wilbur D. Mills and James W. Trimble from Arkansas, and J. D. Waggoner, Jr., from Louisiana.

Methodist representation had been in second place for the last two years. Other groups include Roman Catholics, 99; Presbyterians, 82; and Baptists and Episcopalians, 64 each. There are 18 other denominations.

Year-Long Evangelistic Effort Planned To Follow 'Aldersgate'

A year-long evangelistic effort of "going deeper in order to go forward" was adopted recently by the Methodist Council of Evangelism. Following immediately on the current "Aldersgate Year," it will celebrate a quarter century since unification of the church. The program, beginning in May, 1963, and completing this quadrennium, is to be called "A United Witness Through a United Church."

Objectives of the effort will include:

- Study the Book of Acts to "find marching orders for our day."
- Let "the Holy Spirit baptize us in Christ."
- Offer guidance to young preachers on the power of evangelism.
- Encourage small groups for prayer,

study and witnessing.

- Challenge ministers to greater concern for people in a bolder evangelistic expression."
- Challenge families and individuals to daily worship.
- Emphasize "the power of the pulpit."
- Stress lay witnessing, with "every member a missionary."
- Undergird recruitment for the ministry.
- Share "a campus concern."
- Use the church school in winning persons.
- Discover "new methods to match a new day."
- Establish new congregations "in the footsteps of St. Paul."

It also urged the local church to "give an invitation to Christian discipleship at worship each Sunday."

The council also asked exploration

of a long-range program beyond 1964, of more cooperation with the Boards of Missions and Education, of promoting interdenominational evangelism, of the use of "Christian Commando" groups as pioneered in Great Britain.

It expressed appreciation for the widespread movement of small groups in the church "to seek new and more effective ways to witness in the name of Jesus Christ."

A steady decline since 1959 in Methodists received on profession of faith was termed by Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the board, as "evidence we lack evangelistic zeal and concern for all men." To overcome the trend, he outlined today's challenges to evangelism as the city, the church itself, the home and family (they have "the responsibility of teaching the child habits of prayer and Bible reading: I don't see why we expect the school teacher to teach our children to pray"), unconventional approaches as well as the conventional invitation to discipleship in church and home, church expansion ("we have multiplied ministries—we need to multiply conversions" and "the greatest means of evangelism today is the organization of new churches"), the mobility of Americans, the communication of the Gospel, the campus ("there is no such thing as a second generation Christian").

Dr. Denman added that, in response to many letters, "I don't have to belong to a national organization to fight Communism—I already belong to the Jesus Society." He continued: "These men who are spending so much time and money to fight Communism will not go next door to ask someone to be a Christian. I tell them to teach a Sunday school class or go visiting people."

14 Methodists Will Make World Study On Faith and Order

Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Council of Bishops, has registered with the Geneva headquarters of the World Council of Churches the names of the 14 representatives of The Methodist Church to the coming World Study Conference on Faith and Order.

This 1963 meeting of 500 Protestant and Orthodox theologians will meet in Montreal, Canada, July 12-26. It is the fourth such conference. Earlier ones were held in Lausanne (1927), Edinburgh (1937) and in Lund, Sweden (1952). The discussions will deal with theological and organizational barriers to unity. A larger number of churches than ever before will be represented at the Montreal conference.

TRAFCO Meet Set For Dallas

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church will have its annual meeting Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The Rev. Dr. S. Franklin Mack, New York City, will address the commission (TRAFCO). He is executive director of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches.

Bishops Announce Representatives For Race Meeting

Twenty-five official delegates named by the Council of Bishops and several others representing The Methodist Church will attend the history-making conference on Religion and Race, January 14-17 at Chicago's Edgewater Beach Hotel. The conference marks the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation and is the first major national religious meeting to involve the three major faiths.

The interfaith bodies sponsoring this significant human relations project are the department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches, the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America.

President Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College, Atlanta will be chairman of the Conference. The three vice chairmen are the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Atlanta, Most Rev. Paul J. Hallinan; Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of St. Louis and C.M.E., Bishop B. Julian Smith of Chicago.

Those named by the Council of Bishops to represent The Methodist Church include Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, La., and Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Little Rock, Ark.



VISITORS FROM FORT POLK are shown at the Methodist Children's Home in which the presents for the youngsters are wrapped and stored until Christmas morning.

Servicemen Choose Children's Home For Christmas Project

Servicemen of the First Training Regiment, Fort Polk, Louisiana, chose the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston for their annual Christmas Project.

The project was given the endorsement of Regimental Commander, Colonel Benjamin D. Capshaw and of Regimental Chaplain, Captain George E. Saunders.

A contest held between the Companies of the Regiment resulted in a contribution of \$1,352.38 to the work of the Children's Home.

The check was delivered to Dr. Marvin T. Green, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Home by Chaplain George E. Saunders.

Accompanying Chaplain Saunders to the Home for the presentation were Chaplain Strawse, SFC Milton Lizotte, Spec. Jerry Peterson and Private George Morris.

Chaplain (1Lt) Ray A. Strawer worker with Activities Director Ralph A. Cooper and Superintendent Harry Ezell of the Home in planning the project.

Company C, commanded by Lieutenant Johnson, was the contest winner with a total contribution of \$370.00.

The Methodist Children's Home serves the entire State of Louisiana. There are two requirements for acceptance into care; the child's need for a home and the Home's ability to serve the child.

A strong program of personal counseling and of direct activities is designed to help children gain reasonable self confidence and to develop both the will and the ability to care for themselves.

In addition to the group care program on campus, the Methodist Children's Home is developing a program of foster home care under its direction and offers counseling services to families of children in its care.

The number of children receiving care from the Home has increased over 77 percent in the past two and one-half years. The Home served 143 children during the past twelve months.

The best way to fight Communism is to strengthen the Christian forces of the nation.



THE REV. JAMES O. EVANS, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Monroe, is shown here with Monroe District Supt. Edward R. Haug conferring on program plans for a Boy-Girl Relations Clinic set for Jan. 12 at St. Mark's. The Rev. Charles Flurry, Educational Director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, will lead the clinic. Other members of the program include the Rev. George Duerson, director of the Wesley Foundation at Northeast Louisiana State College in Monroe, and ten pastors from the surrounding area.

Carrollton Plans 'Church Attendance Evangelism'

Carrollton Methodist Church will initiate its "Church Attendance Evangelism" Program this Sunday, January 6, which will continue through Easter Sunday, April 14.

Regular attendance by every member will be strongly emphasized by the Church's Commission on Membership

and Evangelism, and a visitation and cultivation campaign of the area around Carrollton will be made to find unchurched and unaffiliated persons for the purpose of cultivating them into regular church attendance. Theme of the campaign is, "See You in Church Sunday," and church members will be

asked to participate and invite friends and neighbors to attend these services.

Climax of the campaign will come during Holy Week when evangelistic preaching services will be delivered by the Church's Pastor, The Reverend Jack Cooke, which will extend from Palm Sunday night through the following Thursday night.

Special music will be rendered by Carrollton's four choirs under the direction of the Minister of Music, Joe G. Walsh.

On one Sunday of the four months' evangelization drive a song service in German will be performed, honoring Carrollton's German heritage. Much of Carrollton's Membership just at and after the turn of the century were German, some of whom are still members there, and many of their descendants are members of Carrollton at the present time.

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley, founder of Methodism, had his heart-warming experience in Aldersgate Street, London, and Carrollton Methodist Church has designated Sunday, May 19, Aldersgate Sunday, when an appropriate Wesleyan Service will be observed to celebrate the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

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Worth Remembering: "Wesley showed his genius by using laymen for every purpose." — Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Cardiff, Wales, past president of the British Methodist Church, speaking at the Council of Evangelism recently in Ocean City, N. J.

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Stewardship is nothing more than the acceptance of responsibility.



PLANNING THE CARROLLTON Methodist Church, New Orleans, "Church Attendance Evangelism" are, from left, the Rev. Jack Cooke, pastor, the Rev. Joe G. Walsh, Minister of Music, and Roy D. Simons, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE QUITMAN AND CLAY Methodist Churches, the Rev. Robert Galatas, pastor, collected ten blankets for the Church World Service emergency appeal.

OPEN HOUSE WAS HELD SUNDAY, DEC. 16, at the Wesley Foundation at McNeese State College, honoring Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, Lake Charles District Superintendent, and Mrs. Cooke.

THE REV. EARL TAYLOR was the guest preacher at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, Sunday evening, Dec. 16. The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is the pastor.

THE FAMILY OF THE REV. and Mrs. George Harbuck of First Methodist Church, Monroe, had the annual Christmas worship service on station KNOE-TV on the afternoon of Christmas Day.

THE REV. AND MRS. JACK H. MIDYETT entertained the members of the choir of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, at the parsonage on Dec. 16, following their presentation of the Christmas Cantata.

DR. JAMES T. HARRIS, PASTOR OF BROADMOOR Methodist Church, Shreveport, appeared on the KSIA Television program, "Dateline Shreveport" on Jan. 4 to discuss that church's January family Sunday night study of "Rim of East Asia."

SOUTHSIDE METHODIST CHURCH in Monroe, of which the Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor, had an overflow crowd on December 16 to hear Bishop Aubrey G. Walton. The Rev. E. R. Haug, Monroe District Superintendent, also participated in the service.

A PROGRAM OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC was presented Dec. 16 by the combined Adult and Junior Choirs of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, under the direction of Mr. Robert Daughdrill. Mrs. Johnny Babb is the organist. The pastor is the Rev. James L. Stovall.

THE GREATER PARISH SUB-DISTRICT MYF met at Pollock Methodist Church, Dec. 31 for a watch night party and service. Beginning with recreation at 9:30 p.m., the service was concluded with a Communion Service at midnight. The Rev. M. L. Davis is the pastor of the host church.

MISS LOUISE AMELIA BROUSSARD was recently named MYF member of the month for December at the Abbeville Methodist Church. This selection was made on the basis of participation, responsibility, leadership, cooperation and discipline. The Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr. is the pastor.

A PROGRAM OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC, "Lo His Star is Shining," was presented by the combined Youth Choirs of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, at the evening service, Dec. 23. Mrs. Jack Douglas was the director and John McIntosh was the narrator. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA was presented at First Methodist Church, Columbia, by the choirs from the Grayson Methodist Church and the

Columbia Methodist Church. Mrs. Clydia B. Brown was the director and Mrs. E. M. Harris the accompanist. The Rev. Minns S. Robertson is the pastor.

THE SENIOR METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of First Methodist Church, Baker, recently held a cake sale, with the proceeds going to provide Christmas baskets for needy families and to help the youth group's "adopted child" at the Children's Home. The pastor is the Rev. Lael S. Jones.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS of the Collinston Methodist Church recently sponsored a pie sale, the proceeds from which were directed to the building fund of the Wesley Foundation of Northeast Louisiana State College at Monroe. The pastor at Collinston is the Rev. Joe H. Robinson.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Jonesville, and the Harrisonburg Methodist Church held a Watch Night Service at the Jonesville Church. The evening began and ended with worship, with a Wesley Covenant Service at 8 p.m. and a Communion Service at midnight. The Rev. Roy Garrett is the pastor.

THE REV. H. L. DAUGHENBAUGH, JR., director of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation, was the leader for the Morning and Evening Prayers over station WDSU-TV, Dec. 16-22. The Rev. Ned L. Stout, pastor of Elysian Fields Methodist Church, was the speaker for "Foundations of Life" over radio station WWL, Dec. 30.

MR. JACK DAVIS WAS BARITONE SOLOIST with the Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church, New Orleans, when they presented Vittorio Giannini's "A Canticle of Christmas" on Dec. 16. Mr. Davis has appeared on several occasions under the auspices of the New Orleans Opera Association. The Rev. Clyde S. Clark is the pastor.

THE PARSONAGE FAMILY OF THE Rev. and Mrs. Alfred M. Brown of Slidell Methodist Church held "open house" at the parsonage on Sunday, Dec. 23. Those who came had a chance to get acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sohl, Mrs. Brown's parents.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was observed at the DeQuincy Methodist Church, with several of their students participating. Following the morning service, a luncheon was given for the college students in the fellowship hall of the church. Mrs. C. K. Davis, student secretary of the WSCS, made the plans for the luncheon. The Rev. Jack S. Winegeart is the pastor.

THE REV. LOUIS COPPAGE, pastor of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, spoke on "The Problem of Forgetting the Past" for Student Recognition Day services at that church, at the morning worship service, Dec. 20. At the evening service Miss Janet Dutcher discussed the program of the Methodist Student Fellowship at LSU at Alexandria.

THE REV. ROBERT PEYTON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Bastrop, was the guest preacher for recent revival services at St. Mark's Methodist Church, Monroe, where the Rev. James O. Evans is the pastor. We would like to congratulate this church on their very attractive newsletter "Our Cornerstone," which has just begun regular publication to serve this congregation.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS took part in the Student Recognition Day Service at First Methodist Church, Pineville: Claudia Floyd, Halaine Kees, Harvey Luttrell, John Pinkerton, Woody Kees, Fred Randow and Russell Richards. The pastor, the Rev. K. G. McDowell spoke on "Facing the Challenge of Change." At the evening service at this church, Dec. 30, the guest preacher was the Rev. George McVey of Roe, Ark.

THE CONGREGATION OF ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria, recently completed a successful financial campaign for the construction of a sanctuary. Leaders in the drive were Dr. Julian Thomas, chairman of the commission on stewardship and finance; L. V. Shipp, chairman of the official board; Mrs. John Hilligarde, church treasurer; and T. C. Laningham, financial secretary. The Rev. George W. Dameron is the pastor.

BISHOP AND MRS. MARVIN FRANKLIN of Jackson, Miss. were speakers for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 18. They spoke on the Methodist mission work in Southeast Asia, an area from which they have just returned. The meeting was held in Fellowship Hall and was followed by a buffet luncheon. The Rev. B. A. Galloway is the pastor.

AT NORTH BATON ROUGE METHODIST CHURCH, a Service of Dedication was held on Dec. 16 for the Lillian Tillery Memorial Library, which was made possible by a generous gift by Mr. Collins Tillery and his daughter, Carolyn. The library is now located in the Primary Department of this church and is under the supervision of Miss Mary Elizabeth McGill. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is the pastor.

THE REV. DANNY STEERE, a student at Perkins School of Theology, brought the message for the Student Recognition Day Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. James Davis Green, a medical student at Tulane, read the Scripture. Others participating in the service were Merrill Goodwyn, Jimmy Kitchens, Darien McKenzie and Richard Ezell, all students at Louisiana Tech. The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is the pastor.

MRS. DOROTHY BROWN, soloist at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, and Mr. Thomas Carter, soloist at First Methodist Church and Touro Synagogue, were guest soloists for the Christmas Vesper Service at Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 23. Guest organist for the occasion was Mrs. Kathleen Thomerson, organist and choir director at Christ Church Cathedral. The Lake Vista pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING of the Golden Age Club of Springhill was held in the Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, Dec. 12. A pageant, "Operational Glory," was presented by the women of Temple Baptist Church and the WSCS of the Springhill Church. The most valuable gift on the Christmas tree was \$250, given by an anonymous donor to the Springhill Methodist Youth Center Building Fund. The Rev. Ralph Cain is the pastor.

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "So Great a Gift" was presented by the Chancel Choir of Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Dec. 16. The director was Kitty Gaushell, the narrator was Fayette Atkinson and the accompanist was Ruby Eubanks. On Dec. 23, the Chapel Choir of this church presented the cantata "Night of Miracles" with the same director and accompanist and with Ervie Ellender as narrator. The Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the pastor.

STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY was observed at First Methodist Church, Lake Providence, Dec. 30, with college students participating in the morning worship service. Miss Frances Nell Erwin spoke on the subject "The Wesley Foundation and the College Student." Miss Kathryn Neal led the responsive reading and Miss Janet Proctor read the Scripture. Ushers were Thomas Terral, Robert Neal, Mike Marchbanks and Timothy Terral. Mrs. Eugene Practor, WSCS Secretary of Student Work, sponsored a supper party for the students following the evening service. The Rev. Alvin P. Smith is the pastor.

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The Sunday School Lesson

JAMES W. WORKMAN



Lesson for January 20, 1963: "RESISTANCE TO THE WORK OF CHRIST"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-3:6.
Printed Text: Mark 2:3-7, 15-17, Mark 3:1-6.

MEMORY SELECTION: You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. Matthew 10:22.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand the care of Jesus for persons and the opposition that his ministry provoked from less careful persons.

The New Testament has been described as a testament of triumph amid troublous times. The baptism of John brought him into conflict with the ruling powers that finally ended his life by beheading. Jesus took up the work where John left off and he was killed on a cross as a common criminal. We Christians may forget the forging of our faith out of the fires of conflict of the truth of God and the lies of evil minded men.

The lesson today gives the first exposure of the disciples to the flood tide of opposition that the gospel of Christ and his saving work met from ill-fated persons. Between the deaths of John the baptist and Jesus we find a cumulative tide of opposition that confronted his ever enlarging ministry to all sorts and conditions of men. God calls persons to do his will through needs, and resources to meet those needs, and through the joining of the two in the fruits of righteousness. The unsolved mystery of such wonder working of God in the ministry of Jesus is the conflict and opposition that his works of care and mercy called forth from different persons and groups.

Scripture Records of Jesus' Opposition

The printed lesson text records the experiences of Jesus with sins, sinners, and the Sabbath; spiritually vs. legalism. The background scripture is divided into daily readings of 12, 5, 5, 6, 6, verses from Monday through Friday, Matthew 10:16-23, and 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, are the readings for Saturday and Sunday.

These references give the framework in larger perspective for the printed lesson in picturing the care of Jesus for needy persons, and the conflicting attitudes of several groups who took note of his ministry.

The four men who tore up the roof of the house to let down the paralyzed man, so that he could be healed by Jesus, shows great faith on their part. Jesus responded with his healing power to assure the man that his sins were forgiven. Crippled bodies may be healed by the assurance that sins are forgiven. Jesus is Savior of both body and soul. But those who could not do such healings were offended.

Jesus cared for sinners. One who was in the highly hated work of tax levying and collecting was chosen for one of his disciples. Matthew made a banquet for Jesus, after his going to work with him, and this feast and fellowship called down upon Jesus the accusation that he associated with sinful people.

Jesus fulfilled the law of fasting with the "full spirit" of "full living" so that the Pharisees became offended in his free attitude toward the old customs. His attitude toward his disciples'

plucking grain on the Sabbath, and the healing on the Sabbath, provoked the Pharisees in their mercilessness toward human need.

Christians Must Prepare For Opposition

In the disciplines for his disciples, Jesus' attitude toward misunderstanding and persecution was the unforgettable lesson for their own ministries.

They must have sensed the tension in the beginning of Jesus' ministry in becoming the spiritual successor to John the baptist. The minister who takes up the work of a man imprisoned for his ministry steps into no smug security of work or expectancy. He chose disciples who had faced hard circumstances as fishermen and as men of the world of affairs. He led them in his example of frequent prayer for fellowship with God in doing his will. It was in such a company of learners, true and tried, and the power of prayer to guide his work aright, that Jesus' ministry grew and expanded in to an ever widening circle of usefulness and influence.

The last two scripture readings for daily devotion are lessons of confidence in God to lead and support his witnesses through persecutions and conflicts that inevitably arise in the world that does not live by the will of God's righteousness. Paul enjoins his followers to be faithful to God's message of salvation in spite of the difficulties and persecutions and hardships, privations and sufferings that his ministry has encountered.

Dr. Roy L. Smith, in the "Lesson Summarized," in the International Lesson Annual, shows that Christians must expect to "encounter opposition and difficulties". Jesus promised the cross to his followers. Jewish religious officials were offended in Jesus as he forgave sins. Jesus loved to associate with evil men and sinners because they needed him and he needed to help them. He showed them, sinners and priests alike, that persons are more valuable than law and regulations. The church, as the body of Christ, will follow the example of Jesus' ministry as her ministry of caring for needy persons invites opposition from legalists, professional religious exploiters, and persons who feel no need of daily repentance.

The church is the communion of sinners as well as the communion of saints, church members is the New Testament meaning of "saints" in the earliest writing of Paul. People sick in body and mind and soul, in home, and school, and in money matters, will find in the true church the healing fellowship of the living Christ. Every sin is hated but each sinner is loved, by careful grace, in the true church, the body of Christ, in which we are mutually members, one of another.

The Aldersgate Bringing Church

The paralyzed man was brought to Christ by hopeful and self-sacrificing men, who literally displaced the house's roof to get the invalid to the healing touch of the valid savior, Jesus. Jesus gave his faith, spiritual healing, as well as physical forgiveness. They are closely inter-related in the total wholeness of man. No physical barrier could prevent these lifting four-friends from getting the help that they believed could be

given to the paralytic. Opposition of the wall that opposed their progress could not prevent their getting to Christ. Christians in this Aldersgate year will be breaking down barriers of frustration and misplaced emphasis to bring the sick to the wholeness that Christ can bring. Are we as sure that prayer, companionship, and a helping hand, do as much or more good than the psychiatrist, therapist, and the fortuneteller? Each has his place! Jesus forgave sins and provided opposition of those who thought otherwise.

Forgiveness of Sins Has Healing Power

To be relieved of a sense of guilt is one of the healing effects of religious faith and repentance. Jesus forgave the paralytic's sins. Jesus showed his authority to forgive sins and this was blasphemy to the scribes, who were the interpreters of the Jewish law. Their view of Jesus' forgiving sins was that it was blasphemy. God was slandered by such assumption of divine forgiveness. Such sacrilege was punishable by death, according to the Hebrew law. Jesus was speaking for the heavenly father, who had invested all power in his son, Jesus. His healing and forgiveness of sins should have been accepted by the scribes as God's manifest revelation. Instead, they were offended and "scandalized" by Jesus' healing and forgiveness. Their expression and their controversial tone "in their hearts" was evident to Jesus as a major resistance to his work as the Son of Man.

Jesus Meets Resistance from the Best People—Pharisees

The Pharisees saw Jesus feasting with sinners and publicans and asked "Why?" The Pharisees were a sect of Jews who kept the law of Moses with strict observance. They would not associate with such a group as Jesus feasted with. They were "up in arms" about Jesus' violation of the law of Moses in feasting with sinners and thus becoming "unclean."

The most faithful church people were the Pharisees. Some scholars say that Jesus was more of a Pharisee than he was a Sadducee, zealot (Herodian) or Essene. The oral teaching about the law of Moses was also violated by Jesus in eating with unclean persons, sinners. The reply of Jesus to the resistance the scribes and Pharisees expressed was that the sick need a physician, and not the healthy. The sinners that he was eating with needed spiritual fellowship and help. Jesus was sent from the heavenly Father to give help to all in need. How could he keep from being with them in their need and giving them help?

Might not Jesus have meant also that the scribes and Pharisees, who did not see their own spiritual sins, were really in need also of spiritual healing? The Pharisees and scribes considered Jesus a threat to their legally ordered life, according to the law of Moses, and they conferred with others to do away with Jesus.

Sabbath Saints Are Offended In Jesus' Observance

Of all the laws of Moses, the Sabbath is outstanding for regular calendar observance. Violations of this fourth commandment of Moses was an easily conspicuous violation. So, when Jesus healed the man with the withered arm on the Sabbath day the deep wrath of witnesses against Jesus fomented plans to get rid of him. It was a death penalty crime to not observe the Sabbath. Their conspiracy against him would seem to be their conscientious religious duty.

Are there people in the church today who observe the forms of Sunday observance, which forms prevent them from doing deeds of forgiveness and healing? How are forgiveness and healing related? Can you think of experiences where body, mind and spirit are inter-related with one's spiritual and physical health? Are the people who most need the church being invited to the church by the lives of Christians? Are we as ministers of Christ meeting the spiritual needs of the truly most needy ones in our church's constituency? Is there any day of greater spiritual freedom for the Christian than the Lord's day?



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Queen Elizabeth II contrasted the Star of Bethlehem with Telestar in her recent Christmas message to the British people. "Unless the message of this new star is the same as that of the wise men, our wisdom will count for naught," she said. Observing the immensity of the future opening up to mankind, Queen Elizabeth remarked that people need to follow some star. Scientific advances, such as Telestar, she went on, "make us stop and think about what sort of picture we are presenting to each other."

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, stressed in his Christmas message from Geneva that it is "imperative" for churches to demonstrate unity and that world peace is "not a hopeless task." "Because God reconciled men to Himself," he declared, "it is imperative that the churches should seek to manifest the power of that reconciliation in true unity. Because God made peace with men, it is not a hopeless task to create peace among men."

One Christmas gift suggested for the President Kennedy family was easing up on the sale and broadcast of the record "First Family." Msgr. Francis W. Carney, director of the Family Life Bureau for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, recommended that an ideal gift for the first family would be "the restoration of reverence for President Kennedy, his lovely wife and their two children. His recommendation came as he protested efforts to promote the humorous record that has taken the country by storm."

Presiding Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in a Christmas letter, appealed to the denomination's 9,810 clergymen to stress the needs of Cuban refugees during their holiday sermons. "As we enjoy Christmas in the warmth and security of our churches and homes," he declared, "I hope you will join with men in remembering the many thousands of people who have come to this country as refugees, especially those who have recently come from Cuba."

The Post Office Department has announced in Washington that it will issue another special Christmas stamp in 1963. In announcing its stamp program for the new year, the department said the stamp issued in 1962 had proved so popular that another would be released next November. No announcement was made of the design for the stamp.

More than 10,000 teenagers, who gathered in Washington for a three-day Capital Teen Convention sponsored by Youth for Christ International were challenged to take the offensive for Christianity in its battle with communism. Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of Youth for Christ, said, "Too often, we as Christians have become defenders rather than crusaders. The early Christian church did not defend the faith—it propagated it."

The 3,250,000-member new Lutheran Church in America, formed last June in the largest Lutheran merger in American history, began functioning formally with the start of the New Year.

In a statement marking the event, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, the denomination's president, paid tribute to "our forefathers who have been stalwart confessors in the past" in the four Lutheran bodies which united.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, has announced plans to build a large "ecumenical center" in that city to further religious understanding among Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews. The center, first of its type under Catholic auspices in the country, will be staffed by Paulist Fathers. Purpose of the institute, Cardinal Cushing said, will be to carry on theological studies and discussions among Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen.

Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, a Protestant theologian well-known for his activities in the Protestant-Catholic dialogue movement, will write a monthly column for *Commonweal*, a weekly journal of opinion published in New York by Cath-



FIRST PLACE WINNER in the annual Pembroville, Ohio, Fair was a float, entered by the local Presbyterian church, which featured a check on "The Bank of Eternal Life" made out to "Whosoever Believeth" and signed "Jesus Christ." The idea came from the Biblical passage: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

olic laymen. The editors announced that the first of Dr. Brown's columns entitled "A Protestant Viewpoint" will appear in the Jan. 4 edition of the publication.

Jewish teenagers provided a baby-sitting service for the members of a Presbyterian church in a suburb of St. Paul, Minn. on Christmas Eve. The Rev. David Ling, pastor of Presbyterian Church-of-the-Way in suburban Shoreview, said many couples would have been unable to attend services but for the sitters who operated the church's nursery.

Some 3,000 Roman Catholic and Protestant pilgrims, mostly Israeli Arabs and members of the Jerusalem diplomatic corps permitted to cross the Israeli-Jordan frontier for the occasion, took part in Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem.

Swift police intervention was recently credited in Jerusalem with preventing a threatened large-scale "anti-proselytizing" outburst at a center operated by the Hebrew Evangelical Society, a Protestant group, in the Mushara section of the city, which is densely populated by Orthodox Jewish immigrants, mainly from Morocco.

The president of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., Dr. Robert L.D. Davidson, has termed as a "compliment" a Communist newspaper's ridicule of plans by the college to acquire a war-ruined London church as a tribute and ultimate memorial to Sir Winston Churchill. "We couldn't be more complimented," said the head of the United Presbyterian school, commenting on a satirical article about the project, which appeared in *Pravda*.

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor who was martyred by the Nazis in 1945, is the central figure in a drama now being seen in churches in Minnesota. The vehicle is "The Cup of Trembling," which has been presented in a number of churches by the Theatre-on-the-Road, Inc. The play tells the story of Pastor Bonhoeffer, who opposed the Nazi regime and lost his life because of it. It describes him as "a witness of Jesus Christ among his brethren."

More Christian missionaries in African cities to reach the "intelligensia" leading new nations has been urged by a Negro mission leader of the United Church of Christ following a three-month visit to Africa. The Rev. Chester L. Marcus, of the church's Board for World Ministries, said "the revolutionary ferment which is shaping the future of Africa is taking place in urban centers."

More than five million people have visited Wartburg Castle near Eisenach, East Germany, a famed retreat of Martin Luther, since the close of World War II. The East German press reports that continuing interest in the castle is evidenced by the stream of visitors. Luther found refuge in the castle following the Diet of Worms.

A Latin American Evangelical Commission for Christian Teaching was recently formed at a meeting in Lima, Peru of Christian educators representing church councils in 11 countries. Among topics discussed were special needs in the preparation of Sunday School courses, Christian literature for young people, training of youth leaders and the formation of regional Christian education committees.

In a resolution adopted by the newly-constituted General Synod of five Dutch Reformed bodies in South Africa, it has been ruled that no member of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa may join a Masonic lodge or associate with the Masonic movement in any way whatsoever.

Decision, monthly magazine of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, published in Minneapolis, Minn., has passed the million mark in circulation. This record has been achieved in only two years, a feat believed unprecedented in religious periodical publishing. The October issue was sent to 1,001,883 paid subscribers in the United States and Canada.

Lack of unity between the British Free Churches has been deplored "a humbling and rebuking fact" by the Rev. Howard S. Stanley, general secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. He spoke at a rally in Albert Hall, London, commemorating the tercentenary of the "Great Ejection" of 1662, when thousands of Anglican clergymen rejected the Act of Uniformity which would have required them to accept a revised Book of Common Prayer to which they objected.

Edgar E. Cayard

He gives his time and energy freely to his church.

Edgar E. Cayard was born in Algiers and has continued his residence there from birth. He attended grammar school in Algiers, then Warren Easton High in New Orleans, and after that at University College of Tulane University.

In 1933 he left the Old Canal Bank in Algiers where he had been manager and joined the Whitney National Bank, working there until 1944. In 1944 he left the banking fraternity and joined the local firm of Mothe Funeral Home and Insurance Company as Office Manager. In 1950 he again became associated with the Whitney National Bank, Algiers Branch, as Assistant Manager. He is presently an Assistant Vice President of the bank. He enjoys an outstanding reputation in banking circles.

Mr. Cayard has been a devout and faithful member of the Algiers Methodist Church. He has given freely of his time and energies to his church. For the past 45 years, he has served it as Superintendent of its Sunday School, a post he first acquired when he was only 17 years of age. He is a member of its official Board. Among his other church honors include membership on the Board of City Mission and Church Extension of which he has been Treas-



urer for 25 years. He is a Trustee of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation and a member of the Board of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches. In 1956 he was honored by being selected as Outstanding Method-

ist Layman of the New Orleans Area.

Mr. Cayard has been active in the Civic Life of the Community. He has served his community and the Community Chest—now the United Fund—the Heart Fund, the steering Committee of the Red Cross as well as active participation with the Boy Scouts of America. During World War II. Mr. Cayard devoted much time to membership on the Draft Board.

Mr. Cayard's home life is an example for everyone. After marrying Miss Grace Fuqua, originally from Nashville, they lived on Bodenger Boulevard. Here they have raised their son and daughter—both college graduates and both married. They are blessed with three grandsons.

Among his other memberships, are Saints John Lodge #153, F. & A. M.; Saints John Chapter No 98 R. A. M.; American Institute of Banking and the Chamber of Commerce.

Because of his qualifications and example within the Four Categories of the award—Home, Religion, Community and Business Life—Mr. Edgar E. Cayard was named the Outstanding Citizen of New Orleans Westside for 1962.

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NATIONAL MEETING SET

The National Methodist Lay Committee on Evangelism will meet Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. The committee is promoting the establishment of units of "The Twelve" in Methodist churches, and primary attention will be given to this program.



BISHOP WALTON, center, stands with the host pastor, left, the Rev. E. A. Keasler, and District Supt. Ed Haug during the recent dedication ceremonies of the Church School Education Building of Mangham Methodist Church.

Amid much talk and writing about "doors closing on missions" comes one encouraging report of a door that has been closed for four years and is now opening again. From newly-independent but still-troubled Algeria, the Board of Missions in New York has received word that two mountain mission stations are to be reactivated, with missionaries being sent there for the first time since 1958.

Youth Christmas Party

First Methodist Church of Chatham entertained the youth of the entire community from 12 years of age through college age with a banquet December 12th in the church Fellowship Hall. It was an old fashioned Christmas Party with "Grandpa" and "Grandma" Greer inviting all their "grandchildren" to attend. About 60 accepted the invitation and they enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Dinner followed by special music and group singing led by Mrs. Leon Scott and Mr. Loy Baird. "Grandpa" read a special version of "The Night Before Christmas" and "Grandma" got down to serious business with a poem entitled "Nothing to Give" and two film strips about The Christmas Story. The Rev. Leon C. Scott is pastor of the church.



"Grandpa" welcomes all.



Happy "grandchildren".



It's time to eat.



Naturally camera-shy.



A group of the cooks.



WOMAN'S PAGE



January Focus on Mission Study in Local Churches



Alice Alsup



C.C. Chien

BROADMOOR CHURCH, SHREVEPORT, STUDIES "RIM OF ASIA"

Shreveport Broadmoor Methodist Church's January Sunday night mission study, "RIM OF EAST ASIA" is featuring three nationally recognized guest speakers, Dr. C. C. Chien, Miss Alice Alsup and Dr. Joe J. Mickle.

The church-wide mission study, presented by the Commission on Missions with Mrs. Tom A. Harrell, chairman, has coordinated plans with Dr. James T. Harris, pastor, Rev. Joe E. Fogle, assistant pastor, and Rev. John W. Hasler, minister of education, in presenting this program.

The family mission program includes Sunday night snack suppers from 6 to 6:40 p.m., planned by Mrs. M. P. Watson, with "table-time" entertainment to complement the oriental theme of the study. The last Sunday night supper, Jan. 27 will be a complete oriental meal. Joseph M. Running features special music each night from 6:40 to 7:00 in the sanctuary and opening meditations for each program are presented by J. Hugh Watson, Frank Harris, G. M. Anderson, and Dr. Harris. Study activities for all age groups follows at 7 p.m. The adult program follows: Jan. 6, "Political, Cultural & Economics Background of East Asian Countries," featured Dr. C. C. Chien, Contractor-Labor Relations Specialist and former Deputy Council of China in New Orleans. Jan. 13, "Education on the Mission Field," Miss Alice Alsup, missionary to China for 30 years, now retired. Jan. 20, "Strength & Weakness of Methodist Missions in East Asian Countries," Dr. Joe J. Mickle, President of Centenary College and past missionary teacher to Japan for 20 years. Jan. 27, "Man on the Door Step," followed by a study summary by Mrs. James T. Harris.

The children are studying how other children live on the "Rim of East Asia." Youth groups participate in adult sessions, except January 20 when Dr. T. Chen, Chinese medical doctor from Barksdale AFB will discuss for them "Religions of the Rim of East Asia."

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MRS. LESLIE McKENZIE was the speaker for the general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Dec. 4. She used as her subject "Unto Us a Child is Born" and used colored slides of great masterpieces to illustrate the nativity story. Mrs. Ralph Shirley was soloist for the program. The pastor is the Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr.

LAKE CHARLES, FIRST CHURCH SERIES

A 9-weeks' Sunday Evening Adult Fellowship was just finished at First Church, Lake Charles, where Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor. Another series began on Dec. 30th.

Three classes were offered, after the fellowship supper, "Depth Study of Romans" was taught by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, assisted by Dr. C. E. Hart and Miss Juanelva Rose. This class had



Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy teaches the "Depth Study of Romans".

"Our Society has been inspired and strengthened by her service and devotion." With these words Miss Bessie Hampton was given an Honorary Life Membership by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Vinton Methodist Church. Mrs. Howard Jardell presented the pin to Miss Hampton at her home following the December meeting of the Society.

Miss Bessie has been a member of the Methodist Church for over sixty years. Her membership has been in Vinton except for a few years when she lived in Lake Charles. Her activities have been many. She was a charter member of the Ladies Aid, an organization that later became the Missionary Society, that with unification became the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has served in many capacities in these organizations. In 1945 in Vinton she was one of five members that kept the local organization an active society. She served one term as Zone leader and often went as delegate to state and

Miss Bessie Hampton Honored



Miss Bessie Hampton (left) receives Honorary Life pin from Mrs. Howard Jardell, president of the Vinton Society.

local meetings. Perhaps her outstanding service was as a teacher of a young people's Church School class. Many today recall her interest and devotion as their teacher.

Jurisdiction Meeting in Tulsa

Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the site of the annual meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, convening February 12-14. Using the theme "BECAUSE, Jesus Christ is Lord," the program begins afternoon on Tuesday and will close by noon on Thursday.

Dr. Theodore Palmquist, pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., will give the keynote address on Tuesday night. Bishop Paul Gallo-way, resident of the San Antonio, Texas, area, is scheduled to picture missions through the eyes of one re-

cently traveled in South America. Dr. Finis Crutchfield, host pastor, will ad-

THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION of First Methodist Church, Plaquemine, were invited to the annual Woman's Society of Christian Service Christmas Tea at the parsonage on Dec. 4. A feature of the program was the decoration of the "money tree" for the benefit of McDonnell Methodist Homes, Houma; Wesley Community Center, Oklahoma City; and India. Mrs. James Christie, wife of the pastor was the hostess.

BROADMOOR CHURCH, BATON ROUGE, STUDIES "RIM OF ASIA"

Dr. Keith Mason, Methodist physician who has spent some time operating in Methodist mission hospitals in Africa, started the Broadmoor Mission studies on January 6, at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Joe Mickel, who was a missionary in Japan, will lead the adults in the study of mission work in Japan on January 13. Mrs. Edward R. Thomas, of Hammond, will lead a study of mission work among migrant workers in the local church in Baton Rouge on January 20. Adults of the church will visit in "Open House" in junior and primary mission studies the evening of January 27. At this time "Open House" will be extended to the nursery and kindergarten departments according to announcement by Mrs. W. H. Hollens-head, superintendent of the children's division. The children will study mission at 11:00 a.m. in January. Seniors will hold their mission study at 9:40 a.m. Junior High boys and girls will study "The Gospel at Work in Korea" in their 6:30 p.m. study. Rev. Barry Bailey is the pastor.

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BOGALUSA GUILD STUDY

The Wesleyan Service Guild and the Doris Crichlow Guild of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bogalusa recently completed the study course "The Churches Mission and Persons Needs" under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Weeks. During this study course of four meetings a playlet, "Five In the Living Room," was presented by a group of the members.

Special guests spoke on different fields of interest. Mrs. H. H. Lavinghouse gave a detailed report on the Department of Welfare; Miss Marion Mills, visiting teacher of Bogalusa schools, gave a discussion on the work she does to help children in Washington Parish; the Reverend Bruce Shepherd of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Bogalusa, told of the Guidance Center and the work it accomplishes; Mrs. E. J. Villarrubia spoke on the Alexander Milne Home in New Orleans, a school for girls; Lawrence Sheridan, State Representative, gave a detailed talk on the Guidance Village which is soon to be built to help underprivileged children; and the Reverend Robert B. Crichlow, local Methodist Minister, reported on things members of the Guild could do in fulfilling the purposes of the course.

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dress the group during the Meditation Hours. Miss Betty Letzig, Deaconess, recently returned from a year in England as an exchange Deaconess, will speak on the work of the deaconess.

The program will also feature the 75th anniversary celebration of Deaconess Work in the U.S.A., presentation of the Charter of Racial Policies, introduction of missionaries and deaconesses, and the annual Pledge Service.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Peace Must Be Defined

BEYOND EASE OF MIND—A new year has dawned. If I were to ask you, "Do you want peace?" a mighty chorus would answer "Yes!" But when we say that we desire peace, what do we have in mind?

In view of the tense world situations, most of us, no doubt, would think of peace between nations. When our world news and the budget of our nation so emphasize the fear of future war, all godly people pray fervently for international peace, for in sober thought they know that global conflict in this nuclear age would be the suicide of our civilization.

But suppose that we were able to resolve the present tensions and to organize the family of nations under world law, would we then have peace?

And suppose we could organize our national economy to do away with industrial and racial conflicts. Some of us would still remain at strife within our social circles, even our families. A lot of people are so concerned about the frictions in their situations near at hand that they give little thought to large social and world problems. Many of us recall the letter reported to have been written during the past war by a soldier to his wife back home, begging her to stop nagging him so that he could "fight the war in peace."

And suppose we were domestically serene and economically secure. We might still be anxious about our health and torn by our temptations. The late Rabbi Joshua Liebman began his best-selling book "Peace of Mind," with the statement that in his youth he had made a list of earthly desirables—health, love, riches, beauty, talent, power, fame and a few others. He showed his list to a wise old friend, who told him that he had left out one ingredient without which each other possession becomes a hideous torment. That one thing is peace of mind. When the world around us is in such disarray, let us find what peace we can within us.

But like all good programs, the search for peace of mind can become selfish and soft. We must not seek the peace of personal comfort, undisturbed by the stern realities around us. We must seek the true peace which God gives.

God would have each of us seek first to stop the war within himself. And to those persons who receive Him as the ruler of their lives, He brings the peace of an ordered life. When God takes command of a life, He fastens down the ballast, He clears the decks, He organizes the crew of interests which keeps the person going. In short, He makes life shipshape. God shows us what things should have priority, what are ends and what are means; He gives us singleness of eye so that we are not distracted by sideviews, and singleness of purpose so that we are not diverted by side-issues.

The best preserved person I have ever known is Bishop Herbert Welch of the Methodist Church. When he reached his eightieth birthday with such serenity of spirit and alertness of mind that he was the marvel of a large company gathered to honor him, he said: "As I get older, life becomes simpler because I see the essentials more clearly in the evening light."

Last November I participated in a dinner of 1,100 people honoring Bishop Welch on his one hundredth birthday. Still full of vitality, he addressed his audience for forty minutes with clear voice and cogent logic. From his new book, "As I Recall My Past Century," he quoted these significant sentences: "God has not made a world in which security and ease and happiness are the highest attainments, but rather a world for watchfulness, for work, for struggle and for suffering as a normal part of the full life."

"Among the virtues and graces which enter into the ideal of the Christian life, I have come to set almost the highest value on humility compassion (not pity), understanding (rather than mere tolerance), love above and beyond the call of duty, sharing (togetherness) and good cheer."

As we listened to the bishop looking back over his amazingly useful hundred years and looking forward with confidence to the eternal future, we felt that he was experiencing what Saint Paul called "the peace of God which passes all understanding."

The peace of this world is deliverance from tribulation; the peace of God is the result of deliverance from turbulent self-interest. As the Christ approached His crucifixion, He said: "My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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THE BAPTISMAL FONT in the Southlawn Community Methodist church of Chicago also represents an unusual act of interreligious cooperation. The Rev. Leonard H. Lowe, pastor, above, has expressed the thanks of his congregation to a Roman Catholic priest for having helped secure many of the art objects in the church from Italy through the help of Father Adolph Nalin, pastor of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic church.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

NEW BOOKS THAT YOU CAN BORROW

The Laymen's Lending Library has just received several fine books which you readers should see and read. All of these mentioned here are published by the John Knox Press. They can be rented from the library, or bought from the Cokesbury Book Store in Dallas, or I can order them for your own library.

STEWARDSHIP UNLIMITED by John S. McMullen (96 pages, \$1.25) is, in my opinion, a long-sought true definition of the word, "Stewardship." To many lay people and ministers it has little connotations beyond the raising of the budget. This book treats the stewardship of money in a clear and a forthright manner. But it also treats use of time, both at work and play; use of vocation and hobbies; use of one's devotional life; the Christian home; and the Christian's stewardship to the world around him. Great for private reading or for group study.

THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE GOSPELS by R. V. G. Tasker (112 pages, \$1.50) is written by a British professor and will be very useful to the student who, having read the New Testament, is anxious to dig more deeply into the meaning of the Good News of Jesus.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE IN A SCIENTIFIC AGE by Albert M. Wells (160 pages, \$3.75) comes from the pen of an able scientist who heard the call of God to the ministry. The whole book seems to be written on the thesis—mentioned in his preface—that "... in the modern world a man must be able to be a theologian (either professional or lay, it does not matter) and a scientist at the same time." If the so-called quarrel between science and the Bible is bothering you, you need to read this book.

JESUS, MY SON by Helen Rayburn Caswell (48 pages, \$2.00) is a beautiful little story, supposedly told by Mary, mother of the Christ. It is done in sensitive poetic style that will appeal especially to women.

LITTLE ONES TO HIM BELONG by Lenore Back Frimoth (96 pages, \$2.50) is a tender narrative, told by a mother who lost her little three-year-old girl. If you have lost a precious little one, this book will be of great comfort. In fact, it will help anyone who has had to face the mystery of death.

If you have not joined the Lending Library, you may do so upon payment of \$1.50 annual dues. For more information, write to me at Box 565, Jonesboro, Ark.



Devotional Resources

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Aldersgate

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It was in May 225 years ago that John Wesley went unwillingly to a chapel for evening worship. He had been troubled about the assurance of salvation. Peter Bohler had been quite direct in asking about his soul's salvation. John Wesley had not been able to give a satisfactory answer, nor could he put it out of his mind after he left Mr. Bohler. There may have been several experiences during the day that influenced Mr. Wesley to reach the climactic moment when he did receive the assurance he was seeking. The fact that he was sure that his very own sins were forgiven, and that he "was saved from the law of sin and death," warmed his heart with a fire that burned more than fifty years of an active life.

As we begin a new year it is customary to make new resolutions. We have taken stock of the old years and would like to make the new year an improvement over past failures. This is a good exercise for anyone, and yet it fails to meet the deeper need of the spirit. Our need is for a power outside ourselves to possess and control us.

This is something of what came to Mr. Wesley at Aldersgate. He was aided by the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish what he had never been able to do with all his high resolves and good deeds. Reading again the experiences of John Wesley we seek a power outside ourselves. God's Spirit will empower us to fulfill God's noble purposes for our lives.

That which followed Mr. Wesley's moving experience at Aldersgate is told in large measure in the Journals of John Wesley. Not only was John Wesley's life changed by this experience, it changed the lives of multitudes who came under the influence of his preaching. There was bitter opposition, but this was a need in the life of people in his day. His Journal recounts case after case of persons who came to break up the meeting of the group or society only to come under conviction of their need of God's Grace. It was not only John Wesley's great mind, his powerful persuasion, or any other of his many talents, it was the power of God's Spirit working through his life.

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Before any man begins arguing he ought to be sure he knows the definitions of the words he uses.

Build A Devotional

WHY STAND GAZING INTO HEAVEN

Acts 1:11, RSV

One of the characteristic attitudes of the early Church is expressed by the risen Christ, who asks, "Why stand looking into heaven?"

At time of death we often remain standing, looking into heaven. This is natural for we all mourn our loved ones. We long for a reunion some day. We gaze into heaven, wondering and speculating how it will be. But we can never know, short of the experience itself.

Perhaps we are guilty of looking into heaven, hoping that heaven will cure all our ills. Each of us have physical, mental, neurotic, and spiritual ills. We long for heaven, a place where we'll be well. This is a great hope, and anyone with much pain knows the need for such hope.

But do you ever get the feeling that our looking to heaven to cure our ills is a sort of evasion. Perhaps we are not really ready to admit we're sick, or that sin and hatred are the cause of our difficulty. If we are to find a cure, we must face the reality that these things do exist in our lives. Jesus knew that when men have bitterness against one another that true worship becomes impossible until reconciliation takes place.

There are some who stand gazing, saying, "I won't get straightened out financially till I die." It seems that most of us have forgotten the early maxim of Methodism to "earn all you can; save all you can; and give all you can." We do try to earn all we can, give what we can get by with, and

save none at all!

The truth is that most of us are too far in debt to be comfortable. We have learned to live beyond our income, and take such living for granted. Perhaps I sound hopelessly outdated, but I do believe we ought to try desperately to live on what we make, and save a little for emergency.

We look to heaven to cure us of the social ills of war and unbrotherliness, and rarely consider that this may be our main task on earth. John's great vision of the New Jerusalem describes how men of all nations will walk the streets together there, but we never stop and think that this is the way God hopes it will be on earth.

Jesus asked, "Why stand looking into heaven?" The rebuke is, "Why aren't you going to work?" Why aren't you witnessing to God's love? Start doing the work of the Kingdom now. Heaven begins right here, in our hearts and lives. Why then stand looking? Let's so live that heaven shall come on earth.

—William M. Wilder
Heber Springs Methodist Church

Let The Children Come

As we begin this new year, 1963, perhaps more than anything else we need to study the Bible. Each Sunday at Sunday School we learn from the Bible the verses that will help us the most. We study about how we got our Bibles. We learn about the lands and peoples of Bible times. Often during the week days we just drift along forgetting to read and study the Bible. So for a few weeks let us all read together certain well chosen Bible passages.

There are three ways that I am going to ask you to study these verses: first, turn in your Bibles and mark the passages. No one should mind a tiny mark in the Bible for it shows us later that this is one of the verses we have read before. (It is quite another matter to damage this valuable book by marks that have no meaning.) Second, read this verse aloud, either to your family or just to yourself. Many parts of the Bible sound like poetry and music when read aloud. Third, memorize at least a part of this passage. It is not so important that many verses be learned by memory as it is that we make them a part of our thinking and acting.

Right in the middle of your Bible is the Book of Psalms. The dictionary says that a psalm is a "religious song or prayer." Many times we hear them referred to as the "songs of David" because it is thought that they were written by David. There are the songs of the shepherds, the praises of worshippers, the thanksgiving poems and the ones that reveal men's needs for forgiveness and help. Let us look at some of these, remembering to use the three suggestions each time:

Psalms 56: 3-4

Psalms 95: 1-7

Psalms 103: 1-2

Psalms 104: 10-14

Psalms 104: 24-26

... Aunt Feather

Poem For The Week

RETALIATION

How often, for some trivial wrong,
In anger, we retaliate,
We learn, although it takes us long,
That life is far too brief for hate.

—Margaret E. Bruner
from Poems That Touch The Heart
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WESLEY FOUNDATIONS NAME NEW OFFICERS

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Rev. Paul Stopenhagen, director of the Wesley Foundation at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., is the new national president of the Association of Wesley Foundations.

Other new officers are, vice-president, the Rev. Dr. James William Morgan, pastor of University Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, and, secretary, the Rev. Robert L. Johnson, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Re-elected treasurer was Ralph Lucas, a lay member of the Wesley Foundation board at Ohio State University, Columbus.

OPEN HOUSE WAS HELD recently at Cotton Valley's First Methodist Church parsonage. At left, greeting visitors were the Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Lynch, Jr., pastor and wife; Board Chairman C. C. Pate and Mrs. Pate;

Mr. J. A. Moody and Mrs. Moody, W.S.C.S. president; and in the center, Mrs. Shirley McClellan registers with Mrs. L. G. Tucker; and at right Mrs. John Townsend and Mrs. O. M. Hooten serve.

Louisiana Area In Photos -



LEADERS IN THE BATON ROUGE District Every Member Visitation Workshops are, from left, Tom Matheny, District Lay Leader; the Rev. Karl Tooke, former Conference Director of Stewardship; and the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Baton Rouge District Director of Stewardship. These three men planned the two workshops set for Amite, Jan. 16, and Winbourne Methodist in Baton Rouge, Jan. 17.



THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD was presented to David Prator in ceremonies Dec. 20 at North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport. Standing here, from left, are Scout Master Bill Byrd; the Rev. George Harkins, pastor; David; Steve Prator, David's brother; and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Prator.



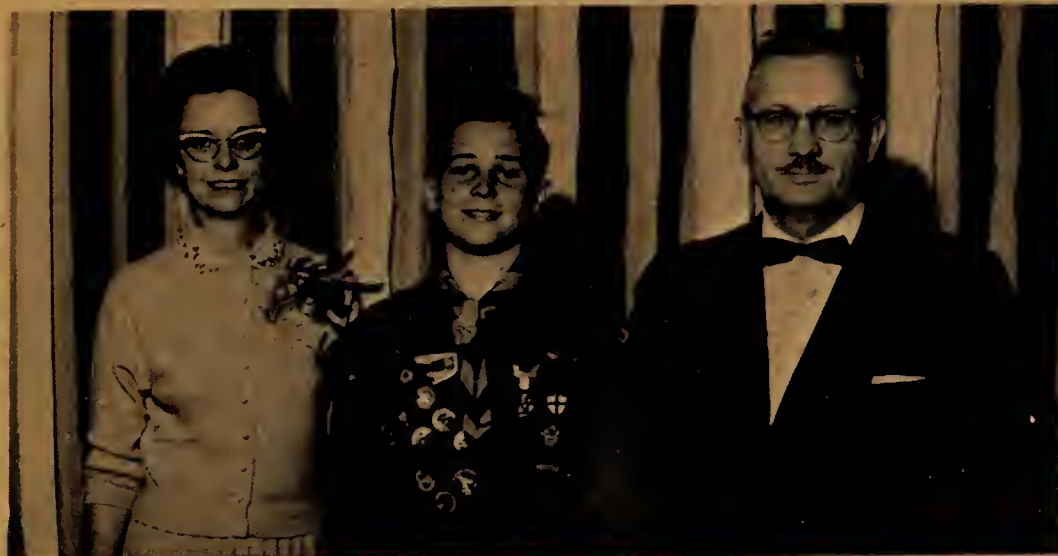
THIS IS THE NEW LaGrange Memorial Methodist Church on the lower end of Bayou Blue. The church was opened for services and laying of the cornerstone Sunday, Dec. 16. The pastor is the Rev. C. D. Pinkard, shown in the picture to the right, second from left. Participating in the cornerstone laying



ceremonies were those pictured, from left, the Rev. A. M. Martin, pastor of Carpenter's Chapel, Baton Rouge district; Mr. Pinkard; the Rev. A. Jerome Cain, Lafayette district supt.; the Rev. Rex Squyres, a former pastor now at Kinder; and the Rev. C. J. Thibodaux, retired pastor of Labadeville.



THE REV. ROY E. MOUSER, pastor of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, is shown with Miss Elizabeth McGill, chairman of the Church Library Committee, at the dedication of the Lillian Tillery Memorial Library, Dec. 16. This library was made possible by a gift from Mr. Collins Tillery and his daughter, Carolyn.



Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Bill.



Dr. and Mrs. Allbritten and Bill.

Student Recognition Services Held At Broadmoor, Shreveport

Student Recognition Day was held the night of December 30, 1962 at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, with the church's college students in charge of the evening service. The service was opened with a very impressive altar time service and the invocation was given by Donald Lackey. The hymns were led by Alice Barnette. Robert Patterson was in charge of the introductions and Bill Anderson read the Scripture lessons.

The choir, made up of thirty-two college students and other youth, all former choir members, presented the anthem, "The Beatitudes" with Tom Arnoldi as soloist. Mrs. Dale Armstrong of Austin, Texas, formerly the director of this choir, was the guest director.

The speaker of the evening was Pete Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrington. He is now a student at Perkins Seminary where he is studying for the ministry.

The ushers for the evening were Bill Hancock, Bob Young, Jack Carlisle, Vic Barnett, Byron Pipes and Sonny Brown.

After the service an Open House for the college and older youth was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Barnett. Mrs. Barnett is Secretary of

NETWORK GETS AWARD

Three recent events testify to the excellence and effectiveness of the Christian mass communications program in which The Methodist Church and other Protestant groups are engaged cooperatively in Korea. The events are:

1. The second national award in two years to the Christian radio network by the Korean Government.

2. A survey showing that Christian station HLKY in Seoul is second in listener popularity only to the government-owned station.

3. Expansion of the mass communications program to include television.

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The American Bible Society last year distributed almost 200,000 copies of the scriptures among the migrant workers, 70 per cent of whom are Mexicans who only read Spanish.

Student Work in the local W.S.C.S. and was in charge of this evening service.

Natchitoches Scouts Earn Eagle Awards

At a recent Boy Scout Court of Honor, two Scouts from First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, received Eagle Scout awards. The boys are Bill Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Davis, a member of Scout Troop 60, sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club, and Bill Allbritten, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Allbritten, a member of Troop 64.

High-ranking scouts escorted the honoree's parents to the stage for the ceremony and orchid corsages were presented to the two mothers after they pinned the awards on their son's uniforms.

Other awards received by scouts of Troop 60 were: Life Scout award, Carl Pearce; Star Scout awards, John Sandefur, Allen Posey and John Sutherland; First Class awards, Edwin Dunahoe, John Sutherlin, Rodney Henry and Conrad Jackson; Second Class awards, Joe Pierson, David Gower, Jim Kirk, Conrad Jackson and Edwin Dunahoe; Tenderfoot badges, Ed Breedlove, Danny Dison, Henry Stephens, Jim Pierson, Harvey Bennett, Craig Cohen, Ricky Whittington, Len Barker, Sherrod Towns and Lee Posey.

The "Go Round-up" patch was awarded to John Sandefur for recruiting two new scouts. A total of twenty-five merit badges were also awarded the boys. Scout Master of Troop 60 is Dorwayne Glover and the Assistant Scoutmaster is Carl C. Keith. The Rev. George Pearce, Jr. is the pastor.

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HERE AND THERE

To thoughtful Americans the most alarming fact at the present time is that we are ceasing to believe in ourselves and in our mission to mankind. . . p. 57

Certainties for Uncertain Times
John Sutherland Bonnell



THIS IS AN INTERIOR view of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, sanctuary where the Rev. Ned L. Stout is pastor. This church building design has won an honor award from the regional architectural association and has previously been given a first award at the Church Architectural Guild of America. Lawrence and Saunders of Metairie were the architects.

Methodist Deaconess Movement in the USA

By Betty Letzig

It is a strange fact of history that German Methodism gave the inspiration for the deaconess movement to Methodism in the United States, for Methodism itself was a gift to Germany from the United States.

Bishop Matthew Simpson, on a visit to Germany in the 1860's studied their deaconess program and returned home advocating the founding of deaconess institutions after the German models. Soon thereafter, Anna Wittemeyer and Susan Fry travelled the country pleading for the expression of Christian benevolence in the founding of hospitals, orphanages, deaconess homes, homes for the aged and other institutions.

In 1872, Susan Fry was to write:

"When will the women of America awake to a sense of their responsibilities? And what great soul filled with love to God and man shall open the way and prepare the means whereby we may be enabled to compete successfully with our sisters of Rome, not only as general charity women but educators and succorers of the unfortunate . . .

"Earnest thinkers upon the subject of 'woman's work in the church' are looking to the Quakers and Methodists to move forward in God's name . . . leading their daughters into the full responsibilities of an entirely devoted Christian womanhood."

Fourteen years later, Miss Jane M. Bancroft (later secretary of the Deaconess Bureau of The Woman's Home Missionary Society in The Methodist Episcopal Church) while studying in Zurich, became interested in the deaconesses and thought of promoting such a program upon her return home.

Little did she know that in her absence such work had already begun. For it is to Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, diminutive in size but exceedingly dynamic in spiritual power and vision, that credit must be given as the founder of the first deaconess training program of the Methodist churches of the United States.

Her own distress over the needs of those she saw about her in the great city of Chicago and her conviction that something must be done for them, but that it must be done not only with good intention but also with skill and Christian training, was the foundation of the movement. With a forceful pen and the magnetism of her own personality, she gained support, ultimately winning approval for the founding of the Chicago Training School by her offer to give her own services as director for one year—a service she continued to give for many of the continuing years.

Begun in 1885, the Training School for City and Home Missions (later the "Chicago Training School") preceded by three years the approval for the establishing of the office of deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Even before this approval was given, some of the graduates of the school had assumed the title of "deaconess" and a "deaconess home," under the direction of Miss Isabella Thoburn, had been operating in Chicago for one year where "eight earnest Christian women worked among the poor, the sick and the needy of that great city without any reward of man's giving."

Thus, Chicago Training School not only furnished trained women to become the first deaconesses but set the pattern for other schools later set up across the country.

Miss Thoburn, who served as the first superintendent of the Deaconess Home in Chicago, was herself a source of great support and inspiration to Mrs. Meyer. In fact, Miss Thoburn's testimony to the great value such training as that offered by Chicago Training School would have been to her on her first term of missionary service in India and Doctor (later Bishop) James M. Thoburn's willingness to present to General Conference the memorial for

the establishment of the deaconess relationship helped gain approval for the establishment of the office in 1888.

to the city hospital because she was not a resident of the city. Her appointment as the first superintendent of The Christ Hospital was the beginning of a great advance.

From the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Association grew not only the Deaconess Home and The Christ Hospital but also a Nurses Training School, a kindergarten, a Bible Training School, a Home for the Aged, and several missions, but also in 1909 Cam-



MISS MARY LOU BARNWELL.....
.....is presently Executive Secretary of
Deaconess Work.

Ill health had forced Miss Thoburn's return from India but while regaining her strength she not only first directed the program in Chicago but at the request of a group of dedicated lay people moved to Cincinnati to become the head deaconess at the newly organized Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Association. Within eleven months after its dedication, on December 23, 1888, this Deaconess Home had had eleven women join the movement.

Christ Hospital Begun

The Christ Hospital had its beginning when Miss Thoburn took home with her a woman she found ill in the streets but who could not be admitted

eron Church for the deaf, the first of its kind in America.

"Bethesda," the first German Methodist Deaconess Home in the United States, likewise found its home in Cincinnati. Louise Golder was the first superintendent when the home was founded on February 29, 1896. Much of the credit for the opening of this phase of the work goes to The Reverend Christian Golder, a brother of Louise, who for many years had been urging the German Conference to open such work.

Miss Golder was well prepared for her superintendency, having first received her deaconess training at Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and

later went to Germany for additional training at Kaiserwerth. She returned to the Elizabeth Gamble Hospital as a co-worker with Miss Thoburn until called to Bethesda.

"The Dorcas Institute," founded by the Bethesda Association as a training school for young women in 1910, was later merged with the Cincinnati Missionary Training School, founded by the Gamble Association, and took the name of "The Cincinnati Training School." Its graduates occupied prominent positions in many States and in many different countries. Its closing, in 1939, meant a real loss, especially to the Deaconess Hospital work.

The beginning of the city mission movement under the Women's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, demanded workers trained to fulfill its objectives. Workers for the foreign field had, since 1893, been trained at Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, Missouri, but as yet no training was provided for workers in the home field.

Recognition

A memorial for the recognition of the deaconess movement was sent to the General Conference of 1902. Despite two years of intensive preparation for such a move, led by Miss Belle Harris Bennett, President of the Woman's Home Mission Society, the proposal met with long and bitter debate on the floor of the Conference. Some feared such an office would lead women to aspire to the ministry and even to the episcopacy. Others feared it was intended to displace ministers. One delegate declared such action could only be called heresy. However, the memorial passed with only thirty-seven dissenting votes.

With the approval for the work of deaconess in the Methodist Protestant Church in 1908 these three branches of Methodism had thus duly recognized and made provision for trained women workers for carrying out the mission program at home as well as abroad.

At Unification of these three branches of Methodism and the forming of The Methodist Church in 1939, all deaconess work was combined and placed within the framework of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions for administration.

A Commission on Deaconess Work was organized, chaired by a bishop and composed of representatives of the general boards and agencies of the church, ministers, and deaconesses. The administrative responsibility is carried by a deaconess who serves as executive secretary. The Commission meets annually and through the work of its committees recommends standards and procedures for enlisting and training young women for deaconess work in The Methodist Church, recommends minimum salary standards and promotes opportunities for continued study and training for deaconesses on assignment, such as convocations, retreats, and international relations seminars.

Thus, through a period of seventy-five years, young women who have been led by the Holy Spirit to devote themselves to Christlike service under the direction of The Methodist Church have offered themselves as deaconesses and have become a part of that endless line of servants of Christ from the time of Phoebe until now.

In Memoriam

Dr. L. M. Spivey

Funeral Services for the Rev. Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, 76, president emeritus of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, were held Dec. 29 in the college chapel.

He died Dec. 27 in a West Palm Beach hospital following a stroke and an operation 10 days earlier for removal of a blood clot.

Dr. Spivey was president of Florida Southern for 32 years, retiring in 1957. Under his guidance the Methodist college expanded from 300 students to more than 2,000, and the building program included the world's largest concentration of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture.

A native of Alabama, Dr. Spivey was dean of Birmingham Southern College before going to Florida Southern. He is survived by his widow, two sons—Myrl, a physician in West Palm Beach, and William, a member of the Florida Southern music faculty, and a daughter, Mrs. Roger Sinigoi of Hollywood, Fla.

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Rev. C. A. Simpson

The Rev. C. A. Simpson, age 67, father of the Rev. Arnold Simpson of Leno, died Dec. 18 at his home at Mena. He was a retired Methodist Minister.

He was licensed to preach in 1916 and had held pastorates in Leno County at two different times.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Miller Simpson; another son, Dr. Amos Simpson of Lafayette, La.; four brothers, Robert Simpson, James Simpson and Logan Simpson all of Mena and Hollis Simpson of Van Buren; two sisters, Mrs. Amos Egger of Cherry Hill (Polk County) and Mrs. Mildred Brown of Mena, and six grandchildren.

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FOUR SPECIAL CASES

Unconventional City Ministries

By Robert E. Henthorn

(Editor's Note: Ministering to people in trailer-courts, business offices, medical centers and industrial plants presents special challenges to the church. This problem is treated in the booklet, *Echoes and Challenges*, published by the Department of City Work of the Division of National Missions as a follow-up to the National Methodist Convocation on Urban Life in America February 20-22 in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Henthorn is a chaplain to industry in Steubenville, Ohio.)

The church exists to serve in the name of Christ rather than to be served. That responsibility extends to the daily work involvement of the individual, as well as the community situation in which he resides. Let us now look briefly at four specific areas of such service, and consider the implications.

Trailer Courts

Trailer courts are now a legitimate part of the community life and organization. The residents frequently have a homogenous spirit among themselves. There are all kinds of trailer camps: for mobile workmen and their families, for seasonal migrants, the permanent resident types and the "high class" trailer camps, sometimes occupied by retired persons. Sanitary conditions are regulated by the local government, the children attend the regular schools and the wage-earner reports to work in the usual manner. However, in the routine social contacts of churches, civic organizations and voluntary associations, the trailer camp occupants are often without benefit of normal contacts.

Many times families living in trailer courts refrain from direct community involvement, because they dislike the rending of close friendships when they move on. Also, the church families often consider the transient nature of the trailer court families and feel that since they are rather temporary residents their support of the church would be temporary at best, so why bother with them.

The fact remains that these are important persons in relation to the Kingdom of God and are worthy of our utmost interest and concern. These persons will respond to the invitation of the church, when presented through regular visitation in the courts, individual invitation to visit with established church families in their homes and the serious sincere invitation to participate in existing fellowship groups in the church.

Business Offices

The church has a responsibility and opportunity to minister to persons in business offices. Members of the church are already members of the business community, and many unchurched are their close associates in the office.

Persons here face many problems, including exacting standards of dress which often exceed their salary scale, individual competition for promotion which may be based on personal preference rather than seniority, and a basic lack of job security, especially in light of increased automation.

Any one of these and a number of other problems are sizeable ones for a person to solve. Once the church, or individuals within the church, understand some of the problems, then that person can share spiritual resources in an attempt to meet these problems.

A concerned Christian can perform a tremendous service to a fellow worker in the office by listening to the problem as a friend and then entering into a common venture with him in handling the problem. Here the resources of one's own personal faith, as well as the fellowship

of a local church, are tangible resources.

Where uniform working hours, coffee breaks and genuine concern exist, brief devotional periods can be conducted for groups within the office, but this should only be attempted with full cooperation of the supervisory personnel. Often a concerned lay person within the groups can conduct the period of devotion. Also churches located in the business district can render a meaningful service by conducting a noon-day meditation period or after-hours counseling service.

Medical Centers

At least four distinct groups of persons are involved at medical centers: the patients and their families, the doctors, the nurses and other skilled persons, and a variety of other personnel. The patients are confined away from home, and some of them are a long way from home. The church must come to them. Many of the others are at work on Sunday at the usual time for worship and religious education.

In larger medical centers, the church often provides a chaplain; however, the majority of our medical centers must rely on volunteer services offered by the local ministerial groups or the spasmodic services of local ministers visiting their individual members, leaving the staff and the strangers unattended. Here again the concerned employee on the staff and the concerned person in the local churches hold the key to the solution.

The church is working to relate to those in the medical centers—through hospital chapels and chaplains, cooperation by churches through councils of churches, training programs to help ministers and laymen to visit helpfully with patients and families, providing opportunities for helpful training for ministerial students in hospitals,

through the distribution of helpful leaflets, with prayer and Bible study groups at times agreeable to doctors and others. Where churches are near centers, they can provide opportunities for worship, fellowship and counseling, and can keep a fellowship room available as well as a place for quiet.

Industrial Plants

In industrial plants, we find at least two basic situations. One is the small industry with a single work schedule, where everyone goes to work at the same time and has the same coffee break and lunch hours. The other is the continuous operation situation, where swing shifts are the rule and uniform coffee breaks or meal times do not exist even within a given department, much less throughout the entire plant.

The first situation lends itself to a conducted meditation period approach in cooperation with management. The second situation necessitates a specialized ministry in the vicinity of the industry on a sustained volunteer participation basis.

In either case, it is essential that those attempting to serve these people pay the price of becoming familiar with the particular work schedules, procedures and problems of both labor and management. Also, there is need to understand the thinking of workmen at various levels. Some people say that the Methodist Church doesn't have the image of a concern for the laboring man. We do well to try to rediscover the image created by John Wesley.

However, it is to be pointed out that before long 85% of the working force will be white collar employees and 15% blue collar. In our Methodist education materials, it is observed that they are slanted for suburbia, the middle-class and the college-oriented. Can we develop a spirit within the fellowship of the church so that laborers feel wanted? Laborers are in the lodges, and there, they experience "a felt fellowship."

Basic to all these attempts to serve people in the name of Christ are the following convictions:

- 1—God through Christ is vitally interested in the daily lives of all persons.
- 2—The nature and presence of God is an asset to all of life's involvements.
- 3—As individuals, we are capable of becoming instruments for the service of God to our fellow men in all areas of life.

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COTTON VALLEY MYF held a progressive supper recently with 25 youths attending, as shown in the pictures here. There was Worship (left)

and Communion (center) in the Sanctuary, and fun and fellowship (right) in one of the homes. The group progressed to six homes for the evening meal and then concluded the program with a ser-

vice of worship and communion in the church as led by the counselor, Mrs. C. B. Miller, and the pastor, the Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr.



THE YOUTH OF LULING Methodist Church recently held a combined pledge service and installation service. Those helping with the pledge service are shown here, from left, Judy Smith, David Adams, Pat Greeson, Don Martin, Sue Hoffman, Mike Adams, Robbie Preddy and Beverly McClammy.

CHRISTMAS AT TROUT Methodist Church included Santa, above, passing out gifts with the help of Cynthia Rogers and Shearer Ann Greer, and below, an attractive focal point prepared by Mrs. George Shelton.



Louisiana Conference

Portraits in Religion



TWO CHRISTMAS SCENES from First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor. The picture to the left shows the live Nativity scene, and the one on the right shows the

pulpit surrounded by poinsettias. The church is currently in the midst of a January program planned to acquaint the people with the work of the church's commissions.



FRANKLINTON'S SENIOR MYF recently held a planning retreat. Here is the group standing around the piano singing during the retreat. Back row, from left, are Donna Ellzey, Judy Alston, Dorothy Felder, Ben Garrett, Jimmy Daniel, Wilfred Welch, Chess Richardson and the Rev. M. D. Felder; second row, Tommie Lou Brumfield, Diane Byrdand Barbara Breedon. At the piano are Judy Poole, Jan Moore and Judy Corkern playing.



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON is shown as he announced to the Area Council the selection of Dr. Henry Bowdon, Sr., as area director. The Council was meeting in First Church, Alexandria, Jan. 10. Dr. Bowdon is seen at Bishop Walton's right, and the Rev. Jack Cooke, secretary of the Area Council is shown at the bishop's left.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
January 12, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

The announcement was made to the Area Council on Thursday of this week of the appointment of Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., to the office of Area Director, effective at Annual Conference in June of this year. This announcement was made in advance in order to permit Dr. Bowdon to begin his preparatory studies with the various boards and agencies of the conference, so that it will be possible to launch the new program in June with more effectiveness as a result of careful planning. Dr. Bowdon is well qualified for the responsibilities of this new office. I am sure that he will have the confidence and support of the entire conference.

Registration for "The Bishop's Conference on the Ministry" to be held at First Church, Alexandria, Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, is gratifying. At this writing seventy candidates have indicated that they plan to attend. This number represents juniors and seniors in high school, college students, and older persons who are thinking seriously of answering the call to the ministry. This conference promises to be an outstanding occasion. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Director of the Department of Ministerial Education of the General Board of Education, will be present, bringing addresses on Friday evening and Saturday morning and also directing on Saturday morning a period for questions and answers. There will be group meetings, general discussions, and a time for personal counseling. If you have someone in your congregation who should attend this conference, there is time yet to get him enrolled.

Every week now I observe new evidence of an increased awareness of the importance of World Service and a deeper dedication to meeting our responsibilities in this field.

Just the other day I received information that Elysian Fields Methodist Church in New Orleans had experienced a fine response on the part of its members in this direction during the months of November and December. This year Elysian Fields accepted a World Division Advance Special for the support of John and Rosie Holmes in India, in the amount of \$600.00 per year. This amount was paid for 1962-63 in November. Also, the church accepted the full askings for World Service this year in the amount of \$1100.00. Over \$1000.00 of this amount was paid by Christmas, and I was told that the balance would be cared for early in January. Congratulations to Elysian Fields! The Reverend Ned L. Stout is the minister and Mr. John F. Reeks is chairman of the Official Board. This is only one of the many encouraging reports which are coming to me in regard to the support of World Service.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton

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Dr. Henry Bowdon To Direct Area Council

Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., pastor of Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, has been named by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton to the new post of Area Director to assist the Bishop in coordinating and promoting the program of The Methodist Church in Louisiana. Bishop Walton made the announcement of the selection to a called meeting of the Area Council at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Thursday, Jan. 10.

Dr. Bowdon will assume the office June 7, along with two associate directors, one a minister and one a layman, who will be named at the time the appointments are read at Annual Conference. The offices of the director and his associates will be in R. E. Smith Building on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport.

The reorganization plan has been under study by the Louisiana Area Council since August, 1961. A committee of eight ministers and eight laymen drew up the plan which was approved by the Area Council in March, 1962 and by the Louisiana Annual Conference in June.

The responsibilities of the Board of Education will be incorporated into the work of the Area Director and his associates, along with the promotion of the program of evangelism, missions, stewardship, lay activities, town and country work and other agencies.

Dr. Bowdon, who is a native of Pelican, La., has served as a district superintendent, first of the Baton Rouge District, from 1935 to 1941, and then in Shreveport from 1948 to 1952. Other recent appointments have included Carrollton Avenue Church, New Or-

leans; First Methodist Church, Alexandria; First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. He has also served in Zachary, Jackson, Keener, Ponchatoula and Arcadia.

He received both his A.B. and B.D. degrees from Southern Methodist University, and in 1947 was granted a D.D. degree from Centenary College.

He has held many responsibilities in the Louisiana Conference serving on the Legal Conference, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, the Board of Directors of the Methodist Home Hospital. He was on the Board of Education for many years, serving as its chairman until the beginning of this quadrennium. He is now chairman of the Conference Committee on Conference Relations.

He is the father of the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., pastor of Abbeville and Pecan Island Methodist Churches, and of Mrs. Seamon A. Mayo, Jr., of Lake Charles.

He has been active in Scouting for many years and is now a member of the National Boy Scout Board and of the Calcasieu Area Council.

Simultaneous Aldersgate Witness Revivals Planned

Simultaneous revival services will be held in every Methodist church in Louisiana during a conference-wide United Evangelistic Mission March 24-April 6. Half of the churches in the state (four districts) will hold revival services the first week, March 24-30, and churches in the other four districts will participate the following week, March 31-April 6.

These revivals will be a high point for Louisiana Methodists in their observance of "Aldersgate Year." 1963 has been designated "Aldersgate Year" for Methodists throughout the world in observance of the 225th anniversary

of John Wesley' heart-warming experience of "spiritual renewal." While a young man, Mr. Wesley attended a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, May 24, 1738, where someone was reading Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. It was during this time that Mr. Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine . . ." John Wesley was the founder of Methodism.

Plans for these simultaneous revival services have been under the direction

of Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, head of the Louisiana Area; and the Conference Board of Evangelism: Dr. James T. Harris, secretary, and the Rev. A. A. McKnight, chairman. Each local pastor will invite as his guest preacher for the five-day revival some other Louisiana Methodist minister not in the same district. The guest ministers will not receive any pay for holding the services.

The Alexandria, Lake Charles, Shreveport, and Monroe districts will hold their revivals the first week, beginning March 24, and the Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Orleans, and Ruston districts



Dr. Bowdon



Area Director Named

A YEAR OF INTEREST and concern in the new plan of organization for the program of Louisiana Methodist reached its climax on January 10, when Bishop Walton announced to the Area Council, meeting in Alexandria, that he was naming Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr. to be the director of the new Area Council Staff which will come into being following the 1963 Annual Conference.

All of Methodism will be watching the development of the Area Council staff plan in Louisiana and we are sure that Dr. Bowdon brings to this important post maturity and judgment that will guide the program in such a manner that credit will reflect on our Area and others will be patterning their conference and area reorganization plans along these same lines.

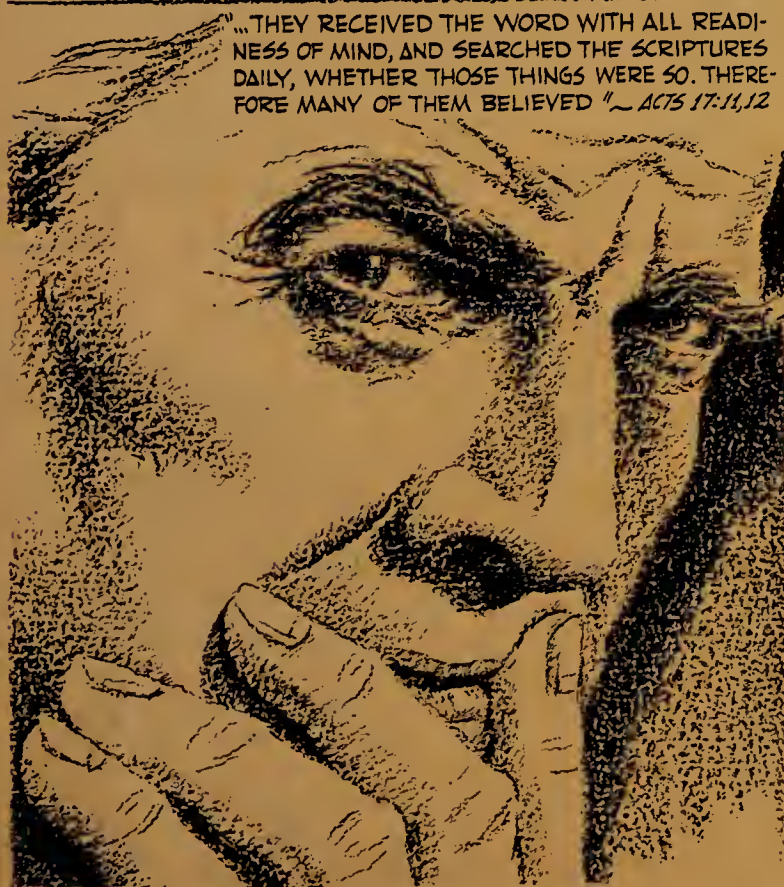
We felt that when Bishop Walton announced his choice for Area Director there was unanimous approval of the choice. Dr. Bowdon has earned for himself a stature in Louisiana Methodism and throughout the church that commands respect. We are sure that when someone at the meeting referred to him as "the elder statesman" of Louisiana Methodism he accepted it graciously as a badge of honor.

For any of our readers who are not altogether familiar with the plans now being implemented we would remind them that the Area Council authorized a committee to study the conference looking to possible reorganization in August, 1961. In March, 1962 the plan was submitted to the council for its approval. On the recommendation of the Area Council the plan was adopted at the 1962 Annual Conference to be put into effect in 1963.

In addition to the choice of Dr. Bowdon as director, we would like to point out to Louisiana Methodists the commendable care with which every step has been taken concerning this plan. Many things will be done under this program that are drastically different but these changes will be graciously commended

"...BEING ENLIGHTENED..." EPH. 1:18

"THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS OF MIND, AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO. THEREFORE MANY OF THEM BELIEVED" ~ ACTS 17:11,12



by the careful planning from which they have evolved.

Between now and Annual Conference, two associate directors will be chosen to complete the staff. We know the Holy Spirit will guide these selections to the end that new power will be released through the witness of the program of Louisiana Methodism.



The Deaconess Anniversary

TWO MOST SIGNIFICANT anniversaries in Methodism, will be observed in 1963. We are all alert to the importance of the Aldersgate Commemoration. Perhaps we are not all as aware of the great importance of the observance of the 75th Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement.

Since the impetus for this movement came to this country from Methodism in Germany there has been an expanding opportunity for Christian witness for these women who head the "call" to dedicate themselves as deaconesses. Chicago and Cincinnati were the cities in which the movement was first organized. Even before the General Conference of 1888 officially established the deaconess relationship, a group of women, influenced by reports of what was being done in Germany, responded to an appeal of Anna Wittemeyer and Susan Fry, to express their Christian benevolence in the founding of hospitals, orphanages, deaconesses homes and homes for the aged.

The current issue of World Outlook quotes Frances E. Willard as saying, "Not action more fully freighted with hope for humanity gilds the sunset glories of the Nineteenth Century, than the re-establishment of the order of Deaconess in almost every branch of the Church Universal."

During almost four years of ministry in Ohio we were greatly impressed with the record of the deaconesses in that state, centering around the Bethesda and Christ Hospitals, The Bethesda Deaconess Home and two outstanding homes for the aged in Cincinnati.

The hope wrapped up in the 75th Anniversary Commemoration is that a new passion will develop among the young women of Methodism resulting in a sharp upsurge in recruitment for this most important work. We trust that young women in Arkansas and Louisiana will give serious consideration to joining their sisters now at work as deaconesses in these two states.



CIRCULATION WEATHER

On last Tuesday we were reminded that one year earlier your editor had worked alone to get the paper to the printer because the weather was so bad that no other member of the staff could get to the office. We were also reminded that this was the week of the 1962 Circulation Campaign and we never did recover the backset caused by the weather.

Because of both of these things we have thought throughout the year of the kind of weather we would like to have during the week of Jan. 6-13, 1963. It became almost an obsession with us as we were kept alert to just how serious was our need of another fine Circulation Campaign like 1961.

All during the week before last we could not fully enjoy the delightful springlike weather because it seemed to reduce the possibility that we could have the same kind of weather one week later. We never did seriously consider making a deal with North Little Rock's rainmaker, Homer Berry, but we did whisper our concern more than once in our private devotions.

Well, we almost made it through the week and we have lifted our voice in thanksgiving for the delightful days we have had in the first two weeks of 1963. We are now confident that our preachers and their workers have also been inspired by the beautiful weather and have worked to send us their very best in subscription lists.

It is a little early to make comparisons with other years, but we do know that we have had quite an increase in the number of subscription lists sent in the office early and we believe that by the end of the week, when Report No. 1 is compiled that we will be able to have our "hearts strangely warm" with gratitude for the blessed weather with which we were blessed for the 1963 Circulation Campaign.

And of course that gratitude will be even warmer if you do all you can to complete your work in this matter in the next few days.



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Library Workshop

There is a growing awareness of the value of the Church Library and a need and demand for the training of church librarians. It is to be the privilege of the Shreveport District to have a **CHURCH LIBRARY WORKSHOP** at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

Miss Mildred Eagan, Director of Church Library Service, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the leader of the Workshop, which will be held from 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, January 21-23, 1963.

Miss Eagan will also be available to help some local church librarians in their libraries on an advance request basis.

Mrs. John H. Cooke, Jr. will be Chairman of the Board of Managers for the workshop. Other members are Mrs. Walter Bison, Jr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams.

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Lay Is Speaker

Robert P. Lay of Shreveport spoke to over 500 laymen of the Wichita Falls, Texas, First Methodist Church, December 14, 15, and 16, at a School of Discipleship. He spoke on "Effective Christian Witnessing" with special emphasis on the Book of Romans.

During the three days, Mr. Lay spoke a total of four hours. A Prayer breakfast on Saturday morning was attended by 100 men.

Mr. Lay is a member of the General (national) Board of Evangelism.

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Bible Conference In Shreveport Dist. Announced

The Shreveport District of The Methodist Church will hold its annual Bible Conference at three locations in the district this year. In recent years, the conference was held in Shreveport only. Dates and places for this year's meetings are: Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport—Sunday, January 13, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, January 14 and 15, from 7 to 9 p.m.; at First Methodist Church in Mansfields, Sunday, January 27, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., at First Church, Vivian, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 30-February 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dr. Webb Pomeroy, professor of Bible at Centenary College, will be the instructor at each of the conferences. The study will be "The Book of Romans" and he will be using Burton R. Throckmorton, Jr.'s book "Romans for Laymen."

The Rev. Mr. Pomeroy has taught courses on "Romans" at DeRidder, the Ellerbe Road church in Shreveport, and at a district workshop in Pine Bluff, Ark., in addition to a number of individual lectures on the subject.

The Religious Life Program At Centenary

by Rev. Robert Ed Taylor
Minister to the Campus

Editor's Note: The Minister to the campus, the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, is in charge of coordinating all phases of religious life on the campus at Centenary College. Specifically, he is minister to the Methodist Student Movement, advisor to the Inter-Faith Council, teaches in the religion Department and plans, under the direction of the Chapel Committee, the weekly chapel programs.

The weekly chapel program is conducted each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in Brown Memorial Chapel. Such guest speakers as Bishop Aubrey Walton, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. Carl Michaelson, Dr. J. B. Holt, Dr. Douglas Jackson and Dr. Mack Stokes have spoken to the students within the past few months. In addition, faculty and staff members speak on occasion as well as assist in the ritual. Students read the scripture, lead prayers and present special music. Dr. A. C. Voran and the Centenary Choir provide special music during the year, including a sacred concert at the final chapel before the Christmas holidays.

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The Methodist Student Movement is the campus organization of Methodist young people which seeks through a program of study, worship and fellowship to aid the student in acquiring and expressing Christian faith. Led by a council of 15 members, with Ryan Horton of Natchitoches as president, the Methodist Student Movement program is a varied one.

Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., the young people gather to hear speakers such as Mr. Orlin Corey, head of Centenary's speech and drama department, on religious drama; Dr. Douglas Jackson, Perkins School of Theology, on "Power Structures and the Christian Faith"; Dr. Jolly Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent, on "Current Issues in Church Unity Movement". Or perhaps they see a film such as "Martin Luther". Or they worship through Holy Communion under the leadership of their campus minister. One of the finest programs this semester was a panel discussion led by four students. Each presented a problem faced by college students and his understanding of it in the light of Christian faith. Much discussion from the entire group ensued.

Other significant Thursday evening programs featured the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert on "The Meaning of Personal Relationships in the Christian Faith" and Miss LaVerne Burks, a student, showing slides and relating her experiences in a Christian work camp in Europe the past summer. LaVerne, who is from Bradley, Ark., serves as program chairman of the MSM.

Another aspect of the program is the area of involvement groups, with Willis Dear of Shreveport as chairman. Six of the small group weekly

ST. PAUL'S, ALEXANDRIA, BEGINS STUDY SERIES

At the morning service Sunday, Jan. 6, at St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria, the Rev. G. W. Dameron began a series of sermons on the theme, "The Bible and God's Mission." That night Mrs. Dameron began a study which is to continue every Sunday night during January on "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Needs."

Its purpose is to create an awareness of the needs of handicapped persons and an understanding of the contributions such people can make to the Church and to the community when they are accepted in a spirit of appreciation and respect, Mrs. Dameron said.



MR. TAYLOR

meetings were projected at the beginning of school to turn until Thanksgiving: "Theology Today", with the Rev. Oscar Cloyd as resource person; "Worship", with the Rev. Tracy Arnold; "Personality Concerns", with Miss Ann Fox; "Missions", with Dr. W. F. Pledger; "Social Concerns", with the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert; and "Freshman Forum", with Dean J. Howard Allen. These were intended to involve students with each other and with significant issues so that redemptive fellowship might be realized in each encounter.

In the early part of the fall semester MSM conducted a week-end retreat at Camp Caney. It was a fellowship retreat in which students relaxed from their regular studies, but tackled in campfire discussions the real issues involved in the National Student Christian Federation theme for this year, "The Word, the World, and the Sacraments". The retreat served also as an excellent opportunity for freshmen students to become acquainted with upperclassmen. Miss Carol Wood of DeRidder was student chairman of the retreat.

Under the co-editorship of Don Farley of Thibodaux and Doug Davis of Alexandria, MSM publishes a bi-monthly paper entitled "Encounter, which carries editorials, articles and quotations from significant books and journals that help the student examine his own relationship to God as well as God's claim on his culture.

MSM sponsors in cooperation with Kappa Chi (organization for students entering full-time church-related vocations) deputation teams which go

out on invitation to churches and MYF groups to lead worship services or conduct programs for young people.

Informal recreation is held on Friday nights for all students in the auditorium of the R. E. Smith Building. Here they may engage in various recreational activities, listen to music, study, etc. Miss Linda Vizuete is student chairman of this area.

Recently, the four churches nearest to the Centenary campus, Broadmoor, First, Noel and St. Luke's sponsored a Christmas banquet for the Methodist students. A unique feature of this was that the pastors of the churches served as "waiters" at the tables! Attending the banquet along with the students and counselors from the four churches were Dr. and Mrs. Joe J. Mickle, Dean Bond Fleming, Dr. and Mrs. Webb Pomeroy and Dr. Robert W. Goodloe.

As a part of their Christmas program the students caroled at the Shreveport Home for the Aged, then gathered at the home of the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor for fellowship and refreshments.

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One of the very fine aids in the program of the Methodist Student Movement, as well as other religious activities, is the Dean R. E. Smith Religious Activities Building, opened in October, 1961. This building, a gift of the Louisiana Annual Conference, provides facilities for the office of the Methodist Student Movement, the auditorium and kitchen for the meetings of MSM, a lounge-seminar room for small group meetings, two classrooms for the Department of Religion, the offices of the faculty of the Department of Religion and the office of the Minister-to-the-Campus—all on the first floor. The second floor is devoted to Conference offices.

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One of the features of Centenary's religious life is the presence of a large number of students entering full-time church-related vocations. This year there are 58 Methodist students who indicate commitment to or interest in some phase of full-time church work. These are divided among such areas as the pastoral ministry, Christian education, church music, the mission field, deaconess work and social work.

This group's special interest is channeled through the organization Kappa Chi, a national body of students entering full-time church vocations. Their advisor is Dr. Webb Pomeroy.

Several of these students hold part-time jobs in Methodist churches in the city or in nearby towns. Some of this group are student pastors. Summer finds many of them over the state directing youth programs in local churches or helping in church camps.

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Each weekday evening at 6:30-6:45, a devotional service called "Quest" is held in the small chapel adjacent to Brown Memorial Chapel. This is entirely student-led and is sponsored by Kappa Chi.

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will be concluded
next week.*

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR will present a concert at First Methodist Church, New Orleans, Jan. 29 at 8:00 p.m. The Rev. Clyde S. Clark is the pastor.

THE REV. H. L. DAUGHENBAUGH, JR., director of Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation, led the morning and evening prayers over Station WDSU-TV the week of December 16.

CHARLES HEYDUCK, Methodist layman from Crowley, spoke in the pulpit of Franklin Methodist Church on Universal Bible Sunday. Mr. Heyduck was representing the program of the Gideons. The Rev. Albert S. Hurley is pastor of the Franklin Church.

THE REV. J. M. WILKES, superintendent of Istrouma Methodist Camp, was the guest speaker at Bethel Methodist Church, Dec. 30. The pastor is the Rev. George Holcombe.

THE SERVICES OF THE Haynesville Methodist Church were broadcast during the month of December over radio station KLUV. The pastor is the Rev. K. G. Rorie.

THE REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was the speaker for the Jan. 10 meeting of the Methodist Men of the Farmerville Methodist Church. The pastor is the Rev. David Corley.

ALTON HORTMAN, DISTRICT DIRECTOR of Fisherman's Clubs, met with the Commission on Evangelism in the Springhill Methodist Church to discuss organizing a group in that church, of which the Rev. Ralph Cain serves as pastor.

MR. JACK QUIGLEY of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the guest speaker for the Jan. 15 meeting of the Methodist Men of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, where the Rev. Jack Cooke is the pastor. Ladies Night was observed at the meeting.

MRS. A. D. ST. AMANT of Slaughter led the Wednesday morning study for young parents on First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently. The theme of the study was "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World." The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Minden, had their annual family night and Christmas program, Dec. 23. The young people of the church were in charge of the program after which Santa Claus made his appearance. The pastor is the Rev. L. Gray Wilson.

JOHN GORDON TALK III preached at the Blackwater Methodist Church on Student Recognition Sunday. Gordon, a member of the Blackwater Church, is a licensed preacher and a student at Centenary College. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

DR. BEN PETTY, professor at Southern Methodist University, brought the evening message at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 30. In his younger days, Dr. Petty was a member of this church. The pastor is the Rev. Reuel Allen.

THE LADIES OF CARROLLTON METHODIST Church in New Orleans will be hostesses to the

Annual Meeting of United Church Women of New Orleans on January 25, beginning at 10 a.m. through lunch. Mrs. Joseph E. Manis is president of U.C.W. Officers will be elected.

DeRIDDER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, in observing Student Recognition Sunday, heard from Donna Gibson of Texas Women's College, Jo Anna Haynes from S.M.U., and Pam Haynes from S.M.U. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, pastor, preached on the subject "Never The Less."

DR. BENTLEY SLOAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Conference Board of Education, and a former pastor, was the guest preacher at Vivian Methodist Church, Dec. 30. The pastor at Vivian is the Rev. George D. York.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING in the Student Recognition Day Service at Palestine Methodist Church included Norma Brown, Byron Malone, Clarence Bruce, Paul Bush and Rowland Vernon. The Rev. R. A. Hoffpauir is the pastor.



WORK PROGRESSING ON NATCHITOCHES FIRST CHURCH

The above picture shows the roof going on the Sanctuary. The Educational Building has already been roofed, which means the weather will not hold up further construction. The partitions are going up in the Educational Building at the present time and work on the job is ahead of schedule. E. C. Breedlove of Natchitoches is the contractor.

THE REV. HOWARD DAUGHENBAUGH, JR. was the guest speaker for Vesper Services at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 30, as the feature of Student Recognition Sunday. Mr. Daughenbaugh is director of Wesley Foundation on the Tulane Newcomb campus. The Rev. B. A. Galloway is the pastor.

DE QUINCY METHODIST CHURCH heard college students Carolyn Martin, Tolbert Greenwood, Marilyn Freeman, and Wilton Wallace at the morning service on December 30. Gwendolyn Norment sang a solo. Others participating were John Koonce, Connie Fontenot, and Dean Davis. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is their pastor.

ON DEC. 22 A GROUP OF SENIOR DEPARTMENT young people from Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, accompanied by the Rev. Marvin McFarland, associate pastor, journeyed to the Central Louisiana Hospital in Pineville to deliver Christmas gifts collected by this church. The Trinity pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

DOUGLAS METHODIST CHURCH was the scene on Dec. 23 of "The Nativity," the Christmas story in scripture and song, presented by the Church School. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Ellerman. After the group went caroling, refreshments were served at the church. The Rev. W. T. Hall, Jr. is pastor.

MISS SHARION HARPER, Miss Carol Bell and David Dykes were the speakers for Student Recognition Day at First Methodist Church, Shreveport. The other college students, Miss Anne Vetsch and Tom Parker, participated in the

morning service, at which time the pastor, Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., brought a timely message concerning students.

DR. W. E. TRICE, PASTOR OF William B. Reily University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, spoke on "What is the Rim of East Asia" as a part of the church-wide mission study course "Rim of East Asia" at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Jan. 6. He spoke to the Adult Forum and also delivered the message at the evening worship hour. The pastor is Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

ON DECEMBER 16 THE CHILDREN and Youth Divisions of Summer Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, presented a candlelight Christmas cantata entitled "Operation Gloria." A highlight of the program was the presentation by Mrs. Lynn Wolfe of her own composition "Let's Keep Christ in Christmas." The pastor is the Rev. Otis W. Spinks.

SPEAKERS AT NORTH HIGHLANDS Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Student Recognition Sunday were Linda Thompson, David Dean, Bill Rutledge, and Mike Fullerton. Other college students participating were Pat McFarland, Mary Carol Brock, Janet Horton, Sammie Ketchum, Hayden Hick, Tommy Hollenshead and Neal Barenmore. Bill Fullerton sang "Infant Holy." The Rev. George Harkins is the pastor.

THE LAMPLIGHTER CLASS in Parker Memorial Church, New Orleans, has adopted a seven year old boy in Hong Kong. Christmas activities in the Parker Church included Open House at the parsonage with the Rev. and Mrs. Reuel Allen as hosts. The Woman's Society December meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Alfred Barnes. The Youth groups were responsible for the outdoor nativity setting. An amplifier was installed in the sanctuary by Malford Byrd and Ralph Hogan.

THE ADULT CHOIR of College Avenue Methodist Church, Natchitoches, presented a Christmas cantata entitled "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson on Dec. 16. Soloists were Mrs. Mary Dison, Mrs. Lewis Bryant, Miss Linda Stroud and Jim Barr. Miss Marsha Whitford was the narrator and Mr. Douglas Westbrook the director and accompanist. The Rev. Dell Durand is the pastor.

DR. C. C. CHIEN, CONTRACTOR-LABOR RELATIONS specialist of New Orleans was the speaker for the opening session of the family mission month at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. They are studying "Rim of East Asia." Dr. Chien spoke on "Political, Cultural and Economic Background of East Asian Countries." He was born in Shanghai, and was formerly Deputy Consul of China in New Orleans. Dr. James T. Harris is the Broadmoor pastor.

ABBEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH held Open House on the property directly behind the church on December 30 in order that the congregation might note how it is hoped to remodel and add rooms to make an adequate parsonage. Members of the parsonage committee, Mrs. Wesley Steen, chairman, served as hostesses. At the same time the present parsonage was open to the congregation with Mrs. Henry Bowdon, Jr., pastor's wife, serving as hostess.

SLIDELL METHODIST CHURCH is holding the first church-wide School of Missions sponsored by the Commission on Missions, Mrs. Maisie Madison, chairman. Adult leader is Mrs. John Stair, with Mrs. Robert Rugan in charge of devotionals and Mrs. Arnold King arranging worship settings. At the first session an authentic Japanese supper was prepared by the head chef of the Japanese Embassy in New Orleans. A member of the Commissions on Missions, Mr. Matsuki, is providing resource persons from oriental countries to help with the studies. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

JAMES W. WORKMAN



Lesson For January 27, 1963: 'WHY JESUS TAUGHT IN PARABLES'

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 3:7 through 4:34. Printed Lesson Text: Mark 4:10-20, 33-34.

MEMORY SELECTION: If any man has ears to hear, let him hear. Mark 4:23

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help adult students know the reason behind Jesus' use of parables, to make his gospel plain and powerful in the lives of his hearers.

The training of Jesus' disciples through association with him, in controversy, and in conviviality, provoked their question of his use of parables.

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The Framework of Resistance to Jesus' Ministry

Those who were "outside" the understanding of Jesus heard the words of Jesus but their understanding was dim or dull. The disciples had seen Jesus in the midst of opposition to his ministry. His opponents had called his merciful healing of the lame man on the Sabbath a sin. They were offended in Jesus' keeping company with sinners and eating with them. They were fired up in their animosity toward Jesus by his forgiving sins. The memory selection for last week made plain the hatred that a Christian would encounter for the sake of the name of Jesus. But the faithful endurance to the end would bring salvation. The opponents of Jesus were more interested in protecting the law than they were in receiving the new treatment of God's love in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus was concerned with the spiritual health of each person, for which the laws and the sabbath were given. How could the gospel enter into hard hearted and stiff necked opponents?

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Jesus Spoke In Parables

Jesus' real gospel is the life that he lived. Those who knew him and heard him gladly understood his teachings, which were commentary on his daily life, lived by the will of God, the Father.

Jesus talked in parables when he was teaching, and preachings, and healing. His threefold ministry is dotted with these simple homely stories that carried a spiritual truth in their familiar details. These simple illustrations told spiritual truth seen in a natural fact or event.

Archibald Hunter, in his "Interpreting the Parables," gives a thorough presentation of the parables as a teaching method. He quotes Dean Inge, "Almost all teaching consists in comparing the unknown with the known, the strange with the familiar." Jesus explained the kingdom of God by comparing it with something that they were acquainted with. The kingdom of God is like what happens when seed, or leaven, or drag-net are used in daily life.

A simple story containing an eternal truth is interesting. Everybody likes a story. Vivid speech in picture words gets attention, everywhere, but especially among oriental peoples. Jesus must have first heard parables in the synagogues at Nazareth. The Old Testament parables, closely akin to proverbs, carried the mean-

ing "to be like." Nathan's famous parable of the ewe lamb, and Ezekiel's "like mother, like daughter," are some examples of the figurative meaning of the Old Testament that Jesus heard and read. Many "earthly stories with heavenly meaning" have made our Sunday School lessons easily remembered.

The parable "holds the mirror up to life." Dr. Hunter mentions three features of parables that help us to understand Jesus' use of them. They are examples of popular story telling. They are related to daily life. They are intended to call forth a response from the hearer.

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The Parable Is Related to Truth

Scholars number the parables from thirty to sixty in the teaching of Jesus. Jesus used them to make truth plain. The question as to the parable keeping the truth from being known is a puzzling one in today's lesson. Would Jesus tell parables as "dark riddles to puzzle the multitude"? The parable is a story to make people think, it stirs the mind to figure out the meaning. So it may be said that a parable conceals the truth in order to reveal it, by making the hearer figure it out.

Dr. Hunter shows that Jesus got his parables from the every day life all about him, in nature and people.

Sir Edwin Arnold, writing of the simple things that he saw in Palestine were the sower, the soils, the seed, mustard trees, wandering sheep, nets of fishermen, small and great fish, ships, and hundreds of such daily sights. The Christian tradition of the parables is one of the most dependable contacts with the mind of Jesus in the entire New Testament.

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The Parable Meaning For "Those Outside"

One of the most discussed sentences in today's lesson is in verses 11-13. "Those outside," respond to the teaching of Jesus in general. The "sombre comment by the Lord after his unsuccessful ministry" in Galilee is a genuine saying of Jesus. His gospel is revealed to his disciples. To non-believers, "those outside," "the words of Jesus remain obscure, because they do not recognize his mission or repent."

The lesson today clinches the purpose of the parable by use of the memory selection. "If anyone has an ear to hear, let him listen to this." (Moffatt) "If you have ears to hear, then hear." NEB.

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The Parable of The Sower and The Soils

The background scripture that leads up to and includes today's lesson presents Jesus in his popularity among his large following of hearers, in addition to his disciples. The gospel of Mark gives more events in the life of Jesus than it does teachings, but the parables are connected with the events that are recorded. His preaching, and teaching, and healing, call for his sayings that show us the mind of Christ.

Dr. Hunter calls the parable, defined in today's lesson, as "the most famous of the parables of growth." The harvest that comes from the word sown in the minds of men "exceeds all expectations", in spite of frustrations, opposition

and failures. "God's rule advances." Followers of Jesus who grew discouraged would find courage and assurance rising with them at this fruitful word of the master. Dr. Hunter says, of this parable, that it "allows us to hear Jesus thinking aloud about the ups and downs of the Galilean ministry."

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The Gospel of "The Parable of the Sower and the Soils"

Dr. Hunter comments on the parable as one of the Kingdom's coming. Some scholars make the point of the parable the harvest, with its different percentages of abundance. Its message has encouragement and promise of fruitfulness coming out of endeavors, in spite of hazards and opposition.

Other scholars may emphasize the different ways in which the hearer hears the truth of the parable. The faithful hearer is the one in whom the kingdom bears abundant harvest. Through the ministry of the word and the sacraments, the gospel is sown in the hearts of men, and the way they hear measures the harvest result.

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Dangers In Interpreting the Parable

The Interpreter's Bible article in the Matthew Volume, warns against false interpretation of all parables. A parable is not like a fable, or allegory, or fairy tale. It is true to life and is close to life. The parables of Jesus are a mirror of the life that he lived at home, in the carpenter's shop, along the roadside, in temple and synagogue, in the kitchen, at the marketplace, in field and mountain, by waterside and at sites where buildings were being built. Flowers, fruits, children, dogs, pigs, sheep, mustard seed, and the word of mouth news about the prodigal son, lost coin, lost sheep, and weddings and feasts all show through the parables which he spoke.

The danger of misinterpreting a parable is avoided when one single truth that the parable is told to reveal is pointed out clearly.

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Many Parables Marked Jesus' Teaching

The many parables which Jesus spoke were given special interpretation to his disciples. It is likely that a great many of these parables were left out of the gospel record for lack of their being preserved by the writers of the gospels. Those which were finally preserved in the gospel writings are a treasure of masterful teaching and illumination of the gospel truth.

Jesus spoke in parables in order that his bearers might know the hidden mystery of the Kingdom of God. This secret of salvation was made clear to them in the life of Jesus himself, as well as in the parables that he told. His acts and words revealed the rule of God in human life.

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Parables Invite Response to the Call of God

The lesson in the parables of Jesus brings to a close the first unit of four studies in "Responding to God's Call," as recorded in the first four chapters of the "Gospel of Action," in Mark. The preparation for his ministry, his beginning to minister, the resistance and opposition that he met, and his teaching in parables, have shown various responses to his call to salvation. We have seen the meaning of a parable. We have reviewed the four kinds of soils representing the kinds of bearers who receive the word of the Kingdom of God. Have we applied the truth to our own individual attitude toward the gospel of the rule of God? Is my hearing like the hard soil that gives no root to the rule of God in my life? Satan makes that so! Is my hearing shallow, so that I begin to accept God's rule but, opposition, or costs, make the small start to grow and wither away, in abandoned faith? Do the thick growths of the thorns of worldly interests, crowd out the light and moisture that is necessary for the rule of God to be nurtured in prayer, scripture, worship and sacraments in my life? Or does the planting of the word mature in my hearing, and abide, and bear abundant fruit in humanity, love, joy and peace? Good soil, deep roots, full harvest make the sower glad with the rule of God in his life!



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Representatives of the Disciples of Christ and the Evangelical United Brethren will become full participants in the Consultation on Church Union, scheduled to hold its second meeting in Oberlin, Ohio, March 19-21. The consultation grew out of the proposal made in 1960 by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake that there be a union of The Methodist Church, Protestant Episcopal Church and United Church of Christ.

Leaders of a number of church groups have spoken out against the recent action of the American embassy in Moscow in turning away a group of Siberian peasants who sought sanctuary from religious persecution. Included is the Baptist World Alliance, which has called on the Russian government to permit an impartial international commission to investigate the complaints of the group. This has about as much chance of being taken seriously as on the spot inspection of nuclear weapons.

Sidney Goodwin, 26-year-old American Baptist missionary, died recently in Accra, Ghana from burns sustained when a generator exploded during a Christmas service he was conducting in a village in northern Ghana.

Some 400 delegates from 35 countries attended the first All-Africa Christian Youth Assembly held recently in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting, which had as its theme "Freedom Under the Cross," had for its presiding officer John Karefa Smart, Minister of External Affairs of the government of Sierra Leone. In his keynote address, Mr. Smart declared that Africa's Christian youth face many pressing challenges in both spiritual and secular fields.

Nine persons, including seven Yeshiva (Jewish Talmudic school) students, were recently arrested in Jerusalem for allegedly taking part in an attack on Protestant missionary institutions in that city's Street of the Prophets. The attacks apparently were in retaliation against what the demonstrators considered to be "aggressive" proselytizing activities on the part of the institutions.

Several Amish families have immigrated to southwest Ontario from Iowa where members of their sect had been jailed recently for refusing to hire state-accredited teachers for their schools. A Canadian immigration spokesman said members of the sect will have to comply with Ontario's education laws.

In Rome a group of Socialist members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies has submitted to Parliament a bill that would extend the "jurisdictional protection" enjoyed by Roman Catholicism as the religion of the state to all "ethnic and religious communities." Under present Italian law, passed during the Fascist regime, penalties for vilifying religion, for offenses against a minister, or for disturbing religious ceremonies, are heavier when affecting Catholicism.

The Rev. William D. Moyers, an ordained Southern Baptist minister has been nominated by President Kennedy to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps. The \$20,000-a-year post has been vacant since last June when Dr. Paul Geren, prominent Baptist layman, resigned the office to accept a State Department appointment.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced that the Kawaiaha Church and Mission House in Honolulu, Hawaii, which is associated with the conversion of the Hawaiian royal family to Christianity, has been approved for inclusion in the National Registry of Historical Landmarks.

Biblical scholarship "has not begun to catch up" with recent archeological and historical discoveries, according to Dr. William Foxwell Albright, professor emeritus of Semitic languages at Johns Hopkins University. He said in a recent interview that the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Gnostic texts discovered earlier in Egypt have put Bible scholars "twenty-five or fifty years behind the times" in updating modern Bible translations.

Our Sunday Visitor, national Catholic weekly published in Huntingdon, Ind., featured an article by a Protestant minister in a special issue on church support. Dr. T. K. Thompson, a Congregational Christian minister who is director of the department of stewardship and benevolence of the National Council of Churches, discussed church financing in the Jan. 6 issue. The issue saw that paper reach a new high press run of 1,775,000, according to the editor, Msgr. Joseph R. Crowley.



ONELL A. SOTA, shown with his wife Nina and daughter Ana Maria, is the first student from Cuba to study at the Sewanee (Tenn.) School of Theology. Mr. Sota, whose father is now in prison in Cuba, is studying for the Episcopal priesthood, and is scheduled to graduate in June, 1964.

A Golden Jubilee Convention in Springfield, Mo., April 19-21, 1964, will mark the 50th anniversary of the Assemblies of God. The denomination has grown from 300 members when it was founded in Hot Springs, Ark., April 2-12, 1914, to a world membership of 1,900,000.

A proposal that the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. be included in conversations now going on between the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) and the Reformed Church in America was opposed by 9 to 11 recent Southern Presbyterian moderators. The symposium of their opinions appeared in the Jan. 9 issue of the Presbyterian Journal. Most of the moderators favored eventual reunion with the United Presbyterians but felt that reintroducing the question now would jeopardize the talks with the Reformed Church and divide Southern Presbyterians.

Greek Orthodox Bishop Germanos of Detroit, speaking at the 50th anniversary of Annunciation Church in Buffalo, N. Y., warned worshippers against being clock-watchers. "A common disease today," he said, "is that we are all in a hurry to finish the Divine Liturgy as soon as possible. Sometimes we blame the priest for being slow in performing the service of the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Well, it sounds like a disease which has been common among Protestants for some time is spreading to our Orthodox Christian brethren.

The abacus, the counting board of ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt and of the modern Orient, is being used to help teach arithmetic to parochial school pupils of the St. Cloud, Minn. Roman Catholic diocese. In an experimental venture, most of the elementary schools of the diocese are using the abacus.

After struggling with some of the new forms of arithmetic being introduced in schools today in the name of automation and modern computers, we have a feeling that some parents would welcome the news that their children were being taught with the abacus.

Leaders of the Mormon Church have issued a statement in Salt Lake City disassociating that denomination from any link with the ultra-conservative John Birch Society. "We deplore the presumption of some politicians, especially officers, coordinators and members of the John Birch Society, who undertook to align the church or its leadership with their partisan views," the statement declared.

The Mormons have been doing a pretty good job of improving their "image" in the eyes of the public in recent years. This statement will certainly make an additional contribution to this improved view of this church, which recently announced that its membership now is almost two million.

More than 6,500 protests against a request to rezone a tract near the Washington Memorial have been received by a Senate committee in the nation's capital. The rezoning sought by an Italian company involves the construction of high-rise apartments near the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Memorial. Protestants and Other American United for Separation of Church and State has charged that the Vatican holds a large financial interest in the Italian firm.

It sounds like such a rezoning could be legitimately opposed for reasons of beauty in Washington, but we would hate to see serious consideration given to the POAU grounds for opposition. Other church groups have had favorable consideration given in recent years to rezoning requests.

In Lisbon, Portugal Manuel Gonclaves Cardinal Cerejeira spent his Christmas Day luncheon as a waiter serving the poor. Following his annual custom, the cardinal served meals to needy cared for by the St. Vincent de Paul organization. They ate with members of the cardinal's household.

Louisiana Parsonettes Promote Fellowship

A Glance at the History of New Orleans Parsonettes

in Lafayette District

Records in the secretary's file indicate that a minister's wives club existed in the New Orleans area as early as 1912. Writing in 1947, Mrs. Martha S. Brown, wife of the late Rev. R. M. Brown and mother of Rev. Al Brown and Mrs. D. L. Dykes & Mrs. Bill Matthews, recalled a meeting in 1912 at the Felicity parsonage. Mrs. C. A. Battle was hostess, and others attending were Mrs. J. M. Henry, wife of the presiding elder; Mrs. John Snelling, Carrollton; Mrs. S. H. Werlein, First Church; Mrs. A. J. Gearhardt, Gretna; Mrs. H. R. Single-

ton, Parker; Mrs. Felix R. Hill, Rayne; and Mrs. W. L. Doss, Epworth. A year later Mrs. R. H. Harper was at Parker and Mrs. W. W. Holmes at Rayne.

Purpose of the club at that time was "fellowship and a happy hour away from our usual duties. There were no co-hostesses, no planned program. The hostess usually had a prayer followed by a game or two, then lovely refreshments. We never discussed our problems or our husbands—left them at home with the children."

During the years of the First World War the club disintegrated and was not revived during the twenties. But in 1932 Mrs. W. L. Duren was the presiding elder's wife. Mrs. Duren, Mrs. H. N. Harrison, and Mrs. W. W. Holmes had much to do with bringing the club back to life. The present club looks upon 1932 as the date of its origin. The new club received the name "Parsonettes," suggested by Mrs. Snelling, and it undertook study of such topics as clergy rights for women, the history of New Orleans, biographies of great women and what is expected of a preacher's wife. Year-books were first issued in 1933-1934.

Charter members were Mrs. W. L. Duren, Mrs. Martin Hebert, Mrs. A. T. Law, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. F. B. Rogers, Mrs. F. L. Wells, Mrs. H. N. Harrison, Mrs. W. W. Holmes, Mrs. Virgil Morris, Mrs. D. B. Raulins, Mrs. J. G. Snelling, and Mrs. J. L. Williams. Mrs. Harrison is still an active member.

Passing years have brought changes. Since 1934 roll call has always been by the given name of the member. Study courses were given up during the Second World War for monthly topics and other activities. A party for husbands at Christmas-time is an annual affair, as is a picnic at Audubon Park shortly after Annual Conference. In her reminiscences of 1947 Mrs. Brown summed up her impressions of the club as follows: "Our club has no special motive. We do not study, we do not gossip, we do not crusade, we do not promote, unless it be a spirit of congeniality and fellowship . . . We are fellow-travelers of all ages; the young women with their eager enthusiasm help fan the smouldering fire in my heart. We enjoy their fresh outlook, and hope when they look at us

older ones they will see our flags still flying high; that we have had a full life and running over with the privilege of sharing the greatest work in the world.

Present officers of the club are: Mrs. Eb. Munden, president; Mrs. A. W. Townsend, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Potter, secretary; and Mrs. Ned Stout, treasurer.

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A CHRISTMAS DINNER for the Lafayette preachers and their wives was sponsored by the District Parsonettes. The dinner was in the Franklin Church and the program was led by Mrs. W. D. Boddie, Parsonette president. Shown here is a group working on 'old Tom' with all the trimmings.



PARSONETTES of the New Orleans District are pictured at the December meeting.

at First Church, Alexandria



MRS. FRED FLURRY, wife of the Alexandria District Superintendent, presides over the coffee service at the December get-together of the district ministers and wives. Ministers with her are Roy Garrett (left) and George Dameron.



AT THE HEAD TABLE: The Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Taylor, the Rev. Kenneth McDowell, the Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Bishop Walton, Mrs. Flurry, Mrs. Walton, the Rev. Flurry, and Mrs. Guy Hicks.



ALEXANDRIA'S SENIOR PARSONETTE, Mrs. C. T. Atkinson of Lecompte, wife of the late Dr. Atkinson (at one time conference secretary of education) is pictured with her daughter, Mrs. Frances Ruth Roby.



NEW ORLEANS District ministers and wives at the Christmas dinner.



BISHOP AUBREY WALTON converses with Kenneth McDowell and Louis Coppage during coffee hour in the Alexandria First Church.



A NOVEL SKIT featured 'Grandpa' (Cecil Benoit) and 'Grandma' (Mrs. Guy Hicks) shopping for Christmas gifts out of a 1906 catalog.



DISTRICT PARSONETTE president, Mrs. George Pearce (left) talks with Mrs. Flurry.



Open House at Minden First Church Parsonage



PICTURED at the Minden First Church parsonage Open House are: Miss Coye Sue Strong (left), Miss Dot Batton, Mrs. Merlin W. Merrill, and the Rev. Mr. Merrill.

Some two hundred people called during the afternoon and evening of Sunday, December 16, at the parsonage home of the Rev. and Mrs. Merlin W. Merrill. This was the Christmas Open House for members and friends of the Minden First Methodist Church. The evening was especially for members of the Chancel Choir and their families, following the presentation of the cantata "God With Us." Representatives of various organizations of the church served in the receiving line, along with the Merrills, and presided at the coffee service and punch bowl.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Shiela Nuttall

Shiela Nuttall is Louisiana Conference director of Children's Work. She was born in Eddy Lake, South Carolina, but moved with her family to Louisiana when she was two-year-old. She was educated



Miss Nuttall

in Louisiana public schools and attended Louisiana State Normal College (Northwestern State College) where she did practice teaching in kindergarten and received her teacher's certificate.

Miss Nuttall then taught the first grade, always, as she says, "aware of the true-false question from tests in one of my education courses: 'The teaching profession should never be a stepping stone to another profession.' Always I was doing just that."

When she received the Gleaners scholarship from a group in Shreveport, she did not renew her teaching contract, but went to Scarritt College where she received the B.A. degree in sociology, preparing for rural work. She was commissioned as a deaconess at a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council in 1932. Her first appointment was in MacDonnell School in Houma, La. There she taught

English for a year and worked in rural churches. "The excellent experience which I gained there under Miss Ella K. Hooper has helped me throughout all my years of service," says Miss Nuttall.

The following year she was appointed as rural worker in the Louisiana Conference, serving in the Ruston, Monroe, and Lake Charles Districts. In 1945, she took a Sabbatical leave to go to Scarritt for her masters degree. She then worked for the Scarritt College Rural Commission in Crossville, Tenn., and did rural work in the Mississippi Conference, finally returning to her home state to serve in St. Tammany parish.

In speaking of her vocation, Miss Nuttall said, "My work as a deaconess has been interesting because people are different. It has kept me continually alert because of work with children, youth, and adults. There were responsibilities in church-school commissions, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Wesleyan Service Guild. There is always something to do."

"For the last three years my work has been equally enjoyable and interesting as director of Children's Work for the Louisiana Conference Board of Education whose headquarters are in Shreveport."

"My years of deaconess service have been happy ones, and I know no greater service for young women."

Miss Nuttall is president of the Louisiana Conference Deaconess Board.



MISS SHEILA NUTTALL (center) featured in the deaconess article on the left, is pictured at the board meeting held in Alexandria last week. With her are Mrs. C. R. McCammon, (left), conference secretary of missionary personnel, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Louisiana Conference president.



USING CHOPSTICKS at the Pineville Oriental dinner are (from left): Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. F. W. Clements, teacher of the 'Rim of Asia' study, and Mrs. Kenneth McDowell, wife of pastor of Pineville First Church. Pictures taken by Mrs. A. R. Scheffer, Alex. Dist. secretary of promotion.

Pineville Women Enjoy Study

In December the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Pineville, concluded their study, Rim of East Asia with a covered

dish luncheon in the home of the local president, Mrs. Fred Richards. The Louisiana Conference President, Mrs. Geo. Dameron and the President of the Alexandria District, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, also attended the luncheon. Foreign dishes were served, with the ladies attempting to use chop sticks. The study was taught by Mrs. F. W. Clements. Worship settings, maps, charts, pictures, clipping and supplementary material were used.

LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE presidents were present at the Pineville study. From left: Mrs. George Dameron, conference, Mrs. Fred Richards, local, and Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Alexandria District.



THE MARY LOVE CIRCLE, Mrs. J. J. Davidson leader, of the Davidson Memorial Church of Lafayette planned an old-fashioned Christmas party for every member of the Church and Church School. Shown working on the gifts are: Mrs. S. L. Ross, Mrs. C. C. Barnes, Mrs. B. R. Falconer and Mrs. G. P. Cook.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

by Mary Fowler

A large-scale construction program to double the capacity and facilities of a major interdenominational center pioneering in the training of overseas missionaries is underway at Stony Point, N. Y. The \$650,000 expansion will enable the "Missionary Orientation

Center" there to accommodate 100 adults at a time in its training program, of 200 in a single year. The Center prepares missionary candidates of six denominations for overseas service—the Methodist Church, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the United Church of Christ, the Reformed Church in America and the Dis-

ciples of Christ. The director of the Center is the Rev. Paul Yount, of North Carolina.

Five Methodist college students are this year in overseas universities participating in the 1962-63 "Year of Study Abroad" program of two national Methodist agencies. The five students this year are: Sally Lynn Johnson, Sheridan, Ill., regularly a student at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, studying at Isabella Tho-

burn College, in Lucknow, India; Elizabeth Selanders, Marion, Ohio, Muskingum College, at the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; Margery Lynn Caughey, Pittsburgh, Pa., of West Virginia Wesleyan College, at the University of Mexico, Edward J. Mullen, Oakland, N. J., West Virginia Wesleyan College, at the University of Mexico; Twila Coleen Weigel, Guthrie Center, Iowa, of Cornell College, Iowa, at the University of Mexico.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanmon

An Old Shoe Fits Best

LIVING WITH LASTING THINGS—Before we consider what are the things which last, perhaps we ought to ask what things do we want to last.

A business man was telling me of a conversation which he had in England some years ago with a Britisher who was reminding him of the well-known fact that the English make certain products of extraordinarily good quality.

The Englishman said that they could make shoes which would last eight years. "Yes," replied the American, "but who wants shoes that last eight years? Make shoes that last a year or two. People want a change." Yes, I guess we would not like to wear the same shoes for eight years. And as for hats—what will a hat of 1963 look like eight years hence? In fact, some of them look a bit queer already!

What do we want to last? Was it not George Bernard Shaw who said that if men were allowed to live 300 years, the dread of death would disappear because we would be longing for a change. There is no physical environment, is there, which we would not tire of in time?

Yet with all our restless desire for change, we have an equally deep-seated longing for permanence. The little child in the nursery takes one toy after another, quickly tiring of any one thrill. And still among all the play-things there is usually some one thing to which the child comes back, maybe a ragged doll which she hugs to her little body as she slips into slumber.

And while we adults run from one place to another in our search for change and novelty, we have an ingrained fondness for the familiar "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." And among hymns there is none which is better beloved at our deepest moments than "Abide With Me."

"Change and decay in all around I see,
O thou who changeth not, abide with me."

Let us look into this art of living with things that last. First, we must try to learn to know the values that last.

Some time ago I was shown through what is probably America's greatest auction gallery in its fine new home. As I gazed at the rare objects of the jeweler's art, the bookbinder's art, the painter's art, I realized how ignorant I was of values and how important it is to have honest and competent appraisers who can guide the untutored buyer.

It would be foolish to trust one's untrained eye in purchasing what appears at the moment.

When one sets out to procure things that will live, he wisely takes advantage of the experience of trusted specialists. We recognize the need of specialists in most realms of our living. We secure trained architects to plan our houses, specialists in medicine and surgery to treat our bodies, skilled lawyers to handle our legal matters.

In like manner we need specialists of the spirit to appraise our values, our purposes and our practices of living. That is one reason for going to church for worship. The man in the pulpit may be no more learned than the person in the pew. But the true preacher does not pose as an expert, speaking merely on his own authority.

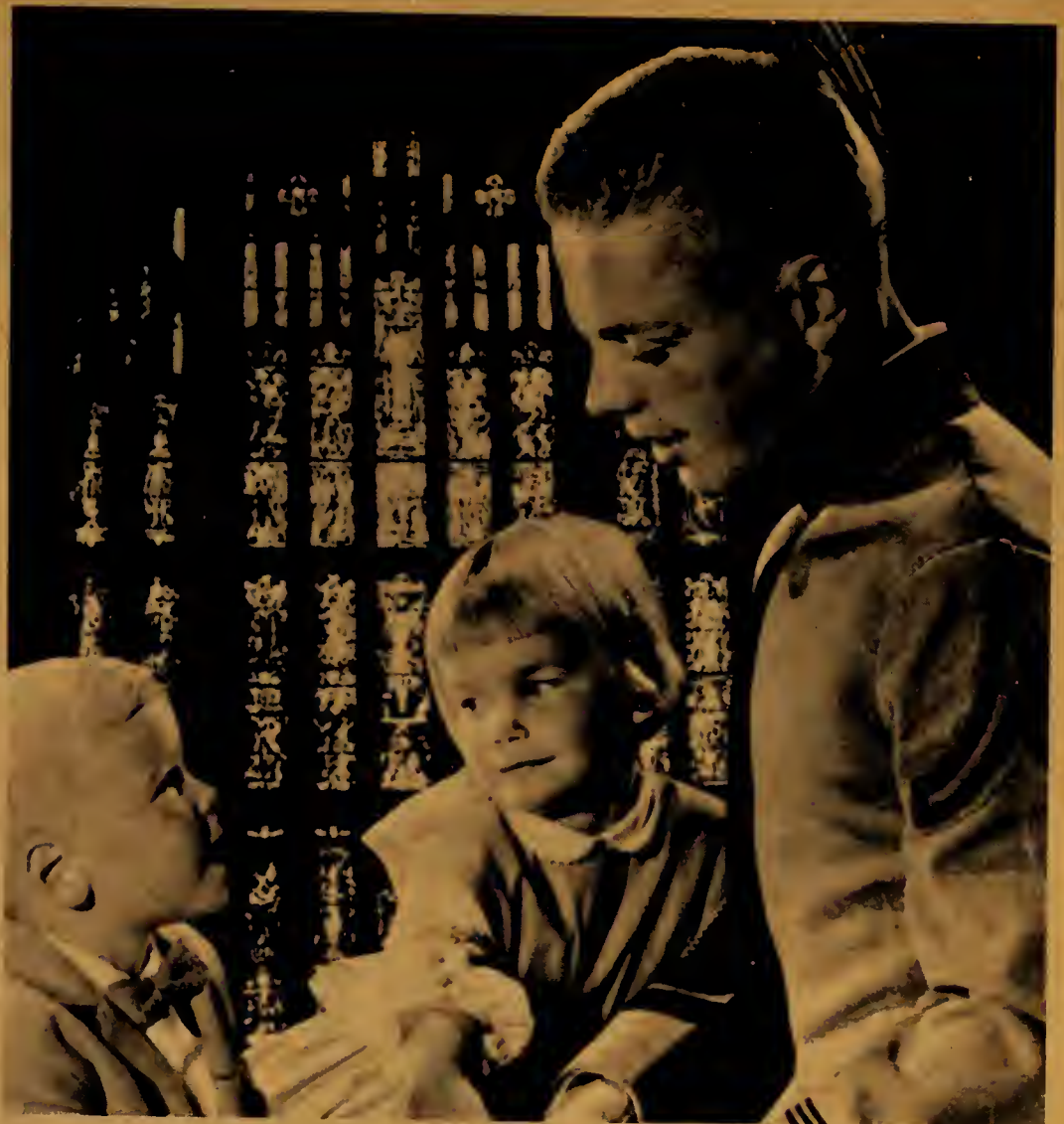
He draws his message from a Bible which has proved itself but best tested guidebook in man's search for the life "that is life indeed". In that book we find the goals which are most worth seeking, the experiences which have enriched life, the qualities which give victory in life's struggles, and the values which survive the ravages of time.

Also we must learn to like the things that last as well as to know them. The marriage bond becomes rich and lasting only as it develops marital and spiritual ties. Mere physical attraction is likely to wane unless there is a weaving together of hearts and minds by common interests and shared sacrifices. Parents cannot expect to hold their children's affection just because they gave them birth. There must be cultivation of spiritual bonds through companionship, confidence and cooperation.

Saint Paul said he did not lose heart when he saw his outer nature wasting away. Why? "Because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen."

While the New Year is yet young, here is a searching test to put to ourselves: Are we looking more and more at material things like money, cars, houses which we can't take with us or at invisible things like love, truth, goodness, which are lasting because they enter into our personalities?

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CADET RICHARD VENES of Westbury, N. Y., reads to two children during Sunday school at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Over 150 cadets teach some 600 children who attend the Post's churches, and there is a long waiting list of volunteers who want to teach. This tradition of cadet-taught Sunday school classes began before World War II.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

SALT WITHOUT TASTE

Jesus' ability to tell profound truths by means of simple stories was one of the wonderful facts of His ministry. The Sermon on the Mount has a number of instances in which He used common, every-day experiences to support the messages that He wanted to impart to His followers. He told of how God cares for the birds of the air, and of how beautifully He clothes the lilies of the field.

Jesus told His followers that they were . . . or at least should be . . . the light of the world. He told them that they should be salt to the earth, using their Christian witness to flavor and to sweeten their lives as well as the lives of those around them. It does not seem to me that He was giving His followers a compliment by calling them "salt" to the world. It sounds more like He was calling to them to serve Him and to be willing to dissolve their lives into His program just as salt is dissolved into the food that it flavors.

Carrying out the analogy of salt and its uses, Jesus said,

"If the salt has lost its taste . . . it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by man."

A few years ago when I was in the Philippines, I walked by some salt beds, where they draw in the sea water

and evaporate it to produce salt. It was an interesting process. But as I walked along the street by the salt beds, the ground under foot was glistening like a million small diamonds. I asked my companion what it was. He told me that it was the salt that had become so mixed up with other materials that it had no salty taste. They had to throw it out into the streets. Then I remembered the words of Jesus, how he told of the uselessness of corrupted salt.

You and I cannot serve God properly if we allow the salt of our Christian witness to be corrupted by selfish and careless living. Some people boast that they are broadminded about religion, but too often their broad-mindedness ends up in the shallowness. Sometimes we say that we don't want to appear "too religious"; . . . then we wonder why our churches are only weak voices in today's noisy world. Being broad-minded just for its own sake creates a weak Christian witness just as adulterated salt makes a weak flavor. Jesus wants us to have a definite Christian flavor, just as pure salt has a definite salty flavor. When He called us to be salt, Jesus was not giving us a compliment; He was giving us a work order.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Let The Children Come

What does the word "Bible" mean? The dictionary says that it is a "book containing the sacred writings of a religion." Often we have thought that Christians are the only people who have their own Bible. This is not true for all of the religions of the world have had some kind of a book that tells of their beliefs. Christians do believe that the Bible that tells about the life and teachings of the earliest Hebrew prophets from the Old Testament days, and the life and ministry of Jesus and his followers in the New Testament are the true words of God.

There are many translations of the Bible, and so we often may hear the same words read with different meanings. This does not mean that one is true and the other is not. It simply means that man has used different words to try to say God's words more clearly.

These translations are called "versions" such as the King James Version, the Revised Standard Version, the New English Bible or Phillips Translation. Some people prefer to read just one version while others prefer to read several. This is something each person decides for himself.

If you would like to compare the way the verses are translated, get at least two versions and find the following verses for this week:

Matthew 2:11
Matthew 6:26-33
Matthew 13:1-10
Matthew 14:15-21
Matthew 19:13-15

Mark these verses in your Bible; read them aloud, and memorize some part of each of them during this week.

—Aunt Feather



According to the best estimates of the health authorities, of the 185 million people of the United States, the 10 million Methodists will need 78,000 hospital beds during the year 1963. The denominational hospitals provide 19,761 of that number.

The Challenge of Aldersgate

Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Minister
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It was Martin Luther's Preface to The Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans that the leader was reading on the evening that John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed. That caused a widespread study of this document as Methodism celebrates this anniversary of Aldersgate. We are interested in what Mr. Wesley was listening to when the great heart-warming experience came.

John Wesley records the fact that it was a description of the change which God works in the heart through Christ, that led to the awakening.

A close reading of the Preface indicates that Martin Luther placed a high evaluation on Romans. He considers it the "most important document in the New Testament, the gospel in its purest expression." It is the soul's daily bread, and can never be read too often. In essence, it is a brilliant light, almost enough to illumine the whole Bible. These are superlatives with which not all scholars agree. But listening to the reader interpret this high appraisal of the book one would certainly ponder its message if he is seeking salvation.

The Preface lays stress upon a definition of terms: Law, Sin, Grace, Faith, Righteousness, and Flesh. An understanding of the spiritual significance of these terms is essential to the message of Romans and even the whole Bible, according to Martin Luther. God's saving work is done in the human heart through "Faith" which is a living and unshakeable confidence; a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.

It was not Romans that the unknown leader was reading. It was Luther's interpretation of Romans and the saving grace it described that John Wesley listened to on that momentous evening.

Who interprets the Gospel for you? Someone can give a living testimony of the power of the Gospel for you. Let the church and its leaders interpret for you the superlatives of the New Testament Gospel.

Or you may be the interpreter of the Gospel for someone during this Aldersgate Witnessing Mission. If you know the change that is wrought in the human heart by God through Christ, you can interpret the message to some-

one who does not know. This is a challenge to you in this year of Aldersgate Commemoration.



Build A Devotional

A SABBATH'S DAY JOURNEY
Acts 1:12, KJV

Back when I was at Hendrix, Rev. Edward Harris called to our attention this verse in Acts about a Sabbath's day journey. In this day of tension, what should the observance of Sunday mean for us?

A Sabbath's day journey might begin as we travel into our own inner heart and life. This is a time for self-examination of our motives. Are we keeping faith with God? Is what we do the other six days of the week worthwhile? What kind of a person have I been: helpful or hurtful.

They tell us that Communist cell groups continually re-ask the question, "What have you done to advance the cause of Communism?" Ought not we as Christians ask, "What have I done to advance the cause of Christ?"

A Sabbath's day journey should move into the hearts of others. Is the benediction on Sunday morning a signal for the break for freedom, or a time of renewing of friendship. I recall a man who used to leave the church so quickly that no one could meet him. We set up a friendly road-block of ushers, got to know him, received him into the church and discovered that he was such a fine leader that he could render outstanding service as Chairman of the Board the following year.

A church ought to be a place where we walk into one another's hearts, learn to know each other, and appreciate one another. It's not always easy, but a church is where barriers can dissolve, and we can grow together in affection and love.

A Sabbath's day journey should take us into the heart of God. Do you come

to worship Him on Sunday? Some youngsters I taught were rather shocked to discover that our Services of Worship instruct us to kneel or bow in silent prayer upon entering the Sanctuary. These boys and girls thought that people would think they were odd to do such a thing.

Actually, what does it matter what people think? Have we not come to glorify God? Ought not we be in an attitude of worship so that we may feel God's Presence? Should not the service enable us to express our faith together?

The Creed should be said with conviction. The hymns sung with fervor. The Responsive Reading reminding us anew of Ezra reading the Law to the people, and of their response. The Gloria Patri sung with gladness for the eternalness of God. The sermon brought by God's messenger.

If we do these things, surely we shall make our Sabbath Day a Christian journey into our own hearts, into the hearts of others, into the heart of God.

—William M. Wilder,
Heber Springs Methodist Church



The smallest church in any conference will give the biggest preacher in the conference more than he can do.

Poem For The Week

UNDERSTANDING

How blind men are! We surely cannot know
And judge the way men go!
Perhaps the grind of hectic years
Has won at last.

How sharp—how cruel can human judgment be!
The inmost heart of men we cannot see.
Thus has it been since time began;
Lay down the bruising stones we cast.

Of all the virtues which heaven has to give—
May it be with understanding that we live!

H. W. Bliss
from Poems That Touch The Heart



THIS IS AT a fellowship time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Blackwell following the baptismal ceremony conducted in the sanctuary of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church, Dec. 23. The families are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Windsor and John, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tilbury, Jr., and Henry III; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Gardner and Dorothy Anna. The Rev. William B. Shaw is pastor of the church.

Students Recognized at North Highlands

Student Recognition Sunday was observed in the North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, Dec. 30, with the college students presiding at the service.

Their theme was "The Methodist Church at the College Campus."

The following students and their respective schools were presented: Mary Carol Brock, Haydn Hicks and Linda Thompson, University of Arkansas; Pat McFarland, Centenary; Sammie Ketchum, Bill Rutledge, Janet Horton, Mike Fullerton and Neal Baremore, Northwestern; Tommy Hollenshead, Louisiana Tech.; and David Dean, LSU.

CHURCH-WIDE MISSION STUDY AT PALESTINE

The annual church-wide mission study at Palestine Methodist Church began Sunday, Jan. 6, with the theme "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need."

Leaders include Miss Norma Brown, Mrs. Grace Futrell, Mrs. Elmer Malone and the Reverend Richard Hoffpauir.

At the close of each study session the groups will assemble in the sanctuary for a closing worship.



THE CONGREGATION of the Kentwood Methodist Church has recently purchased a new parsonage. The house and grounds were finished several years ago at a cost of \$32,000. The Reverend John Casey, the present pastor of Greensburg, was at that time a contractor and built the home. An open house was held by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mr. Robert Collie, at Christmas and was attended by 90 members of the congregation.



THE JUNIOR HIGH and Senior High MYF with their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marlowe and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Cameron, recently presented to their church, North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, \$100 to be applied to the building fund. Shown here making the presentation to the pastor, the Rev. George Harkins, are James Anderson and Toni Thompson.



IN RESPONSE to the appeal by the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, the Congregation of the Kentwood Methodist Church has forwarded a number of blankets to the Church World Service Center. Shown here is Miss Mary Lucille Napier, Chairman of the Commission on Missions of the Kentwood Methodist church. The Rev. Robert Collie is pastor.



A LARGE GROUP of young people of the trinity sub-district of the Lafayette District are shown here meeting recently at the Asbury Methodist Church in Lafayette. Ron Devillier is counselor.

Baton Rouge Church Holds Year's Eve Watch Night Service

Members and friends of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church received the Lord's Supper in a mid-night service New Year's Eve. The watch night service began at 9 p.m. with a Fellowship gathering in the Social Hall.

The three hours passed swiftly as the group sang, prayed, gave personal testimonies of God's blessings during the year, and listened to a taped recording of a dynamic witness given in Seattle, Washington to a convention of a Christian laymen's organization by Rev. Harold Bredeson, a Dutch Reformed minister, concerning the Holy Spirit.

Junior High Department members, Sherry Mouser, Florence and Marilyn Booker kept the nursery.

Solos were sung by the lay leader, Mr. O. W. Marrs, and the pastor, Rev. Roy Mouser. Pictures were taken by Mr. Wilson Hutzler.

Preceding the Communion Service, those attending spent time at the Altar in silent prayer, self-examination and re-dedication to God.

This event has become an annual observance. Many describe it as a wonderful blessing and the best possible way to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Horseshoe Drive Church In Study Of Special Needs

A comprehensive study of persons with special needs began Sunday night, January 6, at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, the pastor, the Rev. Louis Coppage, has announced.

Entitled "The Arm of Compassion," the study deals with these persons, what the church is doing for them, what the community is doing, how they may be helped and accepted, Mr. Coppage said.

The study will continue through Jan.

27, with Mrs. W. A. Smith, chairman of the commission on missions, in charge. Mrs. Marilyn King, secretary of missionary education for the WSCS, is assisting.

Mrs. Ruth Weego, adult leader has announced the series for adults as follows: Sunday, Judge George M. Foote, "The Child with Social Handicaps," Jan. 13, Dr. Arthur Seal, Central Louisiana State Hospital, "Aging — Handicap or Opportunity."

On Jan. 20, Rodney McNeal will speak on "The Mentally Retarded Child," and Jan. 27 Dr. L. D. Haughton, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans, will discuss "Persons Handicapped by Emotional Disturbances."

Revolution and urgency are the two great words of this generation.



SHOWN PACKAGING candy for their annual visit to the local orphanage are young people from the Asbury MYF of Lafayette. From left are Judi Rodgers, Susette Dewese, Jimmy Falconer, Barbara Cain and Janelle McCammon.

Simpson Methodist Church Revival Announced: Joe Hale To Preach

There will be a revival at Simpson Methodist Church, January 20-25. The Reverend Joe Hale, a Staff Evangelist with the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church will be the guest speaker. Leslie Spinks, a teacher of music for many years in the public schools of Lake Charles and member of Simpson Church, will conduct the music.

These Committees and their chairmen are: Advertising Committee, Mrs. J. E. Stout; Attendance Committee is in three divisions: Mission Messengers Division, Alan Collette; Telephone Division,

Mrs. Curtis Cady; "Fill the Pews" Division, Richard Boisture and Dale Hogston; Group Evangelism Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunter; Hospitality Committee, Bob Wilson; Nursery Committee, Mrs. C. W. Tolbert; Personal Evangelism Committee, William Geer; Youth Committee, Diane Quaid; Ushers Committee, Jack Olmstead; Reception Committee, Mrs. J. E. Boulet; Finance Committee, J. B. Boulet.

Cottage Prayer Meetings are planned for each week preceding the revival.



WORKERS WITH YOUTH at Luling Methodist Church, LeRoy Linton, Christian Outreach; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wigle, Christian Fellowship; Mrs. Clifton Kelly, Christian Faith; the Rev. James L. Adams, pastor; Mrs. Adams, counselor; Mrs. Witness.

We Have This Mission

By Hanford H. Closson

(Editor's Note: Dr. Closson is the associate general secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.)

What is the motivation in the Christian mission?

In the very nature of Christianity lies the basis of mission from which emerges the missionary program of the churches. When one is moved by the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ in one's life, with its outflow of God's love through the Holy Spirit, he wants to do something about it. He wants to tell others what has happened to him. He wants others to share the love of God that has changed and sustained his life so remarkably.

Now I am aware that people say that this is the pietistic approach. Well, I certainly think it is a good approach, and as natural as the breath that we breathe.

We can easily add the element of obedience if we wish to think of the Great Commission, and say "Yes" to it. There are variations of this innate motivation, but it is as natural as anything can be, to be enveloped by Christ so strongly that you 'leave all and follow him.' He has first priority in your life!

There are several items in the missionary picture that we ought to see.

The oneness of our mission is one. For administrative purposes we divide it up. We have our work overseas and our national missions work, which deals with missions under the American flag.

It has been my privilege to visit a great many of the fields of national missions and the work of world missions. Essentially we are doing the same kinds of work. And I would even go one step still farther. The work of missions is not essentially different from the work that in local churches at home.

Our work anywhere will include:

Worship—our work everywhere has at its center the worship service. The circumstances vary widely. We have the great cathedral churches of Methodism in our land. We have the great out-of-doors in meetings in Africa, among the Indians in our own lands, and in other places. We have little churches that would seat not more than a score.

Education — Almost every church everywhere has a school of some kind connected with it. It may be a combination secular — religious school, as in many foreign countries, or it may be the Sunday church school so typical of most of our churches in America. And then there are all kinds of educational institutions in our own land and on the foreign field: elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges, universities, nurses training schools, seminaries, etc.

Practical help stations: Ministries of health, clinics, hospitals, leprosaria, etc. etc. From the time of Wesley, our Methodist Church has been interested in service to the total life of men, women and children. There are ministries to the aged, the children, to the needy.

We have a mission to all men in all of their needs.

There is another way in which our mission is one. There used to be the differentiation between the sending churches and the receiving churches, between the churches largely of the West and the younger churches which were on the receiving end, both in personnel and in funds.

This is fast being changed. The younger churches are also engaging in missionary work. They are sending mis-

sionaries to other lands. Yes, they are sending missionaries to the United States of America. They now come as short-term missionaries, but they come to help us, as formerly we went to help them.

Missionaries are no longer solely the white people from the West. Some of the most effective workers are Negroes in Africa, and race and color lines are being eliminated in all parts of the world.

I want to comment on another important aspect of our missionary work. To me, it is terribly important for us to be concerned about numbers. There has been a tendency in the church these days not to be much concerned about great gatherings of people into the fold of the church.

I confess that there are some things that trouble and puzzle me. Take for instance the work of the evangelical churches in Puerto Rico. The Methodist Church has been working there since shortly after the Spanish-American War, some 61 years. Our work has grown; we have nearly 10,000 members there now. But we are putting from a quarter of a million to perhaps as much as a half million dollars into our Methodist Church there in that island. Our work is good. We may rejoice in it.

We tend to excuse or explain away failure to grow as churches. We say we are deepening the faith of those that we have in our churches and that is more members. But if we have concern for all the people of the earth, are we ever to be satisfied until we have reached and won for Christ all for whom our church is responsible?

Of course, we want to nourish the souls of those that we have in our churches, but we also want to reach every living human being and seek to enlist Him for Jesus Christ.

When we look at the facts and figures of church growth, we see how much we seem to have failed to do for the Kingdom that we might have

done. Yes, we have done something, something very significant. But have we taken seriously the mission upon which Christ has sent us?

And we must constantly analyze the elements of our program.

Taken literacy, for instance. This is admirable work and can greatly help people. But the crux of the matter is not in teaching people to read but in having proper reading material available for them to read when once they have learned how. People can be aided to Communism through reading, of course, as well as they can to Christianity. The secret of the success of Frank Laubach in his literacy work is that it is Bible-centered, and portions of the Scriptures are ready to be placed in the hands of the people as soon as they learn to read.

Relief work is good—food, clothing and the like. But this can be done by non-Christian groups and by government groups as well as by church groups.

We in the church have a unique mission. It is to bring Jesus Christ to people. To lead them into the knowledge of and commitment to Him. And then to continue them in the nurture of the Christian way of life.

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The Tremendous Need For New Churches

By B. P. Murphy

(Editor's Note: As executive secretary for church extension of the Division of National Missions, Dr. Murphy is the Methodist Church's authority on the need for new congregations.)

Basically we recognize that the Holy Spirit accomplishes the work of mission. The human structures and personnel are tools and servants through which the Spirit does His work in His own power.

Therefore when we ask how well we Methodists are doing our job in starting new congregations, we take the fuller approach of reviewing the total

fifth of the members were eventually transferred out to other Methodist churches as the people moved again.

When compared with the entire Church, the record of this conference in church extension was twice as effective. In 1940 the conference contained 5.5% of the total population (in other words, 5.5% of the people within the conference boundaries were Methodist). In 1950 it had increased to 6.9%, and in 1960 to 7.0%. Methodism's record for the country as a whole is 5.8%.

What is the record in consideration of the need? This is another factor. During the last three years, this conference provided 14 new churches. Looking ahead to the next three years, the leaders affirm that they need to start 24 new churches. By this standard, the conference is doing but one-half of its job. The record for the Church as a whole is about the same—188 new churches per year when the goal is 400.

When confronted with the record, the conference leaders come naturally to the questions, "What must we do to accomplish this task?" They recognize certain imperatives.

First, the churches of the conference must be brought to recognize the imperative need for starting new congregations. There is the Divine Call to witness. Next, the churches must accept this work as a priority on time and resources. There is always a time of maximum opportunity.

Another imperative is to evaluate the plan for accomplishing the task. The groups at work on church extension are the bishop, the conference board of missions, the district missionary societies, the district superintendents and the Division of National Missions. Under Methodist polity, no church may be started by any group without the approval of the bishop. He is the key both in initiating and evaluating this work. Then the district superintendent is essential in organizing and constituting a new church. He makes use of those related to his district board of missions in this work.

There is one full-time missionary executive at work in this conference. The conference board of missions provides \$15,000 yearly for church building and \$25,000 for ministerial support for new churches. The Division of National Missions aids with counsel, grants for pastoral support, and donations and loans for buildings for the new congregations.

Thus is the plan for a cooperative venture, which ultimately involves the members of all the churches in the conference. A critical need is more funds to support the work. It requires \$100,000 to provide site, minister and first-unit building for the average new congregation.

Cooperative financing is the key to successful church extension. Many churches give generously to the budget of the district board of missions. All help supply funds for the church extension program of the conference board of missions. Some local churches make major contributions through sponsoring a new congregation as a "mother church."

Even with all the plans and work in church extension, however, it is recognized that only one-half of the task is being accomplished by Methodism. This means that our efforts to start new churches must be redoubled.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Jan. 20—Sunday Psalms 19:1-14
Jan. 21 Psalms 8:1-9
Jan. 22 Psalms 65:1-13
Jan. 23 Psalms 97:1-12
Jan. 24 Psalms 100:1-5
Jan. 25 Psalms 147:1-11
Jan. 26 Psalms 147:12-20
Jan. 27—Sunday Psalms 148:1-14

Race Relations To Be Observed By Church Feb. 10

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Race Relations Sunday will be observed by Methodist churches across the nation, Feb. 10.

On that day, members of The Methodist Church will seek to promote better relations between the races, and they will try to raise \$1,000,000 for 12 Methodist-related Negro colleges and one student center.

Many ministers will preach on race relations, and offerings will be taken for the colleges and student center.

A service of worship for the annual observance has been prepared by Methodist Bishop J. Owen Smith, Atlanta, Ga., and it and other Race Relations Sunday materials are available from the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn.

"Race Relations Sunday, always significant, takes on added significance in 1963, centennial year of the Emancipation Proclamation," said the Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education.

The Race Relations Sunday offerings will help Morgan Christian Center, Baltimore, Md., and the following colleges; Bennett, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin, Orangeburg, S. C.; Clark, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans; Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Texas; Meharry, Nashville, Tenn.; Morristown at Morristown, Tenn.; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust, Holly Springs, Miss.; and Wiley, Marshall, Texas.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Leona Rodgers

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona Rodgers who died at 2 p.m. at Zimmerman Rest Home in Carlisle, December 20 were conducted at 2:30 p.m., December 22 at First Methodist Church in DeWitt. The Rev. Charles P. McDonald was in charge.

Mrs. Rodgers was the wife of the late Rev. J. T. Rodgers and was a member of the St. Charles Methodist Church. She was born July 17, 1886, in Arkansas County and is survived by a nephew, Jessie Black, of DeWitt.

Burial was in the DeWitt Cemetery.

Social Concerns Board Annual Meet Planned

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Proposed statements on social issues and consideration of two building projects will be high on the agenda for the General Board of Christian Social Concerns annual meeting here Jan. 20-Feb. 1.

Definitely offered for action by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare are "position papers" concerning new fields assigned to the division—crime and rehabilitation, mental health, medical care, the role of sex in Christian living, social welfare.

Reports are expected from the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs on the subjects of race, church-state relations and economics, and from the Division of Peace and World Order on civil defense, United Nations disarmament, foreign aid.

Further action is due on utilization of the 12-story Church Center for the United Nations, which the Peace Division has under construction in New York City. Reports are slated on the headquarters building which the Tem-

perance Division is projecting as the first unit in the new Methodist center here.

Speakers announced so far for sessions of the 90-member board include Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, former general secretary of the National Council of Churches and now chairman of its Committee on the Church Center for the UN; the Rev. Robert Hamill, dean of chapel at Boston University; Bishops F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines and John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C.

Bishop Ensley will preside over board sessions.



DR. JAMES W. TURPIN, 34-year-old physician and ordained Methodist minister now working among the teeming masses of Hong Kong, has been honored by the National Union Chamber of Commerce as one of 1962's top ten young men. Last year Dr. Turpin gave up a good medical practice in California and went to Hong Kong with his family to aid refugees from Communist China. He studied both medicine and theology at Emory University.

MSM Citizenship Seminar Planned For February 3-9

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Student Movement's fourteenth Christian Citizenship Seminar will be held Feb. 3-9 in New York City and Washington, D. C.

About 60 Methodist students from colleges and universities are expected to participate.

Theme of the seminar will be "The Latin American Revolution and the United States: Forces that Shape the Revolution, Factors and Values that Shape our Response."

The students will hear and confer with speakers from Latin American countries as well as leaders of the United Nations, U. S. Government, church, and press. They will attend sessions of the United Nations and Congress and visit several points of interest in both New York and Washington.

Chairman of the seminar is Wayne Proudfoot, student at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., and past president of the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement. The coordinator is Dr. M. Richard Shaull, professor of ecumenics at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. The Chaplain is the Rev. Robert Johnson, Wesley Foundation director at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the advisor, Miss Ruth Harris, New York City.



HE IT IS who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

PEACE CORPS SETS EXAMPLE

More must be done by Christian churches to encourage qualified persons at or near retirement age to consider short-term mission service.

This is the view of the Rev. Roger F. Rose, pastor of Florence Heights Church, Los Angeles, who believes the Peace Corps has set an example.

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A black and white portrait of a young man with short, dark hair, wearing thick-rimmed glasses, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION
1863

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN FORMALLY ISSUED HIS EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON JANUARY 1, 1863. THE FIRST CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE EVENT IN DETROIT WAS HELD IN THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH ON JANUARY 6, 1863. THE NEGRO CITIZENS OF DETROIT RESOLVED THAT WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS THERE COMES A DAY WHICH IS DESTINED TO BE AN EVERLASTING BEACON LIGHT, MARKING A JOYFUL ERA IN THE PROGRESS OF A NATION AND THE HOPES OF A PEOPLE, IT SEEMS TO BE FITTING THE OCCASION THAT IT SHOULD NOT PASS UNNOTICED BY THOSE WHOSE HOPES IT COMES TO BRIGHTEN AND TO BLESS"...

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A black and white photograph showing the silhouette of a person's head and arm reaching towards an hourglass. The hourglass is positioned in the center, with its two bulbs and the narrow neck clearly visible. The person's arm is extended from the right side of the frame, with their hand near the lower bulb of the hourglass. The background is a light, uniform color, creating a strong contrast with the dark silhouettes. The overall mood is contemplative and symbolic, representing the passage of time.

UGANDA

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KIBULI MOSQUE

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NAMIREMBE CATHEDRAL

INDEPENDENCE 9th OCT. 1962

A postage stamp from Uganda, featuring a black background with white illustrations of three religious buildings. At the top, the word "UGANDA" is written in a large, outlined, sans-serif font. Below it, on the left, is the Rubaga Cathedral, a tall Gothic-style building with multiple spires. In the center is the Namirembe Cathedral, a smaller building with a prominent steeple. On the right is the Kibuli Mosque, a large building with several domes and minarets. Below the illustrations, the names "RUBAGA CATHEDRAL", "KIBULI MOSQUE", and "NAMIREMBE CATHEDRAL" are printed in a simple, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, the value "1/30" is printed in a large, outlined font. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular emblem containing a stylized bird, possibly a dove, with its wings spread. At the very bottom, the text "INDEPENDENCE 9th OCT. 1962" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font. The entire stamp is framed by a decorative, scalloped border.

A large crowd of people is gathered in front of a building with classical columns. An American flag is visible on the left side of the building. The scene appears to be a public event or ceremony.

A black and white photograph of four men in suits sitting at a desk. Behind them is a large clock face and a banner with city names: TOKYO, HONOLULU, NEW YORK, LONDON, ROME, MOSCOW. The word 'TODAY' is written in large letters across the background.

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BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES, president of the Board of Missions, is shown as he commissioned the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Kenneth Small as missionaries at the final service of the board meeting in Cincinnati. Mrs. Small is a native of Baton Rouge, where she attended Istrouma Methodist Church. Mr. Small served one summer as youth director of First Methodist Church, Hammond, and was supported by that church during a term as an M-3 in Malaya. The Smalls will sail Feb. 4 for service in Malaya.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, La.
January 19, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I have just returned from Cincinnati where we attended the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. You will be reading accounts of what took place there in the columns of *The Louisiana Methodist* and other church papers, so I will only say here that this is one of the most informative and inspiring meetings that it is my privilege to attend. Nowhere else in so short a space of time are we privileged to have the world situation surveyed for us in such a thorough and authoritative manner, and have all this information undergirded and challenged by the spiritual interpretation and motivation.

The Louisiana Annual Conference is well represented both in the membership and staff of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey of Ruston is an officer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and is vice president of the joint Section of Education and Cultivation. Two of the directors in the Section of Church Extension of the Division of National Missions are members of this conference. Dr. H. L. Johns, director for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and the Reverend Karl B. Tooke, director of the South Central Jurisdiction, are leading in a vigorous program of building new churches.

The closing session of the Board meeting is the service of commission for missionaries and deaconesses. Although many of these are now commissioned in local churches and at annual conference sessions, there are always a number present for the commissioning service at the Annual Meeting. Among those commissioned on last Thursday evening in Cincinnati was Mrs. Jo Ann Richardson Small of Baton Rouge. Jo Ann is a graduate of Centenary College and of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She and her husband, the Reverend Donald Kenneth Small, a native of San Antonio, Texas, have just completed their orientation work at Stoney Point, New York, and have been assigned to Malaya for work in the field of Christian Education. They go with our concern and our prayers.

We are looking forward now to the C. I. Jones Memorial Lectures which begin at Rayne tomorrow morning. Bishop Gerald F. Kennedy will deliver the lectures this year. Bishop Kennedy is recognized as one of the really great preachers of this generation and our Methodist people and friends in New Orleans are most privileged in having him speak to us on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of next week.

Remember the special session of the Annual Conference on Monday, January 28, at Alexandria. Keep also in mind the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry, February 1 and 2, also at Alexandria.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton

Ministers' Week Speakers

Three outstanding speakers have been announced for Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University, February 4-7. The Fondren Lecturer will be Dr. Eric W. Baker, secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Church, London, England; Bishop James A. Pike of the Diocese of California, The Protestant Episcopal Church; and Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor, First Methodist Church, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Baker's Fondren Lectures for 1963 will be on the theme "The Faith Once For All Delivered to the Saints."

The titles of the four lectures will be "Foundations," "Redemption and Pro-

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Expect 100 Young Men At Ministry Conference

Registrations now point to an attendance of approximately 100 young persons at the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry, to be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2, at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of Ministerial Education, will be the principle speaker.

Invited to the meeting are young people, who are juniors in high school or over. These persons fall into the following categories as they consider the

Special Session of Conference at Alexandria Monday

Lay and clerical members of the Louisiana Annual Conference are reminded that there will be a special session of the Conference at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Monday, January 28, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Walton issued the call for the Special Session, following action taken by the Cabinet at a meeting on December 11. The purpose for which the meeting was called is to consider a proposed \$2.5 million statewide fund-raising drive for Centenary College and to hear and act on a report by the Episcopal Residence Committee.

ministry: (1) Those who have made a commitment to the ministry; (2) those who have shown an interest in a church vocation but have not made a commitment to the ministry; (3) certain talented and interested young people who are being asked to consider the ministry as a vocation; (4) young adults already in secular employment who might be willing to explore the possibility of the ministry as a vocation; and (5) adults who are especially fitted for the ministry by interest and training, and who would be in a position to offer themselves if they should hear and answer the call.

Dr. McCulloh, who will speak on Friday evening and Saturday morning, came to his present position in 1953 from Garrett Biblical Institute, where he had been professor of systematic theology. He holds earned degrees from Baker University, Boston Univer-

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Plans have been announced by the Louisiana Fellowship at Perkins School of Theology for a reception during Ministers' Week. Fred R. Kellogg, secretary of the fellowship, has asked us to announce that the reception will be held following the lecture on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, in the lounge of Kirby Hall.

All Louisiana ministers and their wives are cordially invited to attend the informal occasion and get to know the students, their wives and guests. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will be an honored guest.



Dr. McCulloh

Editorials

An Illogical Position

IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS several denominational groups have taken action which seemed to express hope that the United States Supreme Court would render a decision that they would bar the practices of Bible reading and the use of the Lord's Prayer, or voluntary prayers, in the public schools. We realize that in such instances there have been strong representations that such was logically a part of our concept of Separation of Church and State.

We do not think that resolutions of church groups will have any bearing on the decision of the court, but we do feel that such representations will make it more difficult to make the adjustments that would have to be made following such an eventuality.

It has always been our feeling that the better part of character and moral education in the public school classroom will always have to come through the personal influence of the individual teacher, but we also feel that this teacher has a chance to reflect a great deal of this personality through the way in which the Bible and prayer are handled. Of course, a teacher without strong convictions can do a great deal of harm by a negative approach to these devotional practices, but certainly church groups should not encourage the creation of a spiritual vacuum which would be hard for school administrators to fill.

We have come such a long way from the drafting of our constitution when men who had known the tyranny of the state church determined that we should never have such a church in America and that favoritism should not be shown to any sect by the government. The churches of our land know the debt they owe to these guarantees of the constitution, but we do not feel that they should join in the clamor of the materialists and secularists for an end to any religious tone in our schools.

All across this land there is an increasing demand that the churches give a message that is relevant to the day. We recognize that denominations are doing much soul-searching at every level of their life. We see no relevance in siding with the free-thinkers and others who will have a legal field day when they appear before the Supreme Court soon in an attempt to remove the Bible and prayers from our schools.

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"BEHOLD YOUR KING"-- JOHN 19:14



CHRIST IS KING IN THE WORLD OF LITERATURE... MORE BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT HIM THAN ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL.

AMONG THE MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE OF WHICH HE IS THE SUBJECT:

MILTON'S "PARADISE REGAINED"
BRYANT'S "THANATOPSIS"
WORDSWORTH'S "ODE TO IMMORTALITY"
BUNYAN'S "PIGRIM'S PROGRESS"

CHRIST IS KING IN THE WORLD OF MUSIC... MORE MUSIC HAS BEEN COMPOSED ABOUT HIM THAN ANY OTHER PERSON.

JESUS IS THE THEME IN THE IMMORTAL BACH'S "ASCENSION"
BEETHOVEN'S "MOUNT OF OLIVES"
HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"
HAYDN'S "CREATION"
SPHRS'S "LAST JUDGMENT"

CHRIST IS KING IN THE WORLD OF ART... MORE PICTURES HAVE BEEN PAINTED OF HIM THAN ANY OTHER MAN

JESUS IS THE SUBJECT IN TITIAN'S "ANNUNCIATION"
RAPHAEL'S "SISTINE MADONNA"
DA VINCI'S "TRANSFIGURATION"
DORE'S "VALE OF TEARS"
DA VINCI'S "THE LAST SUPPER"
DURER'S "CRUCIFIXION"
RUBENS' "DECENT FROM THE CROSS"
ANGELO'S "LAST JUDGMENT"

"TRULY THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD"-- MATT. 27:54

Relevance of the Mission

ONE OF THE GREAT JOYS of being a Methodist editor is the privilege of accepting the hospitality of the Board of Missions at their annual meeting. Not only is there an opportunity to walk among the large number of heroic workers from the field who are home on furlough each year, but there is the additional enriching experience that results from seeing first-hand the quality of the staff personnel who direct the work of missions at home and abroad.

In the short time that this annual privilege has been ours we have recognized a vibrant and vital tide moving through the projected program of missions as it reflects in the types of persons who are placed in administration positions as openings occur. One evening during the meeting at Cincinnati the program was presented by the administrative staff and field executives of the Division of World Missions. Many new faces were seen in this presentation and they were those of outstanding young missionaries who have proved themselves on the field and have been drafted, in many instances we feel sure against their real desire, to come to positions of staff leadership. One can tell that they have been willing to assume these administrative posts because of the rapid pace at which the whole strategy of missions is changing in the world.

As we listened to the area executive secretaries describe the problems of the part of the world for which they have major responsibility we were convinced of two things: (1) They know what they are talking about and (2) they are determined that the strategy of Christian missions will be adapted to the rapid social, economic and political changes that are taking place. For example, the missionaries home from the Congo give evidence of knowing the inner workings of that turbulent land and are familiar with all of the complexities of the Katanga problem. From leaders of the work in India we received more light on the current crises there than we have received from any columnist.

An aggressive, positive determination to witness for Christ in the turbulent, uncertainties of the 1960's is the spirit that possesses your missionaries and your mission leaders in these days. Aren't you glad it is so?

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One of the first casualties of the national emergency caused by Communist Chinese aggression in India has been prohibition against alcoholic beverages which has long been in force in 11 districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh, the most populous unit of the Indian federation. This state government announced that in order to augment its financial resources it has decided to scrap prohibition, expecting to raise excise revenues amounting to \$11,000,000 a year.

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CIRCULATION REPORT NO. 1

During the days of the circulation campaign many friends have expressed deep concern for its success and a sincere desire to know just how the reports are coming in. In the days when these reports were being written we were on "pins and needles" wondering what was ahead for us.

We have found, however, that it is impossible to guess the trends of the reports until they are in and processed at the end of the first week following the campaign. You will find the first report published in this issue and we want to interpret it to you.

In Arkansas, the reports have come in a bit slower than usual, and we find that we are about 1100 subscriptions short of the same time last year. To offset this, a number of rather large subscription lists that were in for the first report last year had not reached us in time for this report. If these were all in and reporting what they did last year we would be substantially ahead.

We are grateful for the fact that the subscriptions for The Louisiana Methodist have been coming in a bit faster and we show a gain of about 500 over the number received in the first report last year.

Many pastors and churches give us two or three weeks of hard work and prefer to send in their report when they feel they have just about finished the task. You are of course free to handle this matter as you choose, but it is a great help to us and helps your district to reach its quota while the reports are being printed weekly if you will send your reports in all along during the campaign, and then file your supplemental report later.

As we said, the reports for the first week for the two papers are about 600 short of last year, but we feel sure that report No. 2 will tell another story next week. We desperately need a 10% gain over last year and we are confident you will help us attain it. Thanks, so much!

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Housewives Top Sunday School Teacher's List

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—A big contribution to the Christian education program of The Methodist Church is made by housewives, a survey shows.

More housewives than any other "occupational group" are Sunday school teachers in The Methodist Church, according to a report presented at the annual meeting of the denomination's Board of Education Jan. 8-10 at the Traymore Hotel here.

The report was made by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, Tenn., editor of Methodist church school publications.

The survey of 6,000 of the approximately 39,000 Methodist churches in the nation shows that housewives make up nearly 55 per cent of the Sunday school teachers of children, about 28 percent of teachers of youth, and more than 24 percent of adults.

The second largest number of Sunday school teachers in the 6,000 churches consists of people in the professions (such as public school teachers, doctors and lawyers), and third are skilled white collar workers.

The report showed that more than 13 percent of the teachers in the children's division are persons in the professions, nearly 26 percent in the youth division and almost 33 percent in the adult division. The percentages for skilled white collar workers are as follows: children's division, 13 percent; youth division, nearly 15 per cent; adult division, over 10 per cent.

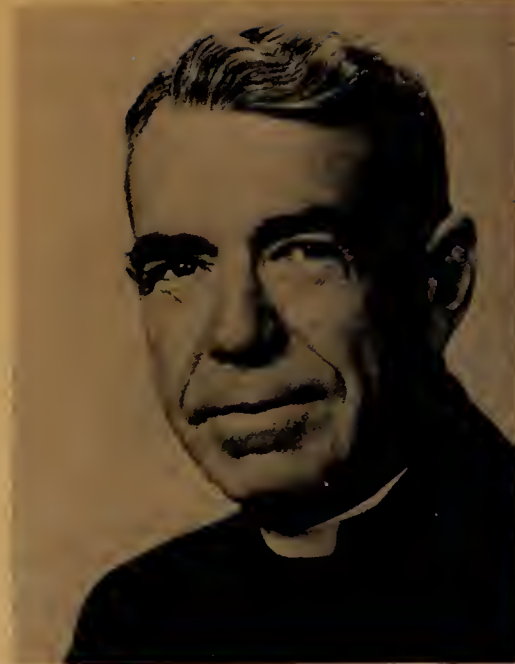
Dr. Bullock said the survey, which includes statistics on other aspects of the churches and their Christian education programs, must be considered preliminary, limited and tentative. It is a part of a much larger study that is being made by The Methodist Publishing House and the Board of Education. The over-all research effort is known as "Project Profile."

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Construction began recently on the eight-million-dollar Lake Park Retirement Home in Oakland, Calif. The 250-unit, 12-story apartment building will be the second retirement home operated by California - Nevada Methodist Homes.



DR. ROY A. STURM of Philadelphia is the new director of the Department of Research and Statistics of The Methodist Church's Council on World Service and Finance. He will assume his new post Feb. 1. He is a member of the West Wisconsin Annual Conference and has served for more than 15 years on the staff of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions.



BISHOP FRED PIERCE CORSON of Philadelphia has been named to receive the 'Methodist of the Year' award for 1963. Named by the editors of World Outlook, Methodist missionary magazine, he received the award at the Board of Missions annual conference in Cincinnati last week (see related story on page 14). The editors cited him for his 'outstanding leadership' and for his service.

Moral Life, Values, Decisions Is Social Emphasis For New Year

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Moral life, moral values, personal decisions—and how the Church relates to them—will be the Christian Social concerns emphasis in The Methodist Church for the year beginning June, 1963. And they will be the subject for special training of 100 regional leaders Feb. 25-March 1 in Chicago.

The training, in the annual National Adult School of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, will start preparation for a program in which extensive local church study is scheduled for the fall and winter of 1963-64.

The school, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, will involve representatives from each annual conference. They will study the social scene and the emphasis materials, in order to provide leadership in their own regions.

A feature of the school will be two afternoons spent in small group interviews with 20 Chicago community leaders to get their views as to moral values, personal decisions and the church's role, as they influence society.

Principal speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Paul Deats, Jr., associate professor of social ethics and of religion in higher education at Boston University School of Theology. His topic will be "Social Action, Social Change and the Cultural Scene."

The Rev. Richard Edgar will head the school as director of leadership development for the board's Division of Temperance and General Welfare, which is leading the planning for the emphasis. Assisting will be others from the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

During the year Methodists will be probing and discussing on the theme of "Moral Man and Moral Society" and the questions of how the church nurtures moral life, how social change relates to moral values, how to make right decisions, how Christian moral values affect life in a business society, how to exercise responsibility for international order.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Jan. 27 - Sun.	Psalms 148:1-14
Jan. 28	Matthew 6:25-33
Jan. 29	Acts 14:8-18
Jan. 30	Acts 17:22-31
Jan. 31	Phil. 1:3-21
Feb. 1	Gen. 3:1-13
Feb. 2	Gen. 3:14-24
Feb. 3 - Sun.	Gen. 4:1-16

DR. F. B. HARRIS AGAIN U. S. SENATE CHAPLAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris is again chaplain of the U. S. Senate, a post he has held all but two years since 1942.

Dr. Harris, retired pastor of Foundry Methodist Church here, was elected as the 88th Congress opened.

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DR. H. C. BROWN TO RETIRE; MR. DAVIS TO ASSUME DUTIES

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Rev. Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Nashville, Tenn., associate director of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education, will retire Jan. 31.

The Rev. Robert A. Davis will take over some of the responsibilities that have been handled by Dr. Brown, and other staff members of the department will assume his other duties. Dr. Davis was director of the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Tech before joining the board staff a few months ago.

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48,615 VISITORS SIGN

AT UPPER ROOM CHAPEL

At The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, 48,615 visitors registered there in 1962. This is 2,410 more than were registered in 1961.

Many visitors, such as those who come for a communion service or other special event, often do not register. It is estimated that well above 50,000 guests visit this point of interest in Nashville each year.

In 1962, every state in the Union with the exception of Nevada was represented. Persons came from 65 other countries. There were 665 interdenominational groups which used the Chapel during the year. This includes 102 communion services.

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Education Board Notes With Concern American's Need For More Adequate and Meaningful Biblical Knowledge

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — The Board of Education of The Methodist Church in its annual meeting here noted with "deep concern" the need of Americans for more adequate and meaningful biblical knowledge.

Churches, teachers and parents have a duty to emphasize the right use of the Bible and knowledge about the Bible, said the board, and it urged Methodist churches to provide more time for church school instruction both on Sunday and at other times in order to help improve the situation.

The board met Jan. 8-10 at the Tray-

more Hotel.

"We appreciate increased emphasis on the Bible already apparent and planned in our church school materials," said the board in adopting a report submitted by its Editorial Division.

The Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, Tenn., editor of Methodist church school publications, reported that the forthcoming new church school curriculum for children will be "conceived in more thorough biblical terms than has been true in the past and will take into account the greater maturity of today's children."

The new children's curriculum, to be ready in the fall of 1964, will be called Christian Studies for Methodist Children.

Dr. Bullock also said that the largest official report set the circulation of Methodist church school literature at 6,374,001. This was for the July-August-September quarter of 1962 and was a record for that quarter and an increase of 111,070 over the same period in 1961. He added, however, that it was not an all-time high. Circulation fluctuates during the year, and the highest point on record was reached

last quarter of 1961 with a total of 7,215,284.

The board voted to have its 1964 annual meeting, Jan. 7-9 at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., board president, presided at the Atlantic City meeting.

Bishop Garber deplored the negative, discouraged attitude that he said many churchmen express today. He declared that the church should look on the bright side.

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A TAKE-OFF of the TV show 'I've Got A Secret' was the plot for the Sunday, Jan. 6, evening fellowship at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor. Shown in the above picture are panel members and officials for the program.

Parker Memorial Inaugurates New Worship Services

Parker Memorial Methodist Church of New Orleans has inaugurated a new series of inter-religious worship services for the first seven Sundays of the new year. It is called "Getting to know our religious neighbors."

Clergymen representing various faiths are being given an opportunity to share their views with the congregation during the evening worship service. Invited to speak are the following guest ministers: Dr. Carl Lueg, Methodist Dist. Supt. of the New Orleans District; Rabbi Julian Fiebleman of the Temple Sinai Congregation; the Rev. Kenneth Barr, Grace Lutheran Church; Dr. Paul Richards, Parkway Presbyterian Church; Dr. Frank Stagg, Professor of New Testament of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; the Rev. Leighton H. Nugent, assistant rector of Trinity Episcopal Church; and the Rev. Hubert Shiffer, a member of the faculty of Loyola University.

NEW COURSES ADDED AT CENTENARY

Shreveport, La. — New courses in Russian, philosophy, theatrical cos-

tuming and psychology will be the most notable addition to the curriculum of Centenary College's Evening Division during the spring semester, Director Howard Elder announced Saturday.

Elder said that the Russian course, added to the curriculum because of wide public demand, will be a beginning course taught by Dr. Jacob W. Nickel, Russian-born associate professor of modern languages and philosophy. It will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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CENTENARY RECEIVES \$5,000 DUPONT GRANT

E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. of Wilmington, Del., has announced a \$5,000 grant to Centenary College for the purpose of advancing the teaching of chemistry.

The grant is a part of the Du Pont Company's annual program of aid to education, under which \$1,780,000 is being awarded to 168 universities and colleges throughout the nation.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY DECEMBER 30

Centenary Methodist Church participated in Student Recognition Day with the following college students taking part in the services: Bette Killingsworth, Patsy Thigpen, Vallie Beth Garrett, Mary Jo Poole, Duke Moore.



THE LOUISIANA METHODIST circulation campaign at First Methodist Church, Houma, was ably handled by these ladies who were the neighborhood zone leaders, responsible for securing the subscriptions.

NEWS from Franklinton -

FRANKLINTON MYF OBSERVES WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

It was an impressive and inspiring sight to see 65 young people gathered at the altar rail at midnight December 31—these young MYFers and their friends, many of whom were of other faiths, gathered at Centenary Methodist Church in Franklinton at 9:30 P.M. for a recreational period and snack time. At 11:30 P.M., the group assembled in the beautiful sanctuary for a worship service conducted by the MYF which was a service of self-examination and re-dedication. Those participating were Tommie Lou Brumfield, Virginia Pierce, Jimmy Burris, Dudley Rochelle, Wilfred Welch, and their pastor, Rev. M. D. Felder.

METHODIST BRIEFS

Miss Esther M. Holley, director of the File of Pastors and Church Officials of the Council of World Service

"FAMILY WORSHIP" EMPHASIZED BY CENTENARY CHURCH

The first service of 1963 in the Centenary Methodist Church in Franklinton, La., gave special emphasis to Family Worship. Taking part in the service was a father-son combination France Watts, Sr. and Richard Watts. The largest family present was given special recognition, as were the complete family groups and the three-generation groups. At the conclusion of the service, the families came in groups to the altar rail for the Communion Ritual.

and Finance, will retire Feb. 1 after 32 years of service. A citation presented to her on behalf of the council by its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, Evanston, Ill., praised her "diligence in discharging her responsibilities far beyond the requirements of duty."

from Palestine Methodist Church

The Palestine Methodist Church is now having its annual church-wide mission study. The study will be held each Sunday evening at 6:30 during the month of January. The theme for this year's study is "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need."

Separate sessions will be conducted for the children, youth, and adults. The leaders for the various groups are: children, Norma Lou Brown; Junior high, Mrs. Grace Futrell; Senior high, Elmer Malone; and adult, the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir.

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COMMISSION ON EDUCATION SPONSORING STUDY

The Commission on Education of the Palestine Methodist Church is sponsoring a study of the booklet "Foundations of Christian Teaching in the Methodist Church." The study began Wednesday, Jan. 7, and will be held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. until the course is completed. Study leaders are John Tubb and the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Many special services were held at the Palestine Methodist Church during the Advent and Christmas season. These services helped to make this Christmas season a most meaningful

one for all concerned. The activities included: Sun., Dec. 2—the children's department under the direction of Mrs. Henry Cole presented a Christmas pageant. Elizabeth Rosset, Linda Grey, Kathy Cloninger and Cynthia Lea had speaking roles. A choir composed of all members of the Children's Department provided the music.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, a Christmas candlelighting service was held; on Saturday, Dec. 15, the Methodist Men sponsored a family night; on Sunday, Dec. 16, the Senior MYF presented the drama, "A Child Is Born." The cast included Fay Tubb, Ronnie Vernon, Gene Crofoot, Harold Ussery, Sadie Hopkins, Donna Shetty, Milton Bucklay, Martha Futrell and Jimmy Martin;

On Sunday, Dec. 23, the Chancel Choir presented a program of sacred Christmas music from many lands. Mrs. Clyde Lingenfelter directed the choir and Mrs. Donald Conner was organist. Soloists were Norma Brown and Ronald Vernon; on Sunday, Dec. 31, watchnight services were sponsored by the Methodist Men.

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Blessed are the methodical for they do not waste time, and time is the stuff life is made of.



THE STORY OF THE 'First Christmas' was dramatized by the MYF of Indian Bayou Methodist Church, accompanied by the Adult and Junior Choirs. These two pictures show the front row of the Junior choir and the manger scene.



NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

AT SPRINGHILL METHDOIST CHURCH, Mrs. Ralph Cain, wife of the minister, is the leader for the mission study course, "Rim of East Asia," which began on Jan. 13.

MISS CATHRENE WAINWRIGHT, case worker for welfare, was the guest speaker when the Elton Woman's Society of Christian Service had a special program on home missions, January 10. The Rev. Paul C. Carroll is pastor.

THE REV. A. JEROME CAIN, Lafayette District Superintendent, was the preacher for the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Dec. 30. The Rev. R. R. Branton is the pastor.

A STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP WAS held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Jan. 7. Leaders for the school were the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir, the Rev. Byrl Moreland, Maj. George Duncan and the Rev. Clark Dell.

MISS SHIELA NUTTALL, conference director of children's work, was the guest speaker for the evening worship service at First Methodist Church, Leesville, Jan. 6. The pastor is the Rev. Kirby A. Vining.

GUEST SPEAKER AT NORTH HIGHLAND'S Methodist Church, Shreveport, for the morning worship service, Jan. 13 was Chaplain Victor S. Coleman. He was a classmate of the pastor, the Rev. George Harkins, at Emory University.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, was the speaker for the Jan. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men at Springhill Methodist Church, where the Rev. Ralph Cain is the pastor.

MRS. BILL IRVING, WIFE OF the pastor of the Mansfield Methodist Church, was the speaker for the Ladies Night Meeting of the Methodist Men of Vivian Methodist Church, Jan. 10. The Rev. George D. York is the pastor.

MRS. THOMAS PITT OF MONROE was the guest speaker for the January 9 meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild at the Rayville Methodist Church. Mrs. J. L. Harrell was hostess for the meeting. The Rev. R. E. Walton is the pastor.

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE STUDY "The Dimensions of Prayer" was held at the Bethel Methodist Church on Jan. 9. Other sessions were scheduled for Jan. 23 and 30. Mrs. George Willis is the teacher. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

THE REV. ANDY FOREMAN, pastor of St. Mark's-Redeemer Churches, New Orleans, was the speaker for the Jan. 7 meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, of which the Rev. E. J. Barksdale is the pastor.

MR. C. L. PERRY, Superintendent of Schools for Caddo Parish, was the speaker for the Father-Son Banquet at the Methodist Men's supper

meeting on Jan. 16. Music for the occasion was furnished by "The Mainliners." The Rev. Jack H. Midyett is the pastor.

PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT RECOGNITION Day Services at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, were Judy Cobb and Mike Sehul at the morning worship service, and Bill Wilson, Jr. and Patsy Gaspard at the evening service. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH in Minden will be host to the M.Y.F. Sub-district meeting on Monday, January 28. The Lakeview M.Y.F. will be in charge of the program, and the host-pastor, the Rev. L. Gray Wilson, will be the main speaker.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION has been given to several member of the Kinder First Methodist Church for perfect Sunday School attendance during the year 1962. They are as follows: Mrs. Leslie Manuel and son, Bruce; Larry Nevils; Mrs. Jack Kingrey and children, Larry, Terry, Tommie Lynn, and Jerry. Mrs. P. W. Leland serves as Sunday School Superintendent. Rev. Rex Squyres is pastor.

MANGHAM METHODIST CHURCH enjoyed a Watch-Night Service at which time the Rev. Theron McKisson, pastor of the Perrady Methodist Church, showed slides of his trip to the Holy Land. Refreshments were served during a short intermission. The pastor is the Rev. E. A. Keasley.

THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST METHODIST Church, Welch, will honor their missionary to Angola, John Shyrock and his family at a covered dish family supper on Feb. 3. Mr. Shyrock will also speak at the evening worship service on this Sunday. The pastor at Welch is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

A RECENT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, announces that revival services will be held at that church April 7-12, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore the evangelist. Song leader will be Bill Mann of Dallas. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

MR. JACK QUIGLEY spoke on the work of the FBI at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Methodist Men of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, where the Rev. Jack Cooke is the pastor. The ladies of the church were invited to attend this meeting.

ANNOUNCED AS SPEAKERS for the School of Missions at First Methodist Church, Monroe, Jan. 20-Feb. 10 are: Jan. 20—Dr. Lavelle Haynes and Mr. Elbert Van Buren; Jan. 27—Mrs. James S. Rutledge, Miss Jane Borsch and Miss Frances Barnes; Feb. 3—Mrs. Sara Kennon, Mrs. W. J. Veazey and Miss Juanita Porter; Feb. 10—Mrs. Ross Golson and the Rev. Don McBride. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

AT PARKER MEMORIAL Methodist Church, New Orleans, Harry Esheu became the choir director and minister of music on Jan. 6. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he is a part-time instructor. The Parker Memorial pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

IN THE CHURCH-WIDE MISSION STUDY at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, which began on Jan. 6, classes are being held for primaries, juniors and adults. All meet together in the sanctuary for worship following the classes. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.

AS A PART OF THE JAN. 6 session of the church-wide mission study, "Arm of Compassion," at First Methodist Church, Franklin, a film, "Moment to Act," was shown. It followed a brief introductory talk by Mrs. Lilly Belle Jordan. The Rev. Albert S. Hurley is the pastor.

AT THE JANUARY 10 MEETING of the Methodist Men of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, the men heard Mr. Lawrence Estaville and Mr. Curtis Price tell of the important and helpful work of the Public Health Unit in Calcasieu Parish. Vension was the meat for the meal on this occasion. The pastor is the Rev. James L. Stovall.

ACCORDING TO A RECENT ISSUE of the church bulletin of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, an honor award in architecture has been given to August Perez and Associates by the Gulf States Region of the American Institute of Architecture for the design for their sanctuary. The Lake Vista pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

IN OBSERVANCE OF National Guild Month members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, were special guests of the WSCS, Jan. 8. Speakers for the program were the Rev. George Ross, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, who spoke on Home Missions; and Miss Elsie Ellis of the Guild, who spoke on Foreign Missions. The Rev. Sam Nader is the pastor.

THE CURTIS PARK METHODIST MEN'S Club, Bossier City, observed Ladies' Night with a squirrel-mulligan on Thursday, January 17. The Rev. R. L. Clayton, guest speaker, illustrated with his pictures the story of Methodism in England, making Aldersgate Year more meaningful in that church. Honored guest was Melvin Hood, with his family, who has been away on military assignment and who will now serve as the Men's Club president. Pastor at Curtis Park is the Rev. Tom Crosby.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SECOND SESSION of the study "The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia," at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, were Mrs. Paul Pigue, Mrs. P. C. Willis, Mrs. Edward Dean and Mrs. N. O. Rawlinson. A feature of the session were slides and commentary on Okinawa given by Mrs. Henry E. Turner, wife of a retired Army officer, who formerly lived on that island. The pastor at First Church is Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

MRS. RUBY EUBANKS, wife of the associate minister of Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently gave an organ recital as a part of the Service of Dedication for the new Allen Organ at Ingleside Methodist Church of that city. The Ingleside pastor is the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson. On Dec. 20 the Ingleside Senior High MYF entertained five girls from the Protestant Girls Home of Baton Rouge for dinner and Christmas shopping. This has become an annual part of the Christmas program of this MYF, whose president is Mickey Stringfield.

The Sunday School Lesson

JAMES W. WORKMAN

February 3, 1963: "THE MIGHTY POWER OF CHRIST"



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35 through 5:43; Printed Lesson Text: Mark 4:35-41; 5:38-42.

MEMORY SELECTION: He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10:38.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To study the place of miracles in the ministry of Jesus and to see their relationship to the completing his divine calling and vocation.

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The next six lessons are unit 2 in Mark's "gospel of action," with the emphasis upon "faith for living." These studies are based upon the six chapters of Mark, beginning with today's scripture assignment.

Next Sunday the "need for workers" in Christ's mission shows how the disciples assisted in Christ's mission and how we need Christian workers today. The following lessons challenge us to a genuine reality in our religious experience, and to make the Christian confession. This latter is the lesson for the first Sunday of Lent. The last two lessons in the unit challenge us to combine our worships with our work, and to fix our dedication to service rather than to privilege, being served.

Last Sunday's study of why Jesus taught in parables revealed the powerful effectiveness of his earthly likeness to spiritual behavior. The common people heard him gladly because of his stories of daily life illustrating eternal truths for good living. His parables were short, pointed, natural facts pointing up spiritual faith. They illustrated the place of religion in life and life in religion. His disciples learned his teaching by being with him, and adding their ministries to his. His pointed teachings invited the opposition of the entrenched religious and political authorities as well as that of his family relations. Some of them thought that he was mad and wanted to destroy him. Jesus's way of meeting this family crisis showed that he put loyalty to God above all earthly ties of birth, marriage and legal relationships.

The heart of last week's lesson was in the greatest parable of the growth of the kingdom, in the parable of the soils, the sower, and the hearers. Jesus, in telling of the word sown in the four kinds of soils, shows the differences of people's attitudes to the word of the gospel. Some hearers never receive the seed because birds destroy them, in their rocky exposed soil. Some hearers never receive the seed because depth for the seed to grow in. Some hearers received the word but the thorns grew up with it and made for a poor growth. The good soil is the good hearers who "meet all of the requirements" for the abundant harvest.

The kingdom of God grows thus as quietly and full of mystery as the seed in the lives of the hearers. Its very small beginning produces an abundant harvest at best.

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Storm and Peace—Death and Life

The scripture lesson today records two miracles and two lessons. Dr. Horace Weaver, Editor of the International Lesson Annual, intro-

duces this series on "Faith for Living" with the challenging observation that "Jesus was not concerned primarily that people have 'a faith for dying.'" It is reasonable that aging Christians face seriously the drawing near of the close of earthly life. The centering of attention upon the undying spiritual facts of love and helpfulness blunt the edge of fear of death, by the soundness of mind that thinks of the power of an endless life. An aged widow asks, "Do you think that there is a life after this one?" and the Christian can reply, "Yes." "I see it in Jesus and his promise to us that he is with us always." Jesus' concern was with life abundant!, as Dr. Weaver emphasizes in his teaching and total ministry.

The quieting of the waters of fear in the disciples' anxiety, and the raising from the dead of the ruler's daughter, are the two mighty works in Jesus' ministry that show his power to overcome our direst fears of death and of natural forces.

Dr. Weaver reminds us of the fears, that are planet wide, that a nuclear war might break "over our heads." He reminds us that Jesus has a word for our fears of these days as he did in his own day. To know God as a Father of love gives us reassurance in the midst of the turmoil in industry and agriculture, at home and in the affairs that are strained between nations. Jesus acts positively in the face of the forces of nature and death. He gives meaning to life, as fellowship with God, in whose care we can rest assured that we are never alone. We can see the educative purpose in the trying times that we undergo. We can see the meaning for redeeming our lives from their meaningless drifting to some useful purpose.

Our Christian faith is jarred by the threat of death and destruction. In our hours of worship at Church and at home we find that "the best of all is, 'God is with us.'" This is the answer of God, through our Christian faith, to the fearful threats to our security and life. How can we live with such a faith? This answer is the purpose of this unit of the next six lessons. It aims to help us have a sufficient faith for living.

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Gospel Miracles Reveal God's Power

The two miracles in today's lesson may challenge one's faith if they are understood as mysteries in natural events that are mysteriously without explanation. Such an attitude may even invite skepticism. Dr. Floyd Filson gives an interesting suggestion regarding the many miracles in the gospels. He defines miracles as "not an act that breaks the laws of nature, but a remarkable act in which the eye of faith sees divine power at work to achieve some good end." His "Exploring the Bible Text," in the International Lesson Annual introduces the basic principle in understanding miracles, "Thus God, or Jesus acting for God, may bring the divine will and power into special operation for divine purposes."

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The Miracle of Peace Replacing the Storm

Dr. Filson reminds us that the day of Jesus' shipping with his disciples was the day he had been teaching in parables. Setting sail at the

end of the day they took the evening route from a beach head near Capernaum to go to the east side of the Sea of Galilee. Setting sail at evening, the storm must have broken in late afternoon. He had been speaking from a boat by the shore. So the disciples took him "with them in the boat where he had been sitting." (NEB)

The sudden storms that break down upon the sea of Galilee from the hills all about the shore make a great disturbance upon the seven hundred feet below sea level shores of Galilee. The high waves almost "swamped" the boat. Jesus was asleep on a cushion in the stern, trustful in his weariness from the day's work. The fearful disciples roused him from his sleep with their frantic, fearful cries, "Teacher! We're sinking." "Do you not care?" The New English Bible (NEB), vividly puts on record, "He stood up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Hush! Be still!' The wind dropped and there was a dead calm. He said to them 'Why are you such cowards? Have you no faith even now?'" (NEB) Dr. Filson says he meant, "Become calm and stay that way." The references in Isaiah 50:2, and Nahum 1:4 reveal the mighty power of God to "dry up the sea."

Students of weather in Palestine see in the suddenness of the storm, and its sudden subsiding, a natural event quite characteristic of the Sea of Galilee in its sudden changes. The disciples and the gospel of Mark see in it the special power of God, in Jesus, to stop the storm, and to quiet the waves.

To be afraid shows lack of faith, lack of faith in God, and Jesus and in themselves. Dr. Filson reminds us that, if they had fully understood Jesus, they would have realized that nothing ill could befall them while they were with him.

His miracle called forth their reverence in awe of him. The mystery of the miracle baffled them. But they knew that he had done something that they could not do. Do not the words of Paul come to mind, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me"? The miracle may be a relatively considered phenomenon. But it is of such a degree of understanding as to make it a different event, calling upon all who are helped by it to give thanks to God for his unspeakable gift!

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Jairus' Daughter's Resurrection Provokes Amazement

The twelve year old daughter of the president of the synagogue was at home in her Capernaum hometown, seriously ill, when her father told Jesus about her. News of her death later reached Jesus. He went with her father and came upon the weeping household. His quick response to hurry to the home before the child died was not quick enough. Some thought that Jesus could not help after the child had died. But Jesus reassured the father, 'do not be afraid; only have faith.'

Jesus came to the mourning and weeping household with his chosen disciples, Peter, James and John. He also took the father and mother of the child. He took her hand. He said to her, "'Get up, my child.'" Immediately, she got up and walked about." (NEB) His practical advice was to "tell no one about it," and to "give her food."

Later Christians have interpreted the sleep as meaning that earthly death is not final death but the doorway to a larger life to come, after the sleep of death. Dr. Filson continues the spiritual truth, "that those who die in faith will live with Christ."

How powerful were his words! How helpful his hand to raise the dead girl to life! How vividly the disciples remembered the tiniest detail of the event. Again their amazement made them "beside themselves." (NEB)

Whatever natural explanations may be ventured relating to these two miracles, the New Testament records them as deeds of power that Jesus did, over and beyond the usually observed laws of the world of nature. The opponents of Jesus could not negate those works of life and wonder.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A strange story of a new kind of "confidence man," making a living out of claiming to quit religion comes out of Russia. According to Kom-somol Pravda, official organ of the Young Communist League, Victor Sokolov proved that "an atheist sucker is born every minute," especially in that portion of the Communist bureaucracy established to see that religion is wiped out. He traveled up and down Russia, collecting hand-outs from Young Communist League branches when he told the story that he was planning to give up training for the priesthood.

Mission history is filled with stories of "rice Christians" who were willing to claim to accept Christianity for a price, but this is the first time we have heard of someone "making a racket" out of claiming to give up religion.

We know that all kinds of surveys are being made continually. Now someone has predicted that fewer Catholics and Jews would survive an all-out atomic war on the United States than members of Protestant churches. This is based simply on the prediction that deaths would be greater in urban areas and this is where the concentration of Catholic and Jews is greatest.

We believe the outlook is dim enough for all of us in such an eventuality that we will win few converts to Protestantism from either group on the basis of this survey.

Dr. Hewlett Johnson, who as the "red Dean" of Canterbury has been a controversial figure in the Church of England since his appointment in 1931, has announced his retirement effective in May. The 88-year-old clergyman's resignation has been accepted by Queen Elizabeth. He will leave the pulpit of Canterbury Cathedral to go on lecture tours and to complete an autobiography.

Few will be sorry to see Dr. Johnson step down from this strategic post from which he has rendered inestimable harm to the cause of Anglicanism.

Overflow congregations are reported to have attended midnight services in Moscow as the Russian Orthodox Church observed Christmas according to the old Julian calendar on Jan. 7. Worshipers also flocked to Moscow's only Baptist church where Christmas is observed on the same date.

One is almost envious of their opportunity to enjoy Christmas worship when the hustle and bustle has quieted down. We are reminded that a television performer said recently, "It's a shame to have Christmas at the time of the year when people are so busy."

Plans have been announced in Minneapolis for a Billy Graham Pavilion at the 1964 New York World's Fair. The plans were announced by George M. Wilson, executive vice-president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

We would hope that Dr. Graham and his associates will give a second thought of such plans. It seems out of place when there will be pavilions of the major Faiths to have one which is built around a man.

Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy and laymen are on a Steering Committee planning an unprecedented religious survey in Dallas, Tex., Feb. 15-22. Leaders of the survey who have been working to assure cooperation from all religious groups include Dr. Luther Holcomb, executive director of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches.

This is indeed a commendable area of cooperation in which these three faiths ought to be able to work in every community throughout the land. The impact on the whole Dallas community should be good.

Representatives of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Assemblies of God recently held two informal conversations, primarily to discuss the work of the Holy Spirit in the contemporary church. A joint statement reporting the meeting was recently issued in New York by spokesmen for the two groups. The meetings were held at the International Headquarters of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Mo., and at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo.



AN INTERRELIGIOUS group is shown in a discussion of the 'Religious Press and Interfaith Tensions.' The program featured talks by, left to right: Wayne Cowan, managing editor of *Christianity and Crisis*, Protestant journal of opinion; Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, staff consultant of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Father Francis Canavan, S.J., associate editor of *America*, a national Catholic weekly; and Don Zirkel, news editor of the *Tablet*, weekly newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

Seventh-day Adventists from seven eastern states recently launched a drive against the distribution of pornographic literature. The campaign, in which every Adventist is expected to participate, was announced at the biennial meeting of the denomination's Columbia Union Conference's Publishing Department meeting at Mount Pocono, Pa.

At Seattle University, a Jesuit-conducted school, students read the Old Testament from a Protestant Bible, the Revised Standard Version, and are quizzed on their readings by a Rabbi. This unique study program came about when the Catholic school named Rabbi Arthur Jacobovitz to the faculty. He is believed to be the first rabbi to teach in an American Catholic University.

Soviet Zone Communists, after a period of relative restraint, have launched a heavy attack against what they call the West German "military" church. Their specific targets are the 11th German Evangelical Church Day Congress, to be held at Dortmund, July 24-28, and Dr. Kurt Scharf, chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Ewha Women's University in Seoul, Korea, has granted doctor of medicine degrees to the first women students in its 76-year-history, the Methodist Board of Missions has announced. They are Dr. Hae-Chang Kim, and assistant professor of biochemistry at Ewha; and Dr. Hyun-Kyun Ban, head of the ophthalmology department at Ewha East Gate Hospital in Seoul. Ewha has some 8,000 students and is believed to be the world's largest women's school.

The Israeli Cabinet, by unanimous decision, has agreed to instruct Ambassador Yehudah Gaulan in Helsinki to apologize to the Finnish government for a recent attack on the Finnish Lutheran Mission in Jerusalem by "irresponsible elements." It acted after nine persons, including seven students at the Jewish Talmudic School, had been arrested for stoning the institution.

Suggestions that Israel readmit a certain number of Arab refugees on an experimental basis and establish a definite policy depending upon the success or failure of the experiment were made at a recent symposium in Jerusalem attended by leading clergymen from Israel and abroad.

Westminster College, a United Presbyterian school at Fulton, Mo., has been granted permission from the British government to relocate a war-damaged London church on the campus as an ultimate memorial to Sir Winston Churchill, who made his famous "Iron Curtain" speech on the Westminster campus in 1946.

The Newark Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. agreed substantially recently with a report opposing Bible reading, prayer, and religious holiday observances in public schools. In another action, the presbytery voted 26 to 24 to recommend the establishment of the office of bishop within the denomination and to suggest that the General Assembly "explore" the possibilities of this change.

The American Ethical Union has been granted permission by the U. S. Supreme Court to submit its stand on cases involving Bible readings and recitations of prayer in Pennsylvania and Maryland public school systems. In its petition to the court, the organization said that the recitation of "secular prayer in public schools infringes upon the rights of their members and their children."

The First All-Africa Christian Youth Assembly, in its closing message at Nairobi, Kenya, called on Christian churches around the world to support the African peoples' pursuit of freedom from ignorance, poverty, oppression and disease. Christians were urged by the message to "share the destiny of Africa and the responsibility of building new nations."

Protestant authorities in Berlin have announced the completion of reconstruction work on all war-damaged Evangelical churches and buildings in West Berlin. Of the 110 Evangelical churches in pre-war Berlin's western section, only five remained undamaged while 33 suffered heavy destruction and five were totally destroyed.

Wilbur D. Benedict of Philadelphia has been appointed to the newly-created post of publisher of *Christianity Today*, a conservative Protestant fortnightly. For the last three years he has managed a regional advertising office for *Presbyterian Life*.

1963 Louisiana Methodist Circulation Campaign

Report No. 1

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT				New	Renewal	Not Due	Total					New	Renewal	Not Due	Total
Alexandria:First, G.M.Hicks	34	62	6	102	Guydan, Robert Miller	5	27	-	32	Center Point, Jas. Garrett	3	23	-	26***	
Trinity, Byrl Moreland	13	24	-	37	Iowa-Bell City, Fred Shirley	4	33	-	37	Chatham, Mt.P-Zora., Leon Scott	12	29	-	41**	
Wesley-Grace=Fel., D.R.Deen	5	7	-	12	Lake Charles: Fairview-S.L., H.A.Gibbs	2	24	1	27*	Choudrant-Douglas Ch., W.H.Hall	5	25	-	30	
Colfax, C.B. White	4	44	-	48**	First, G.W. Pomeroy	22	131	-	153	Ansley, W.M.Stokes	12	-	-	12***	
Elizabeth=Hopewell, I. Robinson	37	53	-	90****	Oak Park, Donald M. Risinger	21	9	-	30	Cotton Valley, W.O.Lynch	16	26	-	42***	
Evergreen-Simmesport, Mrs.L. Hickman	5	35	-	40***	St. Luke, Ollie Golsen	4	2	-	6	Harmony Ch.-Wesley, Eddie Morgan	1	-	-	1	
Glenmore-F.H.-F'ship, J.Knight	3	21	-	24	Leesville, Kirby Vining	5	46	-	51**	Downsville-Bethel-Mt.N., B. Forman	2	32	-	34**	
Jena, NolleyMem., A.G.Taylor	3	124	-	127***	Raymond, Don Tohline	-	12	-	12	Eros-Antioch-Frnton., Jimmie Pyles	13	32	1	46***	
Natchitoches, First, G. Pearce	25	44	3	72	Vinton, James Poole	21	20	-	41**	Farmerville, John Corley	10	31	-	41**	
Olla, Ted Smith	2	37	-	39**					Gibbsland-Oak Gr., J.A.Jones	4	69	-	73***		
Palestine-Pl.Gr., R. Hoffpaur	-	1	-	1					Homer, W.P.Fraser	1	-	-	1		
Pineville, K. McDowell	3	-	-	3					Minden, First, Merlin Merrill	28	111	11	150**		
Pollock-L. C.-Selma, M.L.Davis	13	29	-	42**					Lake View, Gray Wilson	28	45	1	74**		
Trout-Urania, E.W.Sandel	18	49	-	67****					Ringgold, Roy Grant	14	35	1	50**		
Natchitoches, College Ave., Dell Durand	9	23	-	32**					Ruston, Trinity, Douglas McGuire	40	398	4	442***		
Winnfield, R .H.Staples	-	13	-	13					Sibley-Gr.Bayou-R., W.G.Stegall	10	20	2	32*		
									Simsboro-Anch-Salem, Paul Cassels	10	40	1	51**		
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT															
Baton Rouge: First, Dana Dawson	-	2	-	2	Collinston Ct., Joe Robinson	2	14	-	16						
Ingleside, H. Williamson	15	17	-	32	Delhi, W.V.Sirman	13	12	5	30						
North Baton Rouge, R. Mouser	31	23	-	54	Epps-Floyd, L.M.Sawyer	41	28	3	72***						
Bogalusa, Robert Crichtlow	42	98	-	140**	Lake Providence, A.P. Smith	8	11	-	19						
Deerford, Douglas McLean	1	17	-	18	Lapine Ct., William Carroll	-	10	-	10						
Donaldsonville, J.E.Christie	6	10	-	16***	Mangham, Edwin Keasler	2	35	2	39						
Faithful-New R.-Grand R., Carrithers	8	13	-	21	Mer Rouge-Bonne Idee, W.B.Shaw	11	41	1	53**						
Gonzales, Meadows Ch., James Lawton	-	11	4	15	Monroe: Memorial, W.Lloyd Williams	10	37	6	53						
Jackson-Ethel, John Shearer	5	43	1	49	Southside, Lea Joyner	1	-	-	1						
Loranger-Coopers Ch., C.J.T.Cotton	7	18	-	25**	Oak Grove, W.O. Lynch	2	60	2	64**						
Lottie-Rosedale, T.W. Perrott	10	23	1	34**	St. Andrews, L.W. Taylor	2	24	-	26						
Plaquemine, James Christie	8	22	5	35	St. Joseph-Wesley, A.W.Coody	6	20	-	26**						
Ponchatoula, Eldred Blakely	12	74	2	88	West Monroe: Claiborne, T.A.Brown	2	12	-	14						
Walker Ct., W.P.Blackwood	70	24	-	94***	Winnboro F.W.Schwendimann	29	139	7	175***						
Wesley Ch.-Lee's Landing, C. Martin	14	30	1	45**											
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT															
Houma, First, Henry Rickey	-	102	-	102											
Iota-Maxie, C. Lapuyade	6	17	-	23**											
Indian Bayou-Kaplan, J.B.McCann	14	95	-	109***											
Jeanerette, Hal P. Cansler	8	9	-	17											
Lafayette; Davidson Mem., H. Hines	11	15	-	26											
Asbury, C.R.McCammon	-	1	-	1											
Lockport-Raceland, Carl Lipe	2	12	1	15											
New Iberia, Luther Booth	-	65	-	65											
Opelousas, Henry C. Blount	32	69	3	104**											
Rayne-Branch, Karl Wood	2	30	-	32											
Ivanhore, Harold Hines	1	7	-	8***											
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT															
Elton, Paul Carroll	6	17	1	24**											
Eunice-Basile, R. Bengston	9	15	3	27											
MONROE DISTRICT															
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT															
RUSTON DISTRICT															
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT															
RECAPITULATION															
DISTRICTS															
Alexandria	206	950	21	1177	68										
Ruston	174	566	9	749	50										
Alexandria	76	422	4	502	34										
Lafayette	129	443	26	598	29										
Monroe	170	464	27	661	29										
New Orleans	99	336	5	440	26										
Lake Charles	229	425	14	668	21										
Baton Rouge	57	172	4	233	7										
Shreveport	1140	3778	110	5028											
Totals															



MRS. DEXTER BROWN and children: Doris, Dexter, Jackie, Maureen baby Glenn, and paul (hiding).

She Had Time

Mrs. Dexter Brown

Mrs. Dexter Brown, chairman of the Vinton Methodist Church Literature and Publication Committee had time to find 45 new subscribers to "The Louisiana Methodist." Mrs. Brown has six children, three of them not in school, and a husband to care for, but she made time in her schedule to contact the membership of the Vinton Church and ask them to subscribe to the Methodist paper.

"I felt like I was doing them a favor by seeing if they would not let our church paper be a part of their home life," was the attitude she expressed.

Contacting the old subscribers and obtaining 100% renewals were the other members of the committee: Mrs. Gerald Cormier, Mrs. Floyd Kimball and Mrs. O. D. Pickett.

The Rev. James M. Pool is the pastor at Vinton.

The pagan is satisfied if the crowd applauds; a Christian is never satisfied until God applauds.

MINISTERS' WEEK

vidence," "The Methodist Emphasis," and "The Conquest of Time."

As he delivers the Peyton Lectures, Bishop Pike will be developing the theme "Preaching in an Age of Transition." His three lectures will be entitled "The Market Survey," "The Product and Its Packaging," and "The Salesman and the Store."

Dr. Allen will be the Ministers' Week Preacher on the Jackson Lecture-ship and will follow the subject "Triumphs of Faith." The three messages will be: "The Triumph of the Godly Man," "Five Laws of Faith," and "Faith Triumphs in the Cemetery."

RESERVE FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Reserve funding of the pension plan for bishops and their widows was announced Jan. 4 by Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill. Amount of a bishop's pension is fixed by vote of the General Conference and remains unchanged by the establishment of a reserve pension program, based on actuarial calculations.

Under the new arrangement, authorized by the 1960 General Conference, the council has transferred from its Episcopal Fund to the General Board of

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sity, Boston University School of Theology and the University of Edinburgh. Hamline University and Baker University have conferred honorary degrees on him. He previously served as secretary of the General Commission on Ministerial Training from 1944 to 1948.

An important part of the conference will be a time of counseling on Saturday morning when members of the Louisiana Conference will discuss questions raised by those attending concerning the ministry.

Pensions reserves required to provide for all future pension payments to the present bishops and widows of bishops. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Evanston, general secretary of the Board of Pensions, explained that the shift brings the pension program for bishops in line with the same policies followed in other reserve pension funds of the denomination.

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Approximately 2,500,000 persons—one out of every 30 of the working population of the nation—are employed in maintaining the health of the nation.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Oldest Louisiana Guild Observes 25th Birthday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Welsh, Louisiana, honored the Wesleyan Service Guild with a supper in the fellowship Hall on Monday evening, January 14, 1963. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and the delicious supper was served buffet style. Mrs. Walter Hayes was in charge of arrangements and Mrs. M. B. Fenton presided. The invocation was given by the pastor, Rev. Oakley Lee.

This observance of Guild Month also marked the 25th Anniversary of the Welsh Wesleyan Service Guild, which claims the honor of being the oldest Guild in the Louisiana Conference. The Unit was organized as a Wesleyan Service Guild under the Woman's Missionary Societies of The Methodist Episcopal Church. This anniversary supper was held in the same room in which the charter meeting and election of officers was held on January 17, 1938, and the following four charter members were in attendance: Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Eva Stocking,

Mrs. Hazel Chenier, and Mrs. L. C. Stubblefield (nee Edith Miller).

At the close of the meal, Miss Lawson, current Guild President, and first recording secretary of the organization, gave a brief history of the charter meeting. Miss Roberta Lawson (now Mrs. Frank Marshall of Raymond Church) was elected President; Mrs. Hazel Chenier, Vice-President; Miss Florence Bower (now Mrs. George Congdon of Gallup, New Mexico), Corresponding Secretary; Miss Louise West (recently deceased) Treasurer.

Girls' Friendship Circle Entertained

The Girls' Friendship Group, recently organized in the Oak Ridge Methodist Church, were entertained for the Christmas program and party in the home of Mrs. H. A. Pipes on the banks of Lake LaFourche near Oak Ridge.

Mrs. Stephen Wendt read the Christmas story from the Bible and Mrs. Abner Wimberly read "The Day of Toy Giving" from the Korean book "Sun Hee and the Street Boy" which the group is studying. After the Rev. Wendt told the story of the "Littlest Camel," the group sang "Silent Night" in Korean, and then exchanged gifts.

This group of high school girls has taken the name of "Gladys Norris Circle," and Mrs. H. J. Norris, for whom the circle was named, was a special guest at the meeting.

In addition, the following department chairmen were appointed by the president: Chairman of Spiritual Department, Mrs. Hazel Chenier (at present, Guild Co-ordinator); Chairman of World Service Department, Miss Goldie Tabor (now Mrs. G. B. DeJean of Jennings); Chairman of Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Eva Stocking (now serving as Vice-President); Chairman of Social and Recreational Department, Miss Mildred Leigh Simmons (now Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Ruston).

Miss Lawson pointed out that although the names of the various departments had changed slightly at the time of Methodist Unification, the aims and objectives of the organization and the duties of the various committees had remained essentially the same. During the past 25 years, the Guild has presented 25 Life Memberships and 5 Baby Memberships.

Report from Monroe Memorial Society

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, recently completed the study, "The Rim of East Asia" taught by Mrs. Irene Nelson. For the last two sessions of this most interesting study, the members of the Society visited in the home of Mrs. Charles Hayes, Bon Aire Drive, who is a former resident of Formosa and had many interesting articles to show the ladies. Mrs. Hayes is a member of the above mentioned church, and her young daughter sings

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Norma Garlington

Norma Kathryn Garlington is the Director of Christian Education at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Monroe, La. She previously worked at First Church, Crowley.

In preparation for this work she received the B.A. degree in secondary education from McNeese State College, Lake Charles, and the M.A. in Religious Education from Scarritt College, Nashville. She was commissioned a deaconess at the Woman's Society of Christian Service Assembly in St. Louis in 1958.

When asked about her work as a director of Christian education (D.C.E.), Miss Garlington said: "When asked 'what does a D.C.E. do?' one immediately begins to generalize be-

cause no two days are the same. The basic challenge has many different faces.

"The D.C.E. is constantly confronted with the challenge of interpreting the purpose and mission of the church so that it may have a vital meaning to various age groups. This opportunity may come in personal counseling, in teaching in a training school or church-school class, in leading a discussion in a study group, in camping with children or youth, in helping a teacher plan a unit of study, in participating in the various committees, or in the attitude conveyed in ones personal life as she goes about her 'busy work.'

"The deaconess relationship affords an opportunity of fellowship across social and vocational lines. The Deaconess Board sends suggestions and resources for personal study. New inspiration to meet the daily challenges are gained from the help and insights of fellow workers whether it be through a study book or a spiritual life retreat. The deaconess relationship assists a D.C.E. in meeting with a renewed vitality the challenge she faces."



Miss Garlington

Shreveport District Guilds Meet

Members of the Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild observed their annual Guild Month Banquet at the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport on Friday evening, January 18, 1963.

Guest soloist was Mrs. James Harris, who sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Following this,

the Reverend Sam Nadar, pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, served as speaker with the topic: "Let's Take a Look at Our World."

The Shreveport District Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild met for their second quarterly meeting recently at Park Avenue Methodist Church. In charge of meeting was Miss Jerry Beck, District Secretary, who introduced the following upcoming activities for planning and discussion: Guild Month in January, which will be commemorated in the district with a banquet; third quarterly committee meeting to be held at Wynn Church on Sunday afternoon, February 10; election of local officers to be held this year in February; annual conference spring meeting in Monroe in March; district spring meeting scheduled for April; and district week-end set in May.



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"The Biblical Foundation of Missions"
Pale pink cloth, open Bible, big white candle, flowers

Words: "GO YE!"



WORSHIP SETTING SUGGESTIONS for January and February programs, as arranged by Mrs. T. A. Pitt of Monroe and Mrs. Joe S. Bond of Shreveport, are pictured above. Sketches are by Mrs. Genevieve A. Gentry, Shreveport.



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"New Frontiers In Home Missions"
Picture: "Christ Over The City"
in black and white

White cloth, white candle, white flowers in black container

Words: "LISTEN!"

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanran

Presence of Mind Can Be Cultivated

ARE WE SELF-POSSESSED?—If we were to say of a person, "He lost his self-possession," we would all know what was meant. We would think of the man as losing his poise, his self-control, his presence of mind.

An untutored cobbler in Leyden, Holland, was accustomed to attend the public debates at the Academy. These debates were conducted in Latin. When asked if he understood Latin, the cobbler said, "No, but I can tell who is in the wrong in the argument by seeing who gets angry first."

Webster defines self-possession as "presence of mind, full possession of one's powers and faculties." Certainly Jesus Himself demonstrated such self-possession in a superlative degree. He never lost His head. His poise was never shaken by shattering calamity or shocking attack. When critics tried to entrap Him with captious questions, He never let Himself become entangled. When false friends fawned upon Him, He was never fooled by their flattering. When the crowds heckled Him, He never hardened His heart.

Jesus bade His disciples to keep their heads in the trying times that were before them. That presence of mind which the good captain of a ship manifests when a submarine looms across his path; that clearness of head which an able lawyer keeps in a courtroom; that calmness of spirit and sureness of touch which the skilled surgeon preserves when an emergency arises in the operating room—these are marks of self-possession.

And never was this trait needed more than now. The air is filled with controversy, beguiling propaganda, and physical danger. It is so hard to keep our heads amid the gusts of passion and fear. But to lose our heads is the surest way of inviting disaster, whether on a crowded highway, or on a battlefield or in a cold war.

This form of self-possession, which we call presence of mind, comes through cultivation. A quick wit may be in part a native gift, but we cannot trust to a natural quick-wittedness to save us in dire emergencies. The sailor who promptly jumps to the right post in a hurricane developed that presence of action through long discipline. And when we sail a storm sea, we want to know that our ship is manned by disciplined sailors and not by clever amateurs. That is why Christ, the Master Mariner on life's sea, when He foresaw the stormy days ahead for His followers bade them not to trust the quick wit or impulse of the moment, but said: "In patience possess ye your souls." And the word patience here means disciplined endurance.

To be self-possessed involves control of temper. When we give way to temper and shout, "That just burns me up," we usually burn ourselves out. Warmheartedness is one way to keep from hot-headedness.

But being self-possessed is more than a disciplined presence of mind. Sometimes we say of a person, "He cannot call his soul his own." I think of a hen-pecked husband who always has to look at his wife before he says what he can do. Yonder is a politician who is afraid to take a stand until he hears from his constituents. Such persons are no longer in possession of themselves because they have sold their souls.

And go further. A man may boast, "I am my own boss," and yet he is so enslaved by his own possessions and habits that he is not self-possessed. The Apostle Paul, for example, had not lost his head when he said: "The good that I would do I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Paul knew what he was doing. But nevertheless, he did what he knew was wrong because he did not have his will under control.

To be self-possessed is to keep oneself wholly in hand. But the fact is we cannot properly hold ourselves in our own hands.

Consider Simon Peter. The big fisherman was hot-headed. He lost his head in the Garden of Gethsemane and cut off a servant's ear with his sword. He lost his nerve on the night of Jesus' trial and went around denying that he ever knew the Nazarene Carpenter. But behold Peter after the Resurrection boldly defying His critics and saying, "We must obey God rather than men."

Why the change? Peter was no longer merely trying to keep himself in hand. He had committed himself into God's hand.

We are so made that we are truly self-possessed only when we are giving ourselves to a greater power than ourselves. And the greatest of all is God.

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THE TRUNK OF THE FAMED LUTHER elm in Worms, Germany, has been transformed into a lasting monument in honor of the 16th century reformer. According to legend, the tree furnished shade for Martin Luther when he was on his way to the fateful Diet of Worms in 1521. Another popular legend, illustrated in the bas-relief, claims that while two women were discussing Luther's trial, one stuck her walkingstick into the ground saying, "Luther's teachings are as true as it is true that this stick will grow leaves and roots."



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THE NEWNESS OF CHRIST

There is a genuine spiritual freshness about a person who has recently accepted Christ as his Saviour. It is almost as if the Master were someone just newly discovered. But anyone who studies the Bible at all knows that Jesus is not new in this sense. John, the apostle, wrote that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Thus the apostle states very clearly that there neither is nor was anything new about the existence of Christ, even in that far-removed day. To be sure, Jesus gave a "new commandment" to His followers on the last night of His earthly existence. But the law was the only thing new; He was and is ageless.

What, then, is there about Christ that is new? Or is there anything new about Him, after all? Did this new convert to whom we have referred, have something, or was he simply "beating the air", as Paul said to the Corinthian church? And bringing it down to 1963, many ask today why we need to have any religious experience at all. Why isn't it enough to be a good church member? And if a fellow is not a church member, what does he need to do beyond being good to his friends, and helping the poor? What is so new about "getting religion"?

To tell the truth, Christ is not at all new. He is "the same yesterday, today and forever", as the writer of Hebrews said. But there is something wondrously new about what He does for the one who receives Him. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth that, "... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (or creature); the old has passed away, behold (Look), the new has come."

A blessed new experience comes into one's life when he or she looks squarely at Christ and accept Him for what He is; the Saviour of the world. This new experience is necessary, too. John quoted Jesus in saying that "... unless one is born anew (or again), he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Newness is a definite condition when we really accept Christ. There is no such thing as putting a patch on an old garment, Jesus said. Newness in one's spiritual life is not a by-product of church membership alone. It is a direct result of a look into the face of Jesus and of murmuring, as did the publican, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Church membership is the by-product, and an important one, but still the secondary step in one's Christian experience. One sure way to tell that a person has been genuinely converted is to see and to hear him tell of his experience of conversion.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Aldersgate and Spiritual Power

Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Minister
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In the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission we seek a spiritual power for evangelism. We have found from long experience in the church that people are won for Christ when Christians are moved with concern for the unsaved. The concern grows out of a personal experience of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

In the first phase of the statewide Mission spiritual preparation has been sought through group dynamics. The leaders of the two conferences met on several occasions to discuss, pray and plan the most effective way to capture a new zeal in the districts and churches of the State.

Through a well organized plan a schedule of district and local church committees was organized. These met for inspiration, soul-searching and instruction. Local pastors were then asked to call the committees together and organize the local church so that prayer groups would be formed. Romans is recommended as a guide for study and preparation for the revivals. The church school workers were enlisted to stimulate interest and concern through a revitalized church school. All groups in the church were challenged to cooperate in a vital way.

At the same time pastors are meeting in groups for fellowship and sharing. Some of these also are studying the experience of Wesley, Luther's Preface to Romans, and Romans. It is an earnest search for the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives for this challenging task.

In the second phase of The Mission the districts are grouped in three sections for simultaneous revivals in February and March. Extensive publicity and promotion is possible through this united effort.

This, then, is the method by which we seek the spiritual power for our Mission. It is a good plan, wisely conceived, and vigorously promoted. But it is not the goal. It is a means to an end. We do not want to lose sight of the goal in elaborate organization. Our goal is to open the hearts of people to God's Spirit. Some have called it the quest of the warm heart.

In discussing the controversy between Jews and Gentiles over the Law, Paul says: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Gal. 2:20 RSV) This gives us a clue to his secret of power. The fruits of his ministry are magnificent. We may not as individuals attain to the heights Paul reached in serving Christ. We can avail

ourselves of the power he found and used. Then we can say with him as Methodists in this Aldersgate Year, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13 RSV)

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Build A Devotional

WHEN THE LOT
FALLS TO ANOTHER
Acts 1:15-26, NEB

After the events of the Resurrection, the disciples were faced with the problem of replacing Judas. The current of church history often goes this way in that a mountain-top experience is followed by a problem in church administration, just as Easter in our day is followed by the Stewardship revival. Life seems to be a mixture of rapture and routine.

Our Puritan morality is shocked a bit that the church should cast lots to determine discipleship. But let us recall that the Jews often cast lots about important matters; that two good men were nominated; that even today we often say it is my lot to do a certain thing, and that life is full of choices and compulsions.

Joseph or Barsabbas, sometimes called Justus, was seemingly the better-known man. Yet the lot fell to Matthias. What do you do when the lot falls to another?

All of us have known persons whose reaction is to whine and gripe and sulk. This accomplishes little, but perhaps serves to draw attention to the loser, and makes him feel he has taken the shine off the winner. But such whining is a self-defeating gesture, for it turns the self inward. It may even harm the group by distracting them from the main task while they try to give sympathy.

Joseph didn't sulk, nor did he oppose the disciples and go off and start his own church. There are some people who feel if you don't play their way,

they won't play. When the lot falls to another, they oppose all that is to come. By its very nature, the church is constantly shifting personnel. We have fine people readying others for tasks that have to be done. It is wonderful when we see church members encourage others to accept the joy of Christian service.

We are glad that though Matthias won, Joseph evidently remained in good standing. He congratulated his opponent, and picked up his work where he had left off. This is something we all need to learn, and it isn't easy. Sometimes you feel let down because someone else seems to get all the breaks. I know men who have become so envious of other's success that it has made it difficult to do their own work properly. I know women who cannot stand for other women to be more socially prominent. But when we let envy, jealousy, or greed eat at our lives, we hurt no one but ourselves, and gain nothing except to impair our own efficiency, and make fools of ourselves.

Keep in mind that some day you may have to stand with Joseph while the lot falls to another. It may be your fault for not having worked hard enough, or the other person may have more graces and gifts than you do. Maybe he just got the breaks. But don't sit moping. Don't whine. Don't

Let The Children Come

There are four books of the Bible that tell about the life of Jesus. They are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These are the first books of the New Testament. In them we find out about the land where Jesus lived; the people he knew, the places he visited and the teachings He gave to His followers. There are some verses that sound alike, but there are some parts of these books that are different. Someone has said that it as though four people stood on a street corner and saw an accident. They would all tell about this, but they would tell different things about it. Each would see something much the same, but each would also see something different.

Matthew was interested in the "lineage" or family background of Jesus, so we find his book beginning with a long list of family names. He gives much space to the teachings of Jesus. Mark's book is said to have been the first collection of the spoken words of Jesus that were gathered together by the early followers. Luke says that his book is a record of "all that Jesus began to do and to teach." (Luke 1:1) John said that he wrote of these things, "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ" (John 21:31) In the Primary department at Sunday School, the lessons for February and March are about this part of the Bible. They will tell about Jesus, the teacher, homes in Bible times, and his teachings for our homes. Juniors are now studying about how to use and enjoy the Bible.

As you think about your Sunday School lessons during these next few weeks, make a list of the verses that you learn from these four books of the Bible. Some of these may be:

Matthew 22:39

John 15:14

Luke 19:1-10

Mark 3:13-14

Mark these verses in your Bibles, read them aloud to your family, and learn at least one of them by memory.

—Aunt Feather

get mad, but move on to your own job whatever it may be, and perhaps the next time the lot will fall to you!

—William M. Wilder

Heber Springs Methodist Church

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THE COMMON TASKS

The common tasks are beautiful if we
Have eyes to see their shining ministry.
The plowman with his share deep in the loam;
The carpenter whose skilled hands build a home;
The gardner working with reluctant sod,
Faithful to his partnership with God—
These are the artisans of life. And, oh,
A woman with her eyes and cheeks aglow,
Watching a kettle, tending a scarlet flame,
Guarding a little child—there is no name
For these a great ministries, and eyes are dull
That do not see that they are beautiful;
That do not see within the common tasks
The simple answer to the thing God asks
Of any child, a pride within His breast;
That at our given work we do our best.

Grace Noll Crowell
from POEMS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

LOUISIANA METHODISM -
Portraits In Religion



SENIOR MYF MEMBERS of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston are shown in the above picture and the picture to the left presenting gifts for the patients at Central Louisiana State Hospital, Pineville. At left the young men hand packages to Mrs. Frank Clifton, and above young ladies place gifts under the tree at the hospital. The rev. Marvin McFarland is the church pastor.



THE REVEREND and Mrs. Don Wineinger, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Ed Haug, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and the Rev. Ed Haug are enjoying a brief visit together following a dinner at McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, honoring the Bishop and Mrs. Walton.



THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING and other gifts of Boeuf Prairie Methodist Church, Fort Necessity, were dedicated December 16 by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton. Participants were, from left, the Rev. Lamont Rouse, a former pastor; Bishop Walton; Dist. Supt. E. R. Haug; and the Rev. T. T. McKisson, the pastor.



WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT is shown here in the two pictures from the left, and the church's parsonage is pictured on the right. This church was built by members of the congregation at night and on holidays,

and took more than a year. The Rev. John Lee is the pastor. The church cost little in money but greatly in love and determination. The parsonage has recently been purchased by the church.

Part II

The Religious Life Program at Centenary

by Rev. Robert Ed Taylor
Minister to the Campus

Editor's Note: The Minister to the campus, the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, is in charge of coordinating all phases of religious life on the campus at Centenary College. Specifically, he is minister to the Methodist Student Movement, advisor to the Inter-Faith Council, teaches in the religion Department and plans, under the direction of the Chapel Committee, the weekly chapel programs.

The Inter-Faith Council is an organization of representatives and chaplains from the various denominational groups on the campus. Included are Baptist Student Union, Canterbury Club (Episcopal), Christian Scientists, Kappa Chi, Newman Club (Roman Catholic), Methodist Student Movement and Westminster Fellowship (Presbyterian).

This Council seeks to promote a greater understanding among the religious groups as well as call attention to the place of religion in the life of the college community.

Reorganized only last spring, it has sponsored a brochure for registration in which all the activities of the groups were listed. It has also initiated a regular article in the student newspaper which calls attention to a religious understanding of life.

Recently the Council sponsored a week-end retreat at which serious theological discussion enabled students to share their views and understand each other better.

Don Farley is president, Jim Oldson vice-president of the Council.

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The Willson Lectures are another feature of the campus religious life. Usually held in the spring, these lectureships bring to the college church leaders who give series of lectures to the entire student body and faculty. Past lecturers have been Bishop Paul Martin, Dr. Edmund Perry, Dr. Albert Outler, Dr. Carl Michalson. The 1963 lecturer is Bishop Eugene Frank.

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Of special opportunity for the entire campus and especially its religious life is the Department of Religion, headed by Dr. Webb Pomeroy. Others teaching in the department on a part-time basis are Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, formerly of Perkins School of Theology, Dr. W. F. Pledger, Dr. Bentley Sloane and the Rev. R. E. Taylor. All students are required to take six hours in Old and New Testament Survey. Advanced courses include such areas as New Testament Theology, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Letters of Paul, Old Testament Prophets, Christian Education, Ethics, Comparative Religion, Church History, History and Doctrines of Methodism.

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One of the advantages to students at Centenary College as a Methodist Church-related institution is the availability of ministerial, counselors. At present there are nine ordained Methodist ministers who either teach or have offices on the campus. All of these are in some contact with students and are available to them for help in meet-

ing problems, particularly those involving their Christian faith. These ministers are the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Dr. Jolly Harper, Dr. B. C. Taylor, Dean Bond Fleming, Dr. Webb Pomeroy, Dr. W. F. Pledger, Dr. R. W. Goodloe and the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor.

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To describe the organizations and programs is not to fully indicate the "religious life" of a campus. These can be effective instruments in the purpose of the Holy Spirit, but his presence is not limited by them. We must also remember the Christian witness made each day by Christian teachers, Staff members, student counselors, dormitory house mothers are constantly making the faith live in their relationships with students.

Some students conduct their own prayers groups and Bible study groups in the dormitories.

An effort is made to relate the Christian faith to every part of life, as all areas of knowledge are viewed as opportunities for God's truth to be disclosed. The church-related campus is a reminder that God's power and pur-



Brown Memorial Chapel

poses are not confined to one section of life labeled "religious." Rather, they extend as far as creation and involves every human soul. In the college's ste-

wardship of knowledge we seek to fulfill Jesus' admonition to love God with all one's being, which includes the mind.



ABOUT HALF of Centenary's students who are preparing for full-time church-affiliated work are shown here. Front row, from left, are Indi Nichols, Pat Holt, Jane Redheffer, Helen Giessen, Sally Wingfield, Linda Vizete, Mary Brock, Betty Vickers; Second row; the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, Minister-to-the-Campus, Ray Spillers, Doug Davis,

Beverly Crawford, LaVerne Burks, Jean Netterville, Alice Dews, Carol Wood, Bonita Carter, Cr. Webb Pomeroy, advisor to the organization of church-related vocation students Kappa Chi; Back row: Richard Hruska, Jesse Means, Willis Dear, Stanley Boyette, Don Newsome, Gordon Talk, Charles Proctor and Jim Babcock.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

BOARD OF MISSIONS

CINCINNATI, OHIO

by Alfred A. Knox

At the meeting of the General Board of Missions at Cincinnati, O., Jan. 15-17, a committee was named to conduct a careful study of the workings of the board and all of its relationships between its divisions and with the work on the field, the members revealed in a vote that they wanted to return to Buck Hill Falls for their annual meetings, and citations were issued by the World Outlook to Bishop Fred P. Corson for his representation at the Second

Vatican Council and to John F. Fletcher, a maintenance man for the board with service dating back to 1918.

The editors and Methodist Information people attending the board meeting sat in on many of the general sessions, but spent the major part of their time in interviews with persons with the latest word from the strategic world centers of Methodist missions. Among these were Dr. Eugene Stockwell, new executive secretary for Latin America; George Daniels of the board's department of news service, who has just returned from a three-months tour of Africa; Dr. Henry Lacey, executive secretary for South Asia, who reported on developments in India; Miss Dorothy McConnell, associate editor of World Outlook; and Mrs. Sam Ashmore, wife of the editor of the Mississippi Christian Advocate. The group also devoted one session to a consideration of what is ahead for the Central Jurisdiction.

WOMAN'S DIVISION TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL COLLEGE

In their meeting the week before the General Board met, the Woman's Division voted to go "all-out" in plans to strengthen their National College in Kansas City, Mo. They voted on Jan. 10 to spend up to \$1,250,000 in the next five years on the school. The women regularly give \$100,000 annually to the Kansas City School. The school of nursing at Emory University became affiliated with the Woman's Division at the meeting and will receive \$50,000 over the next five years to strengthen nurses' training.

One of the evening meeting of the General Board was devoted to a consideration of the church's responsibility for handicapped persons. Bradshaw Mintener, Washington attorney, who



PICTURED DURING one of the meetings of the Methodist Press Association held during the Board of Missions meeting were (l. to r.) Mrs. Sam Ashmore, Jackson, Miss., secretary of the Methodist editors; Dr. John Marvin, Adrian, Mich., president of the association; and Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the Christian Advocate and immediate past president.

was assistant secretary of health, education and welfare in the Eisenhower administration, said the church has a "sacred responsibility to serve the physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped." He said that churches should continue to minister to the handicapped especially in the area of rehabilitation, because it is an excellent investment both from the humanitarian and financial aspect.

BISHOP CORSON 'METHODIST OF THE YEAR'

At the World Outlook banquet on Wednesday evening, the associate editor, Miss Dorothy McConnell, presented the "Methodist of the Year" citation to Bishop Corson for his representation as an observer at the Second Vatican Council. Bishop Corson, in his address on this occasion, called the council per-

haps the most significant event of the 20th century." He said, "It was the first time that Protestants and Catholics have ever sat together in consideration of Christianity's common responsibility."

Dr. Eugene Smith, executive secretary of the Division of World Missions, told the board that Protestants in the ecumenical movement should make approaches to the large number of Protestants who do not participate in councils of churches to see if there is some way in which the present gap between them can be bridged. He said that there is urgent need for more contact between the traditional churches and the conservative evangelicals if Christian fellowship is to be made more manifest in mission lands.

"The need for new congregations throughout America is still one of the most important problems facing The



BISHOP FRED P. CORSON is shown as he was congratulated by Bishop Richard C. Raines, following his selection as "Methodist of the Year" at the annual World Outlook banquet.

Methodist Church," Dr. B. P. Murphy, staff member of the National Division of Missions reported. He said that though new congregations are being organized at a faster rate than was true a few years ago, the church still has a long way to go in meeting its goal of 400 new congregations a year set by the 1960 General Conference.

PRO-AMERICAN SENTIMENT INCREASES

Dr. Henry Lacey, executive secretary for South Asia, reported to the press section that pro-American feeling greatly increased in India following the position stand taken by President Kennedy regarding missiles in Cuba and as a result of the rapid delivery of arms for the assistance of India in their trouble with China.

Dr. Eugene Stockwell, executive secretary for Latin America, also reported a favorable response throughout that field for which he is responsible as a result of President Kennedy's stand on Cuba. He also reported that although all of our missionaries and many of the pastors are no longer in Cuba, not a single church has been without service. He also reported that we now have the largest number of Methodist students in the theological seminary at Matanzas.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles was the speaker for the closing service of the board meeting at which 22 missionaries were commissioned. Among these were the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Small, who will leave Feb. 4 for work in Malaya. Mrs. Small is the former Jo Ann Richardson of Baton Rouge, where she was an active member of Istrouma Methodist Church. Mr. Small is a native of San Antonio, Tex., but he served one summer as youth

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MRS. LEROY STIFFLER, publication manager of the Woman's Literature Headquarters in Cincinnati, welcomes the Methodist editorial group to the headquarters building.



A PART OF the large group of missionaries on furlough as they were presented at the opening session of the board meeting.



AREA EXECUTIVE secretaries and board staff members presented the World Division program on Wednesday evening. Here we see a part of this group.



THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS visit the reformation Monument every year at Geneva, Switzerland. The center section of the block-long monument in Universite Park contains statues of four of the great Reformation leaders. Guillaume Farel, (left) a French Theologian was influential in establishing the Reformed faith in Geneva in 1536. John Calvin (second from the left) with Theodore deBeze (third from the left) established the Academy of Geneva in 1559. This later became a training school for Protestant Missionaries. Geneva became to Protestantism what Rome was to Catholicism. The fourth figure in the group is John Knox, a Scott, who during his stay in Geneva (1556-1559) translated the Bible into the English language.

WANTED: 276 FOR 25 OVERSEAS COUNTRIES -

Missionary Needs Announced

The Methodist Church needs 276 missionaries for service in 25 overseas countries in 1963 and an almost unlimited number of workers in mission situations in the United States.

Issuing its annual call for new missionaries, the Methodist Board of Missions said: "One of the great new factors in the church's worldwide mission is the growing recognition that every Christian is, in a real sense, a missionary. It is his responsibility to witness for Christ in whatever place and under whatever circumstances he finds himself."

"However, there always has been and always will be a need for those who cross boundaries of nation, language, race, culture and class to proclaim the Gospel. These people we know as missionaries. They constitute that part of the church which has always been in the vanguard of Christianity's advance into new areas."

The Board issued its call for new home and overseas workers through its Office of Missionary Personnel, which processes all missionaries and deaconesses who serve under the Board. The Office of Missionary Personnel has headquarters at: 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

Of the overseas openings, 221 are for regular career missionary service, and 55 are for special-term service of three years. The career openings are for a wide variety of jobs, as follows:

Agricultural and home economics—9, business and secretarial work—15, rural church development and frontier evangelism—35, urban church development and social work—20, specialized church work (student workers, etc.)—16, educational administrators—6, theological and training-school teachers—13, college and university teachers—

12, secondary school teachers—25, elementary school teachers—2, specialized educational workers—14, communications (literacy, audio-visual)—14, doctors—9, nurses—24, medical technicians—7.

The countries for which there are openings for missionaries are: Japan, Bolivia, Sarawak (Borneo), India, Brazil, Chile, Korea, Liberia, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Mexico, Argentina, Malaya, the Philippines, Okinawa, Indonesia (Sumatra), Burma, Algeria, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Uruguay, Congo, Peru, Mozambique and Nepal.

The openings are for single men and single women. Couples and single men serve under the Board's Division of World Missions and single women under the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The openings in home mission fields are for service in the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii) and Puerto Rico. In home fields, the only specific number of openings given is 50, which is for young men and women who will serve two years (US-2's.) In all other cases, the Board gives a description of the type of worker needed in a particular missionary situation rather than listing a definite number of openings.

Much home mission work is sponsored

by the Division of National Missions and the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division. Other work in missionary situations is under the direction of Methodist annual (regional) conferences. Missionaries and deaconesses serving in projects of the National Division or the Woman's Division must meet the same qualifications as overseas missionaries and go through Board of Missions personnel channels. Those in missionary situations not under the Board are usually appointed by the bishop of the conference involved.

Whether serving under the Board or not, the home mission worker is called to extend the ministry of the church out beyond established churches to serve neglected or undeveloped areas and the underprivileged and minority groups of the country. Fields of service include:

Rural church work (ministers for larger parishes, deaconesses), urban communities (pastors to start new churches in the suburbs and to serve inner city neighborhoods, social workers for community centers); mission schools (administrators, teachers and others for schools serving Negroes,

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Board Publishes Prayer Calendar And Urban Book

Two new publications have been produced by the Methodist Board of Missions, one for general use by all church members and the other for all persons interested in Methodist work in the city. The publications are the 1963 Prayer Calendar and the Urban Fact Book.

In recent years, the Prayer Calendar has become one of the most popular publications of the Board of Missions. It encompasses the work of the Board and all of its divisions and is designed for the personal and group prayers of those concerned about the world mission of the church. It lists all missionaries and deaconesses of the Methodist Church, all overseas bishops, and the officers and elected staff of the Board. Prayers are asked for missionaries and deaconesses on their birthdays.

The Prayer Calendar has proved particularly useful to pastors, the Commission on Missions in the local church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It is prepared by the editors of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in behalf of the entire Board. It is available at 60 cents each (three for \$1.50) from: Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

The Urban Fact Book contains a large amount of information about the urban situation in America and its relation to the mission of the Methodist Church to the city. It is the result of detailed research and analysis by the Department of Research and Survey of the Board's Division of National Missions. The authors are the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Wilson, associate director of the Department, and the Rev. Dr. Alan K. Waltz, assistant director.

Indians, the Spanish-speaking); mission hospitals (nurses, dietitians, technicians); ministers for churches in Alaska and Hawaii, and homes for children, youth and older persons (houseparents, directors, business managers).

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TWENTY-TWO missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned at the closing session of the board meeting. Bishop Richard C. Raines, right, presides at this impressive ceremony.



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON is shown, second from right, as he presided at a Wednesday afternoon information meeting concerning medical missions. Reporting is Dr. Harold N. Brewster, medical secretary.

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but he served one summer as youth director at First Methodist Church, Hammond, and was supported by this same church during a three-year period that he served as an M-3, short-term missionary, in Malaya.

In every session of the board meeting there was a spirit of optimism about

the matter in which the mission work was proceeding, even in the parts of the world where there is greatest tension. The recommendation to study the relationships between the divisions of the board and between the board and its work on the field was interpreted by many as being a means by which Methodist missions can be made more vital in his rapidly-changing world.

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BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES, president of the Board of Missions is shown as he delivered the keynote address at the opening session of the board at Cincinnati on Jan. 15. Miss Barbara Lewis, board secretary, is shown at the table.



MRS. GLENN E. LASKEY, Ruston, second from left, is shown at the head table at the World Outlook banquet on Wednesday evening. Others, from left to right, are Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Bishop Fred P. Corson, and Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of World Outlook.



BUSY AT HIS new task of dealing with church extension matters in the South Central Jurisdiction was the Rev. Karl Tooke, right, shown as he discussed such matters with Dr. Herman Luetzow of St. Louis.



AN INFORMAL conference is held by the editors of the World Outlook left to right: Dr. Henry Sprinkle, editor, Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor, and Arthur J. Moore, Jr., associate editor.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Mid-Quadrennial Conference

New Orleans, La.
January 26, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I have just returned to New Orleans from attending the Mid-Quadrennial Promotional Conference for the northern part of the jurisdiction, which was held in Wichita, Kansas, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The temperature when I left Wichita at 7:00 o'clock on Wednesday evening was ten below zero. I am glad to be back in the South even as cold as it is in New Orleans.

The Mid-Quadrennial meeting in Wichita, as well as the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions in Cincinnati last week, lifted up the program of The Methodist Church for this quadrennium against the challenging background of world need. When we have presented to us a clear picture of what this Methodist Church of ours is doing and attempting to do around the world, anyone of us is thrilled to be a Methodist in this present hour. Our far-flung program of ministry to adults, young people, and children in more than half a hundred countries is an amazing story of Christian concern and Christian service. We cannot help being proud of The Methodist Church and grateful for what little part we may have in this dedicated effort to help our fellow man in the name of our Christ.

Having said this, let me add that when we take a longer look and are able to have portrayed for us the tragic need of millions more for whom little or nothing is being done, we realize so much more could be accomplished if we only had the means—and the means are made available to us chiefly through World Service funds, Advance Special gifts, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief funds, and Annual Conference Advance Specials.

This is the main reason that we are so concerned about benevolence giving. While an analysis of World Service giving in the year ending June 1962 reveals an all-time high for The Methodist Church, it still represents less than \$1.50 a year per Methodist. Advance Special giving will bring the total for both causes to \$2.32 per member. I do not believe that we can be satisfied as Methodist Christians to give less than the amount that one good meal would cost us per year per member to meet the needs of our brothers around the world in this difficult and dangerous hour in which we live.

May I urge the Methodists of Louisiana to consider this matter with the utmost concern and seriousness. Let us take it to the throne of grace in prayer and ask our Heavenly Father for a more spiritual understanding of the stewardship of life which is ours.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON and Dr. Joe J. Mickle discuss next steps in the financial campaign for Centenary College following the approval of the drive by the 'special session' in Alexandria Monday.



A PORTION of the overflow crowd attending the 'special session' Monday is seen as the Rev. B. A. Galloway presents the resolution authorizing the construction of an episcopal residence.

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Special Session at Alexandria Votes \$2.5 Million Financial Campaign for Centenary College

Centenary College, Shreveport, has received the approval of a special session of the Louisiana Annual Conference for a financial campaign for \$2.5 million. The action was taken Monday, January 28, by approximately 400 lay and clerical members attending the session at First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Included in the adopted report was permission for a campaign for Wesley Foundations to be included in the same drive, if the foundations should seek

Conference Votes for Episcopal Residence

Authority has been voted the Episcopal Residence Committee of the Louisiana Area for the purchase of a site and the construction of an episcopal residence in New Orleans. This action was taken at the special session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, meeting Monday in Alexandria.

The Rev. B. A. Galloway, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, and chairman of the Episcopal Residence Committee presented the resolution which was adopted by the conference. The resolution provides for \$40,000 to be made available from reserve conference funds, to be repaid over a ten-year period, and for the remainder of the necessary money to be borrowed and repaid from the regular episcopal rental allowance from the general church.

The resolution provides that cost of the entire project shall not exceed \$100,000, but the committee expressed confidence that the residence could be completed for a figure well under that.

permission and approval of the World Service and Finance Commission and the regular session of the Annual Conference in June. An amendment voted by the conference provided that no quotas would be assigned to churches or pastors in the campaign.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton presided over the special session which began its business at 10 a.m. The proposal for the campaign was presented to the conference by Dr. B. C. Taylor, Centenary vice-president. He pointed out that the funds were needed for new and adequate equipment, an increase in faculty salaries, added endowment, for the retirement of indebtedness and for future expansion.

Dr. William E. Trice spoke to the proposal to include the Wesley Foundations in the same effort, pointing out that several foundations were already far along in plans for financial efforts of their own.

The cost of the Centenary College campaign, to be directed by a professional fund-raising organization, was estimated by President Joe J. Mickle to be about \$75,000. He pointed out that it had been 15 years since there had been a well-organized financial campaign for Centenary.

Following the favorable vote on the proposal Bishop Walton and Paul Brown, Shreveport, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, expressed their appreciation for the vote of confidence from the conference and expressed the feeling that this would mean a new day for the college and its relationship with the Louisiana Annual Conference.

The college will be acting immediately to complete arrangements with a fund-raising organization for the direction of the campaign.

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification of the Louisiana Annual Conference will entertain the seminary students and their wives, Bishop and Mrs. Walton, and the members of the Cabinet and their wives at a dinner in the Student Union Building at Southern Methodist University, Tuesday evening, February 5. This dinner has become an annual occasion.

Editorials

Let's Be Logical

LACK OF CONGRUITY seems to be the rule rather than the exception in the realm of gambling as it comes again and again into our view. Almost all of us are guilty at one time or another of employing a "double-standard" way of thinking as we undertake to draw a line here or there as the boundary between what is right and what is wrong.

This is perhaps most evident when one focuses on the federal authorities and their relationships with the gambling traffic. One agency in Washington has announced its all-out determination to eliminate illegal gambling, yet at the same time we read of almost 1000 persons in the State of Arkansas who have purchased licenses from the United States to carry on gambling activities that are violations of the laws of the state. If there was ever an instance of the federal government's injecting itself into the province of the state and its responsibility it is here. Nor is there much of an answer in the statement that the fact one owns a federal gambling stamp is not evidence that he really avails himself of the choice to gamble which it encourages. If logic is applied we must conclude that every owner of a gambling stamp for which he has paid good money is going to avail himself of the only method he knows of getting back his money—that of conducting gambling activities that are illegal in his state.

In the Arkansas Legislature a law has been introduced which will make it more difficult for another illogical position to be continued. This law, which has the support of the Christian Civic Foundation, would specifically declare that the enforcement of the state's laws against gambling should be included in the responsibilities of the State Police. The fact that such a law needed to be introduced is another evidence that logic is not now characteristic of the present position concerning the state police and illegal gambling in many counties of the state. Some will argue that such a law is not necessary because present laws are already plain in this area.

This is of course what we have tried to say again and again. All we have asked for is an enforcement of present laws. But if incongruity is the characteristic state of mind at the moment—if there are those who continue to maintain the position that the state

police do not have the authority to operate against illegal gambling which some localities have chosen to espouse—then the only protection the rest of us have is to move right ahead with legislation such as has been introduced.

It is hard for any of us to maintain logical positions in everything we say. There are most definitely other areas of our life where the same principles need to be applied. However, this issue of gambling is before us now and it is with it that we should deal until we have smoked out the unwholesome business and driven it from our midst. Then we certainly should be honest and move on into some of the other fields of concern.

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A Protestant Challenge

AN OUTSTANDING Lutheran scholar has pointed out something about the recent Second Vatican Council which has in it the element of a real challenge to Protestantism. Dr. George A. Lindeck, who served as a Lutheran delegate-observer during a current leave of absence from the faculty of Yale University, said recently that if the process of renewal of the Roman Catholic Church started by the Vatican Council continues, it may confront Protestants with a Church that is, in some ways, more effective than they are in communicating the Gospel.

What he is trying to say, it seems to us, is that the time may come when Protestants will have to rely on something more than criticism of Catholicism as its main means of advancing its own witness at some of the points of conflict. We already need to be reminded that there are positive planks in the platform of reform and this may be wholesome for us all.

Dr. Lindbeck goes on to say that if the Catholic Church overcomes some of its authoritarian rigidity and intellectual immovability, it may prove a more uncomfortable and disturbing factor in our pastoral and theological work than it has been in most of the Protestant past. We agree with him that this could work to our good if it proves to be the means by which we witness more faithfully to those truths which have been committed to us, "the heirs of the Reformation."

We all may be sure that no great transformation may be expected overnight in the practices and positions of the hierarchy. However we have been impressed by what a number of observers at the council have said concerning the freedom exercised by some of the bishops as they participated in the debates. Dr. Lindbeck says, "The observers and many Catholics themselves were astonished at the freedom with which some bishops criticized trends within the Church and called for a decentralization of power and more authority for the bishops and the laity."

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SPECIAL SESSION

The Louisiana Annual Conference met in special session at Alexandria Monday, January 28, to consider a financial campaign for \$2.5 million for Centenary College. Just by accident, we discovered Sunday evening as we turned through some old files of the paper that this same Annual Conference met in another special session almost exactly ten years ago in the same church.

The purpose of that meeting, according to the issue of Jan. 8, 1953, was to deal with legal matters pertaining to the borrowing of funds for the completion of a building program at the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans. The paper also indicated that this was the second special session held since the regular meeting of the conference in June.

Other items of interest in the Louisiana Methodist of that same date:

Dr. F. M. Freeman, pastor of Caddo Heights Church, Shreveport, had preached for the first service in the new sanctuary of that church on December 21.

First services were held in the new Winnfield Methodist Church on December 21, with the pastor, the Rev. P. M. Caraway preaching the sermon.

A Conference on Christian Vocations was announced for Centenary College, Jan. 9-11, with Dr. George F. Ivey serving as dean of the school. The Rev. Don Wineinger was the chairman of the Commission on Christian Vocations.

Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. began his work as assistant pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, January 4, according to Dr. H. L. Johns, the pastor.

District Temperance Institutes were being held throughout the Louisiana Conference, according to Dr. A. M. Freeman, Chairman of the conference Board of Temperance.

A new organ had been dedicated at Abbeville Methodist Church on Dec. 28, by the pastor, the Rev. E. P. Drake.

This issue carried a letter written by Richmond Nolley, one of the early heroes of the Methodist ministry in Louisiana, the first to die in the traveling ministry of Louisiana Methodism.

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Mr. Whittle

Board Re-Opens Department For Dist. Evangelism

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Methodist General Board of Evangelism here has reactivated its Department of District Evangelism and named as director the Rev. Charles D. Whittle, Nashville, a staff member of the board.

Mr. Whittle has been serving in the Department of Local Church Evangelism. No successor in that department has yet been named.

Mr. Whittle was pastor of Wichita Avenue Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, before joining the board staff June, 1961. He has served two other Fort Worth churches, Diamond Hill and Morningside, and other churches in the Central Texas Methodist Conference.

He is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, and Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Florida Conference Church To Increase Capital Fund Giving

Churches of the Florida Methodist Conference will be asked to increase their capital fund giving by at least \$500,000 annually for the next several years.

The increase, earmarked primarily for expansion purposes, will be recommended at the conference's annual session here June 4-8, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. George A. Foster, Miami district superintendent.

He said the commission voted to recommend that the additional \$500,000 be budgeted for the 1963-64 fiscal year as the initial goal in a long-range capital fund program designed to help the church keep pace with Florida's rapid growth.

The commission's action was commended by Bishop James W. Henley, Jacksonville. "A continuing capital fund program in our conference budget, subject to change annually, would reduce the need for emergency money-raising campaigns," he said.

Older Adult Concern Needed Says Educator

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Older adults are a challenge to the church and a greatly expanded, many-sided ministry to them is needed, a national Methodist leader reported here.

The Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Nashville, Tenn., reported at the annual meeting of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, held Jan. 8-10 at the Traymore Hotel. He is director of the board's Department of Christian Education of Adults.

Mr. Clemmons called on the church to provide for older adults forums on health care, legal advice, and financial planning as well as other types of programs, including weekday classes in religion, ethics, and other subjects.

"The church needs to become interested to a much greater degree in the medical care of older adults," said Mr. Clemmons.

"There are 17,000,000 persons over 65 years of age in the nation today," he said. "These persons, with low income, spend a billion dollars annually on medical care. Last year door-to-door salesmen peddled over \$250,000,000 worth of fake drugs to them."

"Churches," he said, "need to set up forums led by competent physicians, lawyers, social workers, and other persons who will minister unto the older persons as a part of the body of Christ in ways that are life-sustaining and health-increasing."

Mr. Clemmons also said that each church needs to have an adequate

library of resources on diseases of the aging.

There is a widespread need for competent workers with older adults, he reported.

The Board of Education has general oversight of The Methodist Church's educational interests in the United States.

Additional Blankets Now On Way To Algeria's Needy War Victims

NEW YORK, N. Y. — An emergency airlift of medicine and blankets from American Protestant denominations for desperately needy Algerian civil war victims will leave Idlewild Airport Monday at 10 a.m. via Air France for Constantine, Algeria.

The cargo—504 pounds of serum valued at \$45,425 and 32,000 pounds of blankets valued at \$64,000—is being sent by Church World Service, relief agency of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches and a department of the National Council of Churches, in a flight underwritten by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

This flight will bring the total of blankets sent to Algeria by Church World Service during the present emergency to 30,000. The blankets were donated in a current CWS country-wide drive to collect 65,000 blankets for homeless Algerians in the cold, mountainous regions of Constantine and Batna.

Among those participating in a brief dedication service at the airport prior

DAILY BIBLE READINGS		
Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.		
Feb. 3 - Sunday	.....	Gen. 4:1-16
Feb. 4	.....	Gen. 6:5-22
Feb. 5	.....	Gen. 18:16-33
Feb. 6	.....	Gen. 19:24-29
Feb. 7	.....	Exodus 32:1-6
Feb. 8	.....	Exodus 32:7-14
Feb. 9	.....	Exodus 32:15-24
Feb. 10 - Sunday	I Sam. 15:10-16	

to takeoff will be Hugh D. Farley, executive director of Church World Service, and Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor, secretary of the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Hospital, Homes Convention Opens Feb. 12 In Ohio

Program highlights of the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, to be held Feb. 12-14 at the Sheraton-Gibson hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, have been announced by Dr. F. Reid Isaac of Baltimore, Md., president of the association. Dr. Isaac is executive director of the Board of Child Care of the Baltimore and Peninsula Conferences.

The association includes some 250 hospitals and homes which are affiliated with the church's Board of Hospitals and Homes, Evanston, Ill.

Bishop Fred G. Holloway of Charleston, W. Va., president of the board, will be the keynote speaker at the opening session of the convention Tuesday evening, Feb. 12. Bishop Everett W. Palmer of the Seattle (Wash.) Area, vice president of the board, will lead the opening worship service.

Honorary chairmen for the local committee in Cincinnati are Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, head of the church's Ohio Area, and Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the Central Jurisdiction's St. Louis Area. Active chairman is Dr. W. Arthur Milne of Cincinnati, president of the Bethesda Hospital and Deaconess Association.

In addition to Bishop Holloway, principal speakers at general assemblies of the convention will include President Louis W. Norris of Albion (Michigan) College; C. B. Mills, a Methodist layman who is chairman of the board of O. M. Scott & Sons Co., Marysville, Ohio; and Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, executive director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, New York.

President-elect of the association for 1963 is Donald W. Cordes, administrator of the Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, who will be installed as president, along with other newly-elected officers at the conclusion of this year's convention.



CINCINNATI, Ohio -- John Fletcher (left), a retired maintenance man, and Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, Pa., (center) receive awards for "outstanding service to the missionary enterprise of The Methodist Church" at the denomination's annual Mission Board Meeting. Presenting the award on behalf of World Outlook, a Methodist mission magazine, is Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis. Mr. Fletcher, who recently retired after 44 years as a maintenance man for Methodist mission boards in Nashville, and New York, was described as "A man who has given dignity to his job and the possessor of a true Christian spirit." Bishop Corson, who is president of the World Methodist Council, received the 'Methodist of the Year' award for his contributions through services as bishop of Puerto Rico and as a delegate-observer at the Second Vatican Council.

Noel Memorial Missions School Dates Announced

Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, will hold its annual church-wide School of Missions during the month of February. Combined with a Sunday Evening Fellowship series, the meetings will begin with supper and fellowship and conclude with a special evening service featuring the following speakers:

- Feb. 3—The Rev. Joe Braswell, missionary, Salina, Okla.
- Feb. 10—Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, Little Rock, Ark.
- Feb. 17—The Rev. Sam Nader, pastor of Noel Memorial Church, who will speak on the world refugee situation as observed on two round-the-world trips.
- Feb. 24—The Rev. Charles Parkin, director of the Advance Department, Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, Philadelphia, Pa.

All adult and youth groups will participate in these services. Children's groups will have their own mission studies.

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MISSIONARY GIVING REPORTED

Though The Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions, had its highest income and disbursements for mission work at home and overseas during fiscal 1962, the per-member contribution to missions increased but little.

That over-all picture of the financial operations of the board was given at its annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 15. Miss Florence Little of New York, who is treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and an assistant treasurer of the board, reported on the financial picture for the past year.

Total disbursements by the board and its divisions during fiscal 1962 were a record \$34,796,000, while total income was \$32,442,000. The excess of disbursements over income is accounted for largely by funds received in fiscal 1961 but not able to be spent until 1962, she said.



THREE METHODIST LAYMEN were among these who received the Silver Beaver Award for Scouting recently. From left are Leon Basco of Homer, Dr. Leo T. Allbritten of Natchitoches; Alvin Childs of Shreveport; G. Dale Hamilton of Shreveport; and James T. Rogers of Minden.

Methodists Among Scout Leaders Receiving Silver Beaver Award

Scouting leaders from Shreveport, Homer, Natchitoches and Minden receive highest honor the Norwela Council of the Boy Scouts of America can bestow — The Silver Beaver Award — For Distinguished Service To Boyhood. The awards were presented at the annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner.

G. Dale Hamilton, who has been active in Troop 86 as assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster and chairman of the troop committee is a member of the official board of the sponsoring institution, the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport.

James L. "Jimmy" Rogers of Minden is scoutmaster of Troop 235, sponsored by the 1st Presbyterian Church,

History is apt to set off in a new direction without the church recognizing the fact.

and is cubmaster of a Cub Pack sponsored by the 1st Methodist Church of which he is a member of the official board.

Dr. Leo T. Allbritten is district lay leader of the 1st Methodist Church of Natchitoches. Dr. Allbritten is dean of instruction at Northwestern State College and is a member of the Norwela Council executive board and district chairman of the Southern District of the Council.

Alvin Childs, rancher and real estate man, of Shreveport is a member of the executive board of Norwela Council and has been active in the council building program. Leon Basco, principal of the Homer Elementary School, is scoutmaster of Troop 72 and is the troop's institutional representative, and he is also cubmaster of pack 7.

1962 Improvements At Baton Rouge's Jefferson Church

The major property improvement for 1962 for Jefferson Methodist Church of Baton Rouge was the paving of the parking lot. When the building was completed two years ago (1960), the parking lot was still ungraded and the congregation had to park on the highway or across the street in the yards of our gracious neighbors, Mrs. J. B. Nurdin and Mr. L. J. Dupre.

Shortly after moving into the building, members of the church gave up their Saturdays to work at getting the parking lot graveled and usable.

Last August, the men of the church again sacrificed their Saturdays and volunteered their labor toward improving the parking lot further. This time the parking lot was to be paved. The first concrete was poured on September 15, and used Sunday, September 23. By October 14, the parking lot was complete.

The total cost of paving the lot came to \$4,497.18. The miscellaneous items and concrete finisher's fees came to a total of \$1,097.18 and was paid for out of the building fund. The cost of the concrete—\$3,400.00 — was financed by L. W. Eaton, Jr., interest free for one year.

Some of the people instrumental in making this project possible were: Mr. J. E. Hill, Superintendent of the project; Mr. M. W. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the building committee with Mr. L. C. Peters, Mr. E. K. Easterly and Mr. M. G. Lusk committee members; Mr. L. S. Easterly, Mrs. L. C. Peters and Mr. B. B. Crump who donated the use of heavy equipment and to all the men in the church who gave their time and labors toward the actual work on the parking lot and to the women who served the men lunches and refreshments. The Rev. Stone W. Caraway is pastor.

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One can be as much of a sinner by being a rightest as by being a leftist.



SHOWN AT A RECENT Dedication Service for a new piano presented to the Belah Methodist Church are these four sisters, surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Strozier. From left are Mrs. Mary Taylor, Jena; Mrs. Susie Jones, Waterproof; Mrs. Vada Windaham, Jena; and Mrs. C.J.T. Cotton, wife of the pastor of the Loranger Church.



THE REV. AND MRS. Don Wineinger, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Ed Haug, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and Mr. Haug are enjoying a brief visit together following a recent fellowship supper at McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, honoring the Bishop and his wife.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

MARY HUCKABY, ORGANIST at Wisner Methodist Church, presented an organ recital at First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, on Jan. 20.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR will give a concert in Welsh on Monday, Feb. 4, appearing at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR will be heard in a concert at the Franklin High School gym on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

MR. GRAY BELL of Houston, Tex., was a visitor for the Jan. 7 meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans. The Rev. E. J. Barksdale is the pastor.

THE REV. L. GRAY WILSON, pastor of Lake View Methodist Church, Minden, is leading his congregation in a series of sermons on "Prayer" at the evening worship hour.

MRS. DON RISINGER, wife of the pastor of Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was recently hostess for three circles of the WSCS for a Christmas Party. Mrs. John McNary had charge of the program.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR gave a concert at First Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 8:00 p.m. The Rev. Clyde S. Clark is the pastor.

MRS. VIRGINIA WILKINS gave a book review as a part of the mission study "The Church's Mission to Persons of Special Need" at First Methodist Church, Crowley, Jan. 21. The Rev. W. D. Boddie is the pastor.

A LAFAYETTE DISTRICT CHRISTIAN Vocations Clinic was held at First Methodist Church, Franklin, Saturday, Jan. 26 for Senior High and older youth.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, was the speaker for the Methodist Men of Springhill Methodist Church, Jan. 16. The Rev. Ralph Cain is the pastor.

MISS SHEILA NUTTALL, director of Children's Work for the Conference Board of Education led a training class at First Methodist Church, Welsh, Jan. 13-15. The Rev. Oakley Lee is the pastor.

THE REV. AND MRS. JACK H. MIDYETT of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, were hosts to the members of the Fisherman's Club of this church on Jan. 22 before they went out visiting.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, was guest speaker for the church-wide mission study, "Arm of Compassion," on Jan. 13 at First Methodist Church, Leesville, where the Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the pastor.

MR. GRADY WELLS, superintendent of the Foundation Hospital, was the speaker for the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Franklin, at their meeting on Jan. 16. The pastor here is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

THE REV. JOLLY E. HARPER, District Superintendent of the Shreveport District, was the

guest speaker for the Jan. 29 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Minden, where the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is the pastor.

CAPTAIN SIDNEY LYNCH of the Salvation Army was the guest speaker for the evening worship service of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Jan. 20. This was a part of the church-wide mission study on "Persons of Special Need." The Rev. Jack Cooke is the pastor.

MR. PENDLETON LEHDE was the speaker for the Methodist Men's Club of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, Jan. 28. He told about present conditions and developments in Africa. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is the pastor at Lake Vista.

THE REV. B. A. GALLOWAY, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the leader for the Jan. 6, 12 and 27 studies of "Arm of Compassion" in that church. On Feb. 3, the young adults of this church will present a play entitled "Walk Without Fear," which ties in with this study.

CHAPLAIN (1st. Lt.) FORREST N. BLOUNT left Jan. 21 to attend a Pastoral Counseling School at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He is the Battalion Chaplain for the 394th Transportation Terminal, Camp LeRoy Johnson, New Orleans, La. The school is being held at Brooks General Hospital.

THE NEWLY ORGANIZED Methodist Youth Fellowship at Golden Meadow has elected the following officers: Candace Martin, president; Butch Bruce, vice-president; John Edna Gilmore, secretary; and Patty Verlander, treasurer. The Rev. William Blakely is the pastor.

Mr. ED GRECO, WHO HEADED the United States Delegation for Research Development to Russia last summer was the speaker for the Jan. 21 meeting of the Methodist Men of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.

THE REV. LINCOLN LEUNG, Methodist minister in Hong Kong, spoke to the congregation of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, by "Tele-Messenger" during the evening worship service, Jan. 13. This was a part of the University of Life program on the Far East. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is the pastor.

THE REV. HENRY BLOUNT, pastor of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church in Opelousas, was elected president of the Opelousas Chapter, Louisiana Mental Health Association. He and Dr. Joseph Martinez, vice-president, were named delegates to the annual meeting of the state association to be held in New Orleans in April.

MR. CHARLES FLURRY of the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation spoke Sunday evening, Jan. 13, at the Downsview Methodist Church on the subject of "Communism." At 5:30 p.m. all of the youth of the community were invited for an informal meeting with Mr. Flurry in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church. The Rev. Brady B. Forman is the pastor.

THE REV. GEORGE ROSS, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, was the speaker for the Jan. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. He spoke on the evangelistic mission in the Rio Grande Conference, in which he recently participated. The Rev. Douglas McGuire is the Trinity pastor.

AS PART OF THE STUDENT Recognition Day observance at Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Dec. 30, the Older Youth presented the night service. Participating were Mr. Tommy Rowan, Miss JoGail McSwain, Mr. Ronald Mills, Miss Carolann Bingham and Miss Frances Clanton. The pastor is the Rev. Har-

vey G. Williamson.

EDWARD BITAR, STUDENT ADVISOR in the Foreign Student Office at Louisiana State University was the speaker for the Jan. 18 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, which was Ladies Night. The speaker used the theme "U. S. Foreign Relations and Exchange Students." Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

DR. WILLIAM E. TRICE of Wm. B. Reily University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, as part of that church's study on "Rim of East Asia." He spoke on Hong Kong, which he visited with the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., Munholland pastor, in 1961.

RESOURCE PERSONS FOR the church-wide mission study "Persons of Special Need," at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, include: John Arrington, Sr., counselor of the Vocational Rehabilitation department; Richard T. Hill, social worker; Lewis Meadows, juvenile probation officer; and Miss Kay Flowers, of the Central Louisiana State Hospital. The Trinity pastor is the Rev. Byrl Moreland.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, was the principal speaker during the "Rim of East Asia" mission study, Sunday evening, Jan. 20 at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. Dr. Mickle, who served several years as a missionary in the Far East, spoke on "Strength and Weakness of Methodist Missions in East Asian Countries." Dr. James T. Harris is the Broadmoor pastor.

THE REV. AND MRS. DON SMALL, who will go out Feb. 4 as missionaries to Malaya and who were commissioned at the recent meeting of the Board of Missions in Cincinnati, were speakers in both services at Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Jan. 27. Mrs. Small was formerly Miss Jo Ann Richardson and an active member of Istrouma Church. The Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the pastor.

A RECENT ISSUE OF the bulletin of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, carried the announcement that Mr. H. C. Sanders, director emeritus of the Louisiana Agricultural Extension Service, and a devoted member of that church, was to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, Jan. 26, at Clemson College in South Carolina. May we add our words of congratulations to Dr. Sanders.

CLAIBORNE METHODIST CHURCH recently organized a Methodist Men's Club under the leadership of Joe Solomon, district director of Methodist Men. Officers elected were: President, Jerry Hammons; vice-president, Pete West; secretary-treasurer, Van Westbrook; reporter, J. K. Duncan. The officers were installed at the Sunday evening service, Dec. 16. The first regular meeting was held Jan. 7 and saw the film "Seconds for Survival." The pastor is the Rev. Tilman Brown.

THE MISSION STUDY, "The Rim of East Asia" is being studied at the Haynesville Methodist Church by the Junior High Department. Mrs. Sidney F. Sale is leading the morning group and Mr. Ivan Weaver is leading the evening group. In February the study will begin in the Junior evening group of which Mrs. Robert S. Bond is the leader. Also the study will be offered in the Primary Department, with Mrs. Don A. Waller as the leader. The Rev. K. G. Rorie is the pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

JAMES W. WORKMAN



February 10, 1963: "CHRIST NEEDS WORKERS"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 6: Printed Lesson Text: Mark 6:7-13, 34-42.

MEMORY SELECTION: Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than those will he do, because I go to the Father. John 14:12

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand how Jesus employed the disciples to share in his ministry, and how Christian workers are needed today to carry on Christ's ministry.

This second lesson in faith for daily living is based upon the power of Christ to bring peace out of turmoil and life out of death. The power of Jesus to bring comfort and strength to minds and spirits of distressed persons is suggested by his quieting the storm at sea. Jesus' healing of the mentally ill Gerasene suggests Jesus' ability to bring health and personal integrity to persons who are sore distressed. Jesus commanded the healed man to go to his own people and witness the power of God to them. This was better than following Jesus into strange communities. The faith of Jairus in Jesus was rewarded by the restoration of his dead daughter to new life. How much good the faith of Jairus did for his daughter and witnesses of the miracle can never be fully estimated. Do we really desire and help all we can to have the ill healed? What great things Jesus can do in our lives if we will only believe and help with that faith!

The Daily Bible Readings Reveal Worker's Requirements

The first six verses of the sixth chapter of Mark are the daily bible passages for Monday, February 4. His hometown Nazareth hearers were wondering about his preaching and teaching. Being well known to them in his boyhood and young manhood development they discounted his divine authority, and effectiveness.

The following six verses for Tuesday give the instructions for the twelve disciples to follow in their mission of evangelism. They are to "travel light," disregard comforts in their work, ignore material possessions, and concentrate their total energies on the ministries of preaching and healing and teaching. The return from their mission was met by Jesus' encouraging them to retire to a quiet secluded place for "spiritual renewal. Great numbers of hearers pressed him to continue his ministry among them. Jesus met their need for the gospel by continuing with them.

The multitude were so concerned with his kingdom message that they forgot to bring their food. The practical care of Jesus for elemental human needs for body and soul was evidenced in his giving them the multiplied distribution of the scent, food found among them. Jesus blessed the food. He shared it with the crowd. The lesson points up the amazing way in which Jesus is able to meet the needs of all who come to him.

Jesus' care for his disciples in the storm gives the lesson of his power to bring poise and confidence to distressed persons. Even by touching garment healing power coursed through them. in their illness, to be made whole. The Saturday

bible daily lesson in John 15:12-17, shows Christ's love for us in making us his friends. He shows us the full nature of God. His great love moves us to tell others of his saving grace. To tell the whole world this good news calls for many witnesses as workers in his kingdom.

Jesus Selects His Needed Apostles

Jesus called the apostles to him and sent them out, two by two, to multiply his ministry. The six teams of disciples had been with him to learn of him and his good news. He chose them to go out and preach the good news of the kingdom of God. They were given power and authority to get rid of unclean spirits, called demons, in the superstitious language of the day. His disciples had been learning these lessons of God's rule during their internship with the master.

In going out, two by two, they were able to hold each other up by their mutual helpfulness in faith and work. This was more effective than individuals going out alone. Jesus expressed confidence in them by sending out, on their own, to their ministries.

"The Flock and Its Shepherds"

In the Layman's Bible Commentary, Dr. Paul S. Minear lists the titles of the lesson text for today, "The Flock and Its Shepherds." The crowd that followed Jesus "were like sheep without a shepherd." Throughout the bible the needs of sheep are suggested by "hunger, danger, loneliness, sickness, and suffering from careless shepherds." The shepherds' failure to do their duty leaves the sheep without the authority and teaching that the faithful shepherd provides in his compassion and care for their many varying needs. Mark took the varied terms referring to shepherds and sheep in his description of the good shepherd. Jesus is the true Shepherd. His apostles are "undershepherds. The word pastor is the Latin for shepherd, and has continued in use in the church to define the faithful responsibility of the careful pastor, minister.

Dr. Minear lists key passages in relation to the shepherd as follows. Ps. 23; Ps. 77; Ps. 78, Ps. 80; Jer. 23; Ezekiel 34; Zachariah 7-14; Luke 15; John 10;21; and I Peter 5.

The Workers are Called and Sent by Jesus

The personal call of Christ to the ministry is the most compelling motive for doing Christian work. This work comes out of the life dedicated to Christian faith and hope and love. Jesus called twelve carefully chosen men to be with him and learn his way of life. They were thenceforth sent out to do their own ministries as they met human need for God's redeeming love. They were chosen to be the new keepers of the covenant for the twelve tribes of God's chosen people. See. Genesis 49). As the messengers of Jesus they were assigned to carry on and multiply his ministry, to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel."

They Carried the Staff

The only requirement for their equipment was the staff. This was a walking stick, and represented their making a "pilgrimage," as

shepherds, out leading their flock. This shepherd's "crook" is the symbol of the shepherd's work, referred to in Revelation 2:27, 12:5 and 19:15. In Hebrews 1:8, the same term is also used for the scepter that the king used to rule with and symbolize his authority.

"Shepherd" and "king" were the two basic symbols of the government of the Hebrews, whose ruler was God, as represented through the king and shepherd. The disciples, therefore were ambassadors for the mercy and authority that they saw in Jesus.

They were not to carry any bag for gifts to be given to them by those whose homes they visited. They were not beggars asking for a hand out. Floy Filson, in the International Lesson Annual, notes that in the record of Matthew 10:10 and Luke 9:3, they were not even allowed to carry a staff.

They were free to receive such hospitality as was offered them. They were to remain in the first lodging offered them until they had finished their work in that town. If any community did not receive them they were to get out and warn them by shaking off the dust of their street from their feet. Judgment would come to that city or town on account of its uncleanness and sin in refusing to repent and receive the gospel message that they bore. Their unclean spirits went unpurged. Their demons remained to continue their mental illness in superstition. They declined the opportunity for nervous and physical health that could come from the salvation afforded by the gospel. The pairs of disciples were bent on urgent missions of mercy and announcement. Their anointment with oil symbolized "God's healing power and purpose." Prayers for the sick were an aid to healing.

Crowds Thronged the Disciples

Jesus received the returning pairs of disciples and took them to a restful seclusion. Crowds followed them, so much that they moved Jesus with compassion. His "heart went out to them" (NEB) He answered their questions. He must have taught them in parables. As evening drew on hunger called for them to be fed.

Jesus' disciples felt compassion for their hunger and fatigue, and suggested to Jesus that they be sent home, to buy food in the nearby village.

Jesus replied to their suggestion, "give them something to eat yourselves." They immediately wondered how so much could be done with so little that they had with them. They found their inventory of food to be five loaves and two fishes also.(NEB) This clearly was too little for five thousand to be fed.

Jesus Orders Multitudes Fed With Little Beginning of Food and Faith

Jesus ordered his disciples to "make the people sit down in groups on the green grass, and they sat down in rows of fifty each. Then, taking the five loaves and two fishes, he looked up to heaven, said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to distribute. He also divided the two fishes among them. They all ate to their hearts' content; and twelve great basketfuls of scraps were picked up, with what was left of the fish." (NEB) Five thousand ate.

The Church Finds Jesus The Bread of Life

This account has always been a lesson to the church that Jesus, the Bread of Life, "gives his people the spiritual food they need." The Lord's supper remembers Jesus in response to his invitation. Various meanings of the miracle have puzzled many bible students. Was the story originally a parable? Did the company have some food that they added to the original inventory of "five and two"? The church of the apostles had no doubt that Jesus fed the five thousand as part of his divinely empowered ministry.

The memory selection gives the challenge to Christians today to follow Jesus in mighty works. "He who has faith in me will do what I am doing; and he will do greater things still because I am going to the Father. The need and the call are today.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In Kansas City, Mo., six churches serving the indigent area on the fringe of that city's downtown district have launched an employment service for young people as a deterrent to crime. The churches comprising the Christian Inner City Council formed a citizens advisory board to start the program. The Rev. Kenneth Waterman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, expressed hope the service would fill 'a desperate need' for part-time jobs by teenagers in the area.

Here is the kind of news story that should be read widely by those who are saying so often these days that the church is not offering a relevant ministry in our day.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, has identified himself as the "mysterious donor" of one million dollars in the crucial pre-Christmas negotiations for the return of the Cuban prisoners. You will recall that Attorney General Robert Kennedy reported that he secured the necessary million dollars by making a phone call.

All we have to say is that this is really the sort of relationship to have with your bishop, when you can call and secure that extra million you need.

Evangelist Billy Graham recently called in Dallas for an end to "fighting over stories in the Bible." "You can debate until 2000 A.D. and not solve the problems in Genesis," he told the Texas Evangelism Conference, "We can only accept this book by faith." "Let's get on with the job of proclaiming the Gospel and get off this fighting over stories in the Bible."

This is good advice and we feel that it will be taken seriously coming from him. We have noticed trends which indicate a tendency to return to a "new fundamentalism" in our time. The same advice might also be applied to an undue amount of fighting over theological concepts of the Bible also. We all need to get on with the job of "proclaiming the Gospel."

A Mexican theologian recently told 130 American Baptist Convention leaders in Mexico City that Protestantism in a world of rapid social change is handicapped by a "narrow conception" of evangelism. Dr. Gonzales Baez Comargo of Union Theological Seminary in that city said that most evangelistic efforts are only "revivalism" and reach only those people who are already church members.

In a sense evangelism will always have to be narrow, but we do feel that this is another of those voices that keep telling us to keep our message and our Gospel relevant.

A wide variety of charges—almost all of them reminiscent of other Communist allegations against Christians—have been made by a Soviet news agency against the 32 Siberian Evangelical Christians who recently pleaded for asylum at the U. S. Embassy in Moscow.

Interestingly enough these charges have been made public only in countries outside the Soviet Union. No newspaper or radio station in Russia has been permitted to tell the Russian public of the peasants' charges of religious persecution.

Churchmen and television views in England were quick to protest a recent BBC television program which they said ridiculed religion. The program was one of a controversial eight-week-old serial entitled "That Was the Week That Was." Master of ceremonies on the show was David Frost, 23-year-old son of the Rev. W. J. Paradine Frost, a Methodist minister, who gave "consumer report" on what various religions "had to offer." During the program he dealt lightly with religious teachings, particularly those of Catholicism and Judaism.

It is regrettable that a trend in entertainment to ridicule important people and important persons usually does not know where to "draw the line" and tries to squeeze all it can out of a wave of popularity.

The state of Israel should make the first move toward permanent peace with Arab nations, said Protestant Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California upon his recent return from a visit to the Near East. He said that a gesture by Israel "might break the log jam" and lead to an end



RELIGIOUS LEADERS of Massachusetts map an all-out drive against alcoholism. Twelve groups within the state plan a regional series of workshops dealing with the problem. Among the leaders are from left, Rabbi M. David Weiss, representing the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis; the Rev. Wilbur C. Zeigler, representing Methodist Bishop James B. Mathews of Boston; and Msgr. George V. Kerr, representing Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

of the warfare between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

This is a straightforward challenge delivered to the government of Israel and most people who have traveled in the Near East feel that until some initiative does come from that direction little can be accomplished in the existing impasse.

Leaders of the nation's three major religious groups met together in Chicago recently in the National Conference on Religion and Race and heard urgent appeals for the application of their common concept of brotherhood in combating racial prejudices. The opening speaker at the conference was President Irwin Miller of the National Council of Churches, who said that racial prejudice is only the visible portion of the vast "iceberg" of man's constant tendency to be more concerned with himself than with his neighbor. 68 Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Jewist groups participated in the conference.

One specific project coming out of the conference was a plan for interreligious projects to combat racial discrimination in 10 "target cities" scattered throughout the country. Chosen for the "pilot projects" were Atlanta, Ga.; Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; New Orleans, La.; Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.; St. Louis, Mo.; San Antonio, Tex.; Seattle, Wash.; and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. Robert Clyde Johnson, professor of systematic theology at Pittsburg, Pa. Theological Seminary, has been named Dean of Yale Divinity School. The Presbyterian minister, who has lectured and written extensively on theology, succeeds Dr. Lister Pope who resigned in 1960.

The 88th Congress opened its session by re-electing the same chaplains who served the Senate and the House in the 87th Congress. The House unanimously re-elected Dr. Bernard Braskamp, a retired Presbyterian minister, who has served as its chaplain since 1950. The Senate unanimously re-elected Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, former pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, who has been its chaplain since 1942, except for the 1947-1949 "Republican interlude," during which Dr. Peter Marshall was the Chaplain.

An editorial in a recent issue of the Christian Century has called for more public information about church merger negotiations. "Why are talks as to the union of denominations so often conducted in obscurity, particularly in their early stages?" the editorial in the Jan. 9 issue asked. Referring specifically to the March 19-21 meeting at Oberlin, O., to discuss the so-called Blake proposal, the Century said, "The denominational officials who closed earlier meetings can open the doors at Oberlin. If they do not do so, those who attend can and should take matters in their own hands and work for open covenants of union, openly arrived at."

The Protestant Council of the City of New York has charged both publishers and union leaders with a "failure of leadership" in allowing the city's newspaper strike to continue for more than a month. In a statement sent to those involved in the strike and to city and state officials, the council said the prolonged printers strike is causing "widespread economic hardships" and that the "social and cultural life of the city is being drastically damaged."

Dr. Victor L. Rankin recently arrived in Buenos Aires to become the pastor of First Methodist Church in that City. Known as the American church, the congregation dates back to 1837. Dr. Rankin, a native of Ohio, is a graduate of Florida Southern College and Boston University School of Theology. He served as pastor of the San Pablo Methodist Church in Camaguey, Cuba from 1951 to 1960.

Rep. Frank J. Becker (R-N.Y.) said in Washington recently that he plans to introduce a joint Congressional resolution for a Constitutional amendment to overcome the U.S. Supreme Court's ban on the Regents' Prayer in the New York public schools.

Dr. Colin W. Williams, an Australian evangelist, has been appointed executive director of the National Council of Churches Central Department of Evangelism. His appointment and that of Dr. Ralph M. Holdeman of Dayton, O., as associate executive director, were announced by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the National Council.

West Germany's winter vacation boom has spurred the Evangelical Church in Germany officially to expand their pastoral care program for vacationers, so far confined to the summer season, to winter resorts. Tentative plans call for a winter program trial in 1963-64.

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A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanah

Superstition Blocks Our Faith In God

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS?—Most of us would deny that we are superstitious. A superstition is a belief resting on emotion or fear rather than on reason. It is a kind of cobweb in the corner of the mind, and we like to think that our mental attics have been swept clear of such cluttering falsehoods.

Of course, we might plead guilty to a few trifling superstitions. Many of us dislike to sit down at the table in the company of 13, or to live on the 13th floor of a hotel. Some have a strange fear of Friday; others avoid walking under ladders. But by and large we pride ourselves on not being gullible or credulous. We no longer believe in ghosts or witchcraft.

And the feeling is widespread that religion, as well as ignorance, has been responsible for keeping superstitions alive. The man on the street and the student on the campus are inclined to look upon the church as the home of many false fears.

But how much freer from superstition is the street than the sanctuary? If we could analyze the contents of a typical mind, would the proportion of falsehood found there today be much smaller than in the days of our grandfathers? We know more facts but we also know so much that isn't so.

Despite the spread of education, we are still the easy victims of subtle propaganda. We are bedeviled by a swarm of foolish ideals and stinging fears.

We can talk ourselves into believing almost anything. We can deceive ourselves with wishful thinking. We can be scientists in the laboratory one day and savages on the battlefield the next. We can fool ourselves with what Galsworthy called our "cockeyed cocksureness." All these states of mind may be called "wisdom" at the time. And being thus "wise in our own conceits," we superstitiously call many things foolish which God calls wisdom.

One of our superstitions is that we are afraid to trust the power of God. We fool ourselves as to what is weak and what is strong. Saint Paul said "God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise."

But how often we are deceived as to what is real power. Two years ago I visited Elsinore Castle in Denmark. The guide told us that this was one of two castles built by the King of Pomerania about 1200 A.D. The other was built across the Skagerack channel in what is now Sweden. The king thought that with these two castles he could control the entrance to this important channel into the heart of Europe and the harbor of Copenhagen. The castle on the Swedish side is gone and Elsinore Castle is no longer a potential fortress. And I have forgotten the name of the king who built them. Even the name of Pomerania suggests to me only a special breed of dogs.

But the day I was at Elsinore scores of buses were there with tourists as they are every day. Why? Because William Shakespeare chose that castle as the setting of his drama Hamlet. The noble passages of that play have become embedded in the minds of the English-speaking world. It is ideas not guns which have enduring strength. It is Athens, with its words of Socrates and Plato, which lives on and not Sparta with its conquering armies.

Chesterton has said that it is important for a general in a campaign to know his enemy's numbers and equipment but that it is more important for him to know his enemy's philosophy of life, because the most decisive thing in a nation's strength is its philosophy of life.

This is a point which gives me hope in our cold war. The comparative strength of the U.S. and the USSR is not truly gauged by the month-to-month measurements of our missile piles, but by the potency of our respective philosophies of life. And I believe the American concept of life, derived from our Judeo-Christian faith, has more lasting, life-giving force than the Russian or Chinese.

Charles Rann Kennedy in "The Terrible Meek" has a scene picturing the Roman centurion at the cross apologizing to Jesus' mother for the brutality of the soldiers who were gambling for Jesus' garments. Mary asks, "What do they want?" He replied that they wanted money and power. She answered, "Well, they've won, haven't they?" No, he said that they had not won as long as Christ was on the cross.

There is a strange power about "that strange man on the cross." He looked weak at the time. But all the kings that ever ruled and all the armies that ever marched have not affected the world with a tiny fraction of His power.

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SOME 650 DELEGATES and guests attended a luncheon meeting at the National Conference on Religion and Race in Chicago, the first assembly of its kind to be sponsored by major Protestant, Catholic and Jewish agencies. In final actions at the four-day conference, the delegates adopted an 'Appeal to the Conscience of the American People' which described racism as 'our most serious domestic evil' and called for open occupancy in housing, equal opportunities in education and jobs and equal protection of legal and voting rights.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

LIVING WITHOUT
SLEEPING PILLS

This is a story about a man who never took a sleeping pill in his life.

He was definitely the nervous type. As a young man he could not tolerate the thought of any person having a religion different from his. The rule in those days was that a "blasphemer" should be stoned to death, so this young man, about whom we are thinking, was an ardent believer in the idea of death for anyone who differed from his ideas. Still he was a godly man, he admitted. On the Sabbath he was just about always found in his pew at church. When the collection was taken, he gave a tithe of what he made. But after church was over, he was ready to join a mob that would shriek for the blood of those who had different social ideas from his. He may have lain awake at night worrying about how to create new means of finding the non-conformists and of bringing them to his brand of justice. It worried him a good deal, and he may have needed something to stop his headache, or his stomach pains. But as far as we know he did not take any pain pills or any sleeping pills. In fact, no one had thought that there would be much of a need for them, so the corner drug stores did not sell them. One could not even buy them at the supermarket, mainly because there was no supermarket.

Then that young man met Christ face to face. It took three years, according to the young man's story, to come to

a full realization of what Christ could do for him or for anyone else, but after those three years, this young man began to proclaim the unsearchable riches of salvation through the redeeming death and resurrection of Christ. He walked thousands of miles to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all who would listen.

He quit trying to become wealthy, or to acquire social status with his friends, or to tell of his aristocratic ancestry to those beneath him. He slept by the roadside, in fetid prisons, in army barracks, as a prisoner. He was often cold and hungry. He was stoned, beaten, persecuted, even as he had persecuted others. But because he stayed close to Christ, the Master somehow was always near to give rest when he needed it the most. And in spite of all of these sufferings, he wrote to one of the churches where he had preached, "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." Could it be that this man, now advanced in years, had learned the secret that millions today have not yet learned; that "Godliness with contentment is great gain," as he wrote to one of his young followers? Could it not be that this man has a message as vital today as it was centuries ago when he lived? Perhaps one reason why we use so many pain pills and so many sleeping pills is that we have not applied to our own lives this man's formula for triumphant living.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Prayer and the Devotional Life

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There is power in prayer. It puts the individual soul in harmony with God's purposes. The great objectives of the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission can be realized if we develop our personal prayer life.

We intend to spend time with God in communion each day, but there are urgent demands from morning to night. We put it off until later when we will have a time for quiet. Before we know it, the day has gone and we are too weary to seek God effectively.

We say we pray without ceasing. All our work is prayer. We feel better about getting things done. There is satisfaction in activity. Yet the source of the power we need comes to us in our quiet moments of communion with God. To realize this power in our experience requires discipline. It is necessary to set aside a definite time—use scripture and devotional guides—begin a prayer list.

Our prayer life will become effective if we believe in its power. An airline brochure tells in words and diagram why jets fly. The basic design is known as "airfoil"; which is a thin teardrop shape. Because the top of the airfoil is curved more than the bottom, in the wing shape of the plane, the air that passes over the top has further to go than that going underneath. So it moves faster in relation to the wing—and by the laws of physics a decrease in pressure on the top surface of the wing results. The difference in air pressure above and below the wing creates the lift. Jet planes of great weight, carrying more than 100 passengers, soar aloft and cross continents and oceans swiftly using this simple principle of lift.

Not many of us have thought about the hours of research and the years of testing that went into the discovery of the principle by which men have learned to fly. We accept it and use the unseen power of lifting when we want to travel long distances quickly.

There is a lift above the souls of men that draws them up. To let the affairs of the day flow swiftly by for a few minutes, and slow our thoughts and lives in prayer, helps us experience the lift of our spirits toward God. If we believe this, we can experience it with a little discipline and effort. There is personal power in prayer—The power we need in human experience and daily toil that releases the soul for God's business among men.

If this is the end of our prayer, we might become selfish. To seek pow-

er in our lives, just for the sake of having power or doing our work better, or meeting the daily problems, could turn our desires inward resulting in self-centeredness. Our prayers should become definite for other people and their needs.

The program of personal evangelism where we make our list of those for whom we will pray definitely, and continue until something happens as a result of our prayer, commends itself, especially in this year of evangelism.

Many will remember the story of "The Small Woman" whose experiences inspired the journalist to write a book about her great life. She was only a serving maid, but she felt that God called her to the needy in China. She saved enough of her meager earnings to buy a ticket from London to China by way of Siberia—the cheapest way she could go. But this was a dangerous way for a woman travelling alone. Almost miraculously she made it. She won her place in the hearts of Chinese where she served. When the communists began to threaten the Christian orphanage where she was, she took the children and started inland.

We will never forget that the Son of God spent whole nights in prayer, because of the needs of the people about Him during the day who were like sheep without a shepherd. If the Son of God needed to refresh His Soul in prayer, how much more do I. Prayer is the power of God in a human spirit.

Build A Devotional

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERMON
Acts 2:14-40

Peter's sermon at Pentecost could well be said to be the first Christian sermon, and since it had such success, it became a pattern for early evangelism. Its simplicity intrigues us yet.

Peter tells what Jesus has done. Through the power of God he has worked miracles, and accomplished the impossible. It makes us yearn for an

earthly-miracle worker today, yet we know that we 20th century Christians are better off, for we worship a living Christ who is not bound to earth, but can be in all places at all times. Also, we can look back and marvel at the miracles of the years done by people who have sought to follow the Master.

Peter told the people what they had done by crucifying Jesus. They must have cringed at the sight of their own evil. Lest we be too smug, note that Peter's words apply to us. We crucify and despoil the beauty of Christ daily. Like Saul Kane in John Masefield's "Everlasting Mercy," we may be irreligious, profane, sinful, and selfish. But many of us as church people are more guilty of the sins of the spirit than the sins of the flesh. And Jesus, though he did not condone the sins of Zaccheus or the Magdalene, was more harsh toward the hypocritical, selfish, and so-called religious people of his day.

Next Peter told them what God had done. He raised up Christ. Jesus did not raise himself, nor can we. Salvation, ultimately, is through the power of God. It comes on his terms, not ours. Unfortunately, like Naaman of the Old Testament, we are not humble, and seek to make demands that God do just as we wish. We want to be Christians, but we don't want to give up the sins we enjoy.

Peter tells us there is something we can do. We can witness. We can realize anew what God has done for us.

Then they asked, "What must we do?" The answer came, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you". Perhaps this is too simple. But conversion

Let The Children Come

Last week we thought of four special books of the Bible. They were Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They tell about the life and teachings of Jesus. Let us look at them again and see some of the special things they tell about him.

Jesus chose some special friends to help him. Some of these were Peter, Andrew, James and John. He also chose the twelve apostles as special helpers. Turn in your Bibles to Matthew 10 and read parts of that chapter. Here you will find their names and some of the things Jesus asked them to do. In many other verses the stories of these men are found also.

There are some special places where Jesus spent much time. Some of these are the Mount of Olives just outside the walls of Jerusalem. Capernaum, and the Sea of Galilee are often mentioned. Turn to Mark 2:1 and read about some of the things He did in Capernaum. Then read Chapter 5:1, 2. This is one of the many times that Jesus taught great multitudes of people by the sea.

Jesus used several kinds of teaching. He preached a great sermon which is called the "Sermon on the Mount." It is found in Matthew 6. Here also we find the special prayer that Jesus gave them for a model to use when they learned to pray. He also used many "parables" or stories with special meanings. These may be found throughout the chapters of each of these Books. One of these may be found in Matthew 13:1-10.

Jesus told the people much about God's love for all of them and for all things too. He spoke of the birds of the air in Matthew 10:29-31. Turn also to Matthew 6:26 and read this verse. He spoke of the little children in Matthew 19:13-15. He was also interested in the sick and the lame and the sinner and the lost sheep. Turn through the pages of these books and make your own list of Bible verses which you wish to read and learn this week.

—Aunt Feather

begins with repentance which cannot stand the thought of evil; which will not live with hate and spite and greed; which shuts jealousy, lust, and selfishness out; which desires right relationship with God and men.

In these days prior to Easter, let's keep Peter's sermon in our minds, and give the Holy Spirit opportunity to dwell in us, too.

William M. Wilder
Heber Springs Meth. Church

IT CAN BE DONE

The man who misses all the fun
Is he who says, "It can't be done."
In solemn pride he stands aloof
And greets each new venture with reproof.
Had he the power he'd efface
The history of the human race;
We'd have no radio or motor cars,
No streets lit by electric stars;
No telegraph nor telephone,
We'd linger in the age of stone.
The world would sleep if things were run
By men who say, "It can't be done."

Author Unknown
from POEMS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

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REPORT NO. 2

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 1473

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Alexandria-First Church, Guy M. Hicks	45	197	6	148
Alexandria-Trinity, Byrl Moreland	13	24	---	37
Alexandria-Wesley-Grace-Fel., D. R. Deen	5	7	---	12
Alexandria-St. Paul's, G. W. Dameron	8	8	---	16***
Ball Ct., Dale Lyons	3	14	---	17
Belah-Eden-Tullov, Bunkie-Hass Mem-White, W. Spencer Wren	5	48	---	53
Colfax, C. B. White	4	44	---	48**
Elizabeth-Hopewell, Ira Robinson	37	53	---	90****
Evergreen-Simmesport, Mrs. Lelia Hickman	5	35	---	40***
Glenmora-Forest H-Friendship, James Knight	4	23	---	27
Jena-Nolley Mem., A. G. Taylor	3	124	---	127***
Jonesville-Harrisonburg, Ray Garrett	11	29	1	41**
Lecompte-Cheneyville, W. C. Barham	12	44	2	58**
Marksville-Oak Grove-Ef.-B., John D. Bell	12	17	---	29
Marthaville-Robeline-Beulah, Robert Meyers	2	9	---	11
Natchitoches-First Church, George Pearce	25	45	3	73
Oakdale, Clark Bell	13	30	---	43
Oak Grove-Coulee, J. C. Zerangue	15	9	1	225**
Olla, Ted Smith	2	37	---	39**
Palestine-Pleasant Grove, Richard Hoffpauir	---	1	---	1
Pineville, Kenneth McDowell	29	31	6	66
Pollock-Liberty C-Selma, M. L. Davis	13	29	---	42**
Sanders Chapel-Siloam Spgs., Terral T. Lowe	1	---	---	1
Trout-Urania, E. W. Sandel	18	49	---	67****
Natchitoches, College Ave., Dell Durand	9	23	---	32**
Ville Plate, W. R. Akin	8	31	---	39**
Winnfield, R. H. Staples	---	13	---	13
Seiper, H. O. Pinckard	1	2	---	3

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 3195

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Baker, Lael Jones	11	21	---	32
Baton Rouge-First Church, Dr. Dana Dawson	---	2	---	2
Baton Rouge-St. Paul, J. M. Winn	18	11	---	29
Baton Rouge Ingleside, Harvey Williamson	15	19	---	34
Baton Rouge-Istrouma, Ira Flowers	25	35	---	60
Baton Rouge-North, Roy Mouser	31	23	---	54
Bluff Creek, James Wilkes	5	4	1	10
Bogalusa-Elizabeth Sul. Mem., Robert Crichtow	42	98	---	140**
West Feliciana Ct., Forrest Griffin	---	10	---	10
Deerford, Douglas McLean	1	17	---	18
Donaldsonville, J. E. Christie	6	10	---	16**
Faithful-New River-Grand River, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Carrithers	8	13	---	21
Gonzales-Meadows Chapel, James Lawton	---	11	4	15
Greensburg-Wesley Chapel, John Casey	6	23	---	29
Hammond, Edward Thomas	9	55	---	64
Jackson-Ethel, John Shearer	5	43	1	49
Kentwood, Robert Collie	---	8	---	8
Loranger-Coopers Chapel, C. T. Cotton	7	18	---	25**
Lottie-Rosedale, T. W. Perrott	10	23	1	34**
Pine Grove, E. W. Day	2	7	1	10
Plaquemine, James Christie	9	23	5	37
Ponchatoula, Eldred Blakely	13	77	2	92**
St. Francisville-Tunica, Byrd Lee Terry	3	15	---	18
St. Helena Ct., P. W. Sibley	4	20	---	24
Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge, S. P. Emmanuel	4	6	---	10
Tickfaw-Independence, A. D. George	4	16	1	21**
Walker Ct., W. P. Blackwood	70	24	---	94***
Wesley Chapel-Lee's Landing, Carey Martin	15	30	1	46**

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—Quota 1471

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Berwick-Patterson, William Reid	14	46	2	62**
Church Point, Charles Giessen	5	17	---	22**
Crowley-First Church, W. D. Boddie	46	66	1	113**
Franklin, Albert Hurley	13	56	7	76
Golden Meadow-Grand Isle, W. C. Blakeley	10	27	---	37
Houma-First Church, Henry Rickey	---	142	---	142
Houma-Heights-B.B.-Dulac, C. D. Pinkard	18	27	---	45
Lota-Maxie, Calvin Lapuyade	6	17	---	23
Indian Bayou-Kaplan, J. B. McCann	14	95	---	109***
Jeanerette-Lydia-Keek's Is., Hal P. Cansler	8	9	---	17
Lafayette-Davidson Mem., Harold Hine	11	15	---	26
Lafayette-Asbury, C. R. McCammon	---	1	---	1
Lockport-Raceland, Carl Lipe	2	12	1	15
New Iberia, Luther Booth	---	65	---	65
Opelousas, Henry C. Blount	32	69	3	104**
Pecan Island, J. Henry Bowdon	3	17	---	20*****
Rayne-Branch, Karl Wood	19	31	---	50**
Thibodaux-Wachenie, Rupert Coles	---	12	---	12
Ivanhoe, Harold Hine	1	7	---	8**

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1666

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
DeQuincy, Jack Winegeart	5	17	---	22
Elton, Paul Carroll	6	17	1	24**
Eunice-Basile, Robert Bengtson	9	15	3	27
Guydan, Robert Miller	5	27	---	32

Iowa-Bell City-Hays, Fred Shirley	4	33	---	37
Kinders-Oberlin, Rex Squyres	9	31	---	40**
Lake Charles-Eastwood-Moss Bluff, Sam Holladay	6	16	---	22**
Lake Charles-Fairview-Sweet Lake, H. A. Gibbs	2	24	1	27*
Lake Charles-First Church, G. W. Pomeroy	32	133	---	165-
Lake Charles-Oak Park, Donald M. Risinger	21	9	---	30
Lake Charles-St. Luke, Ollie Golson	4	2	---	6
Leesville, Kirby Vining	5	46	---	51**
Maplewood-Hackberry, W. D. Milton	17	21	---	38
Raymond, Dan Tohline	---	12	---	12
Vinton, James Poole	45	25	---	70**
Welsh, Oakley Lee	25	86	---	111***

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 2058

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Bastrop-First Church, R. L. Peyton	9	103	---	112
Collinston Ct., Joe Robinson	2	14	---	16
Columbia-Herbert, Minns Robertson	2	48	1	51**
Crowville-Baskin, C. M. Bailey	---	8	---	8
Delhi, W. V. Sirman	13	12	5	30
Epps-Floyd, L. M. Sawyer	41	28	3	72***
Kilbourne Ct., A. E. Wingfield	2	25	---	27
Lake Providence, A. P. Smith	13	21	---	34
Lapine Ct., William Carroll	---	10	---	10
Mangham, Edwin Keasler	2	35	2	39***
Mer Rouge-Bonne Idee, W. B. Shaw	11	41	1	53**
First Church, George Harbuck	---	1	---	1
Monroe-Memorial, W. Lloyd Williams	10	37	6	53
Monroe-Southside, Lea Joyner	1	---	---	1
Monroe-St. Mark's, James Evans	18	7	2	27**
Oak Grove, W. O. Lynch	2	60	2	64**
Oak Ridge, Stephen Wendt	1	21	---	22**
Rayville, R. E. Walton	9	30	1	40
Sicily Island-Clayton, J. W. Boyd	4	30	---	34**
St. Andrews, L. W. Taylor	2	24	---	26
St. Joseph-Wesley, A. W. Coodly	6	20	---	26**
Vidalia, Abe Conerly	5	5	---	10
Waterproof, S. B. Dampier	5	19	---	24**
West Monroe-Claborn, T. A. Brown	2	12	---	14
Wilhite, C. K. Brooks	1	9	---	10**
Winnsboro, Fred Schwendemann	29	139	7	175***
Wisner, Paul Durbin	2	27	---	29**

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Quota 2258

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Covington, Robert Carter	14	29	---	43
New Orleans-Algiers, John Redmon	8	28	---	36
New Orleans-Carrollton Ave., Jack Cooke	27	77	---	104
New Orleans-Felicity-NW., Lars Broadus	3	16	---	19
New Orleans-First Church, Clyde Clark	6	39	1	46
New Orleans-Gentilly, John Koelemay	24	33	4	61
New Orleans-Jefferson, A. A. Collins	3	15	---	18
New Orleans-Kenner, Marvin Corley	14	23	---	37
New Orleans-Lake Vista, Clyde Frazier	7	15	---	22
New Orleans-Luling-St. John, J. L. Adams	53	25	2	80***
New Orleans-Munholland Mem., A. W. Townsend	24	67	---	91
New Orleans-Napoleon Ave., Don Alverson	2	34	---	36
New Orleans-Parker Mem., Reul Allen	12	36	---	48
New Orleans-St. Luke, J. P. Woodland	3	15	8	26
New Orleans-St. Bernard, James Skinner	41	34	1	76**
New Orleans-St. Claude Hts., J. D. Wallace	1	15	1	17
New Orleans-St. Redmr., Lloyd Foreman	4	15	---	19
New Orleans-St. Paul's, E. J. Barksdale	---	18	---	18
New Orleans-Second Church, W. M. Fennin	3	23	---	26
Pearl River-Talisheek, W. C. Worthing	---	1	---	1
Slidell, Alfred Brown	4	16	10	30
Trinity-Asbury, Fred Mead	18	25	1	44**

RUSTON DISTRICT—Quota 1723

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Arcadia-Mt. Moriah, Beverly Bond	9	70	---	79**
Athens-Beti-Cross R., V. L. Westbrook	10	21	---	31
Bernice-Ala-Beech G., Floyd Durham	5	55	1	61**
Bienville-Mill C-S., Finas Corie	5	34	1	40**
Castor, J. E. Hearn	2	14	1	17**
Center Point, James Garrett	3	23	---	26***
Chatham-Mt. P-Zora, Leon Scott	12	29	---	41**
Choudrant-Douglas-C., W. H. Hall	5	25	---	30
Ansley, W. M. Stokes	---	12	---	12****
Cotton Valley, W. G. Lynch	16	26	---	42**
Harmony Ch-Wesley, Eddie Morgan	9	37	---	46**
Downsville-Bethel-Mr.N., Brady Foreman	3	33	---	36**
Doyline-McIntyre, Edwin House	2	20	---	22
Eros-Antioch-Frton., Jimmie Pyles	13	32	1	46***
Evergreen-Pine G-Be., W. W. Bevil	6	10	8	24
Farmerville, John Corley	10	31	---	41**
Gibbsland-Oak Gr., J. A. Jones	4	69	---	73***
Haynesville-Colquit., K. G. Rorie	17	51	4	72
Hodge, Terral Lowe	---	26	---	26**
Homer, W. P. Fraser	14	101	3	118**
Jonesboro, E. L. Tatum	2	21	---	23

Minden-First Church., Merlin Merrill	28	112	11	151**
Minden-Lake View, Gray Wilson	28	45	1	74**
Quitman-Clay, Robert Galatas	2	21	1	24**
Ringgold, Roy Grant	14	35	1	50**
Ruston-Trinity, Douglas McGuire	40	398	4	442***
Sibley-Gr. Bayou-R., W. G. Stegall	10	20	2	32*
Simsboro-Anch-Salem., Paul Cassels	10	40	1	51**

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Quota 3379

Charge and Pastor	New	Re-	Not	Total
newal	newal	Due		
Barksdale, Arthur H. Baker	---	4	---	4
Benton, L. A. Carrington	3	18	---	21
Blanchar, Harold McClung	6	7	---	13
Bossier City-First, Jack H. Midyett	43	89	2	134*
Bossier City, Curtis Park, Tom Crosby	6	13	---	19
Coushatta, Douglas T. Williams	6	---	---	6
Hall Summit, Henry Pickett	---	12	---	12
Houghton-Love Chapel, Ira Love	15	25	---	40**
Holly Springs-Carroll Creek, David Stone	6	---	---	6
Ida-Hosston, John Gieck	---	10	---	10
Stonewall Ct., C. Ed Henkel	6	10	---	16
Longstreet-Shiloh, James Constable	6	8	---	14
Mansfield, W. R. Irving	10	59	1	70
Many, W. H. Bengston, Jr.	6	32	---	38**
Oil City, James Jones	2	19	---	21*
Pelican, John Sayes	---	22	---	22**
Plain Dealing, Bobby Lawton	---	31	---	31
Rodessa, Lionel Marchl	---	5	---	5
Shreveport: Broadmoor, Jas. Harris	14	70	9	93
Caddo Heights, R. M. Bently	6	28	---	34
Cedar Grove, A. A. McKnight	14	24	4	42
First Church, D. L. Dykes, Jr.	26	23	15	64
Mangum, John Kilpatrick	56	105	---	161
Noel Memorial, Sam Nader	36	80	4	120
North Highland, Geo. Harkins	49	22	---	71
Park Avenue, Jas. Beasley	8	117	---	125***
St. Luke's, Tracy Arnold	7	6	1	14
Summer Grove, Otis W. Spinks	39	8	---	47
Vivian, Geo. D. York	5	19	2	26
Zwolle-Noble, Frank Stage	2	27	---	29**
Christ Church, Oscar E. Cloyd	22	---	---	22

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DISTRICT	New	Renewal	Net Due	Total	Per-centage
Ruston	278	1411	40	1730	100%
Alexandria	303	876	19	1198	81%
Monroe	192	786	30	1000	49%
Lafayette	202	731	14	948	64%
Lake Charles	195	514	5	714	43%
New Orleans	271	599	28	912	40%
Shreveport	393	893	38	1324	39%
Baton Rouge	323	662	17	1002	31%
TOTALS	2157	6472	191	8820	

The Sisters of St. Francis of Glen Riddle, Pa. are pinning their hopes on a long-playing record to raise at least the nucleus of a \$2,-500,000 fund with which to build a college. After being drilled to perfection some months ago, a choir of 50 postulants and novices from Our Lady of Angels Motherhouse went to the RCA studios, New York, and taped a variety of selections entitled "Joyous Echoes."

Seventeen United Presbyterian and Reformed missionaries from the U. S. have been ordered by the Sudanese government to leave that Moslem country under its new anti-Christian missionary law. The law, which became effective in December, requires that every missionary society or missionary be licensed annually to carry on any activity. The law also provides that Christian children may not be baptized without permission of police or village chiefs.

A National Council of Cypriot Youth to "form a bulwark against communism" has been formed in Nicasia by the Orthodox Church in Cyprus. Heading the council is Bishop George Pavlides, who was ordained last year as a suffragan to Archbishop Makarios, head of the Church and also President of Cyprus.

The Third Conference of the European Baptist Federation will be held in Amsterdam, Aug. 12-16, 1964, Dr. Erik Ruden of Stockholm, the federation's general secretary has announced. He said the theme of the conference will be: "Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life."



ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY IN LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. Herbert Robinson of Lake Charles was hostess to fifteen (15) members of the St. Luke's Woman's Society at a January meeting held recently at the church.

The meeting was opened with the W.S.C.S. pledge by the group. Detailed plans were then made for the Chicken and Shrimp Gumbo which is to be held at the church on February 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The chairman, Mrs. Herbert Robinson, then emphasized the need for publicity and cooperation.

The regular program continued as Mrs. Walter Rudick led a group discussion. Topics considered were: "What Shall We Tell Our Children About Suffering?"

Mrs. Robert Fontenot led the devotional.

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REPORT OF THE LEWISVILLE WSCS:

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lewisville Methodist Church is now nearing the third quarter of their conference year's work under the leadership of the President, Mrs. Walter L. Woods with Miss Etta Hurd and Mrs. "Doc" Colten as chairmen of the afternoon and Bessie McKnight circles respectively.

During the year many things have been accomplished: All departmental secretaries were elected and are functioning. Installation service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Gerald Fincher.

The first quarter, "Christmas in August" was observed with appropriate decorations. A program on Supply Work was given and a special offering was taken. Also, a Prayer Group was organized under the direction of Mrs. Helen McClendon, Promotion Secretary. The "World Day of Prayer" was observed.

One Adult Life Membership was given to Mrs. J. A. Harrel for devotion and work in the Society, her church, and community through the past years. The certificate and pin was presented to Mrs. Harrel by Mrs. W. L. Woods in an appropriate ceremony.

Through the proceeds from the Annual Bazaar, a new gas range was purchased for the parsonage and 18 blooming Poinsettias were given to the shut-ins of the community.

Miss Louise Baker, secretary of the Woman's Society and chairman of the Commission on Missions, arranged for the Church-wide Study, "The Arm of Compassion", which was directed by the pastor, Rev. Fincher each Sunday evening in January.

HAUGHTON SOCIETY

The ladies of the Haughton Methodist Church held their annual Christmas Bazaar in early December. The profit made was around \$300 and this was used to purchase a new dining room suite for the parsonage. The Rev. Ira A. Love is pastor.

WOMAN'S PAGE



ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT PARSONETTES

The parsonettes of the Alexandria District were entertained at luncheon in the home of the president, Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., 307 Percy St., Natchitoches, La., for the regular January meeting.

Mrs. E. W. Sandel of Trout, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Martha Overby, a community worker in the Belah-Eden Area. Her talk was on "This Web of Mingled Yarn" and described the challenge that faces one who works in the church and community. Mrs. Overby's many years of experience as a public school teacher and 4-H club sponsor, and the work she has done with migrants in the Hammond area, helped her to prepare for the full time church work she is now doing.

The devotional thought for the day was given by Mrs. Cecil Benoit of Alexandria.

Serving with Mrs. Pearce as hostesses were Mrs. Johnny Zerangue, Oak Grove, and Mrs. Dell Durand and Mrs. J. W. Lee, Natchitoches.

Other guests were, Mesdames Clark Bell, Oakdale; D. B. Boddie and A. G. Taylor, Jena; Robert Shirley, Montgomery; Fred Flurry and Frank Poole, Alexandria; Ira Robinson, Elizabeth; Kenneth McDowell, Pineville; D. W. Poole, Baton Rouge; Ted Smith, Olla; and H. B. Crammer, Atlanta.

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PUBLICIZING STUDY AT MINDEN FIRST CHURCH



MRS. HORACE UPTON, Woman's Society president of First Church Minden, is pictured in Chinese Bridal dress which she wore recently publicizing the church-wide school of missions 'The Rim of East Asia' to be held February 3, 10, 17. The costume was lent by Mrs. J. A. Alford, nee Ava Morton, who served as a missionary nurse in China from 1931 to 1940. Miss Alice Alsup, missionary to China, and later to Hong Kong and India, will be guest speaker February 3.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Evelyn Murphree

Evelyn Murphree was born in Canada, attended schools in Alabama, received a degree from the University of Alabama and did some graduate work there. While attending the university she became active in the Wesley Foundation and was a member of Pi Tau Chi. The influence of the Wesley Foundation became a factor in recognizing a call to church related work several years later.



Miss Murphree

After graduation, she became a caseworker with the Department of Public Welfare. This work confirmed her conviction that social work was to remain her chosen profession. Thanks to the broad program of The Methodist Church, it became possible to combine this chosen profession with church related work. Thus, after much careful thought, she resigned her position in order to attend Scarritt College. This training enabled her to obtain a M.A. degree and also qualify to be commissioned as a deaconess.

For seven years she served as caseworker and assistant superintendent of Peek Home for Children, Polo, Ill.

In 1953, she joined the staff of Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans as a caseworker. Since then, a scholarship program of this agency made it financially possible for her to attend Tulane School of Social Work and earn the M.S.W. degree. It is her firm belief that employees of church-related agencies should have, as a minimum, professional training comparable to others in their chosen field. "Good intentions alone will not suffice in our present day world!" says Miss Murphree.

Currently at Methodist Home Hospital

Her current work as social work supervisor at Methodist Home Hospital is a constantly challenging one. "To be used by God as an instrument through which individuals may come to a realization of the more abundant life, to help them better understand themselves, and to see despair replaced by hope is worth all the effort one puts into it," she says.

The Methodist Home Hospital is a maternity hospital for unwed mothers, a child caring institution, and an adoption agency. The Rev. L. D. Haughton is superintendent.



MRS. D. J. MOREAU, Sr. left, presents Mrs. S. R. Holden, Sr. with a gift as a token of appreciation from her friends for her years of service to the Vinton Methodist Church. Mrs. O. M. Davidson is standing between these ladies and Mrs. Harold Foxx of Lake Arthur, Louisiana is seated.

VINTON SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Vinton entertained with a tea January 16 at 2:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. K. Kimball, honoring Mrs. S. R. Holden, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Holden have moved to Sulphur after 40 years

residence in Vinton. During this time they have been members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Holden is a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Vinton. She has held many offices during this time.

In love and appreciation for her loyal service her friends presented her with a silver serving dish. Mrs. D. J. Moreau, Sr. made the presentation.

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Unconventional City Ministries: The High-Rise Apartment

by Clifford McCormick, Jr.

(Editor's Note: One type of ministry that has proved difficult to pastors of urban churches is that to apartment-dwellers, especially those living in modern high-rise apartments. This problem is treated in the booklet, *Echoes and Challenges*, published by the Department of City Work of the Division of National Missions as a follow-up to the National Methodist Convocation on Urban Life in America February 20-22 in St. Louis, Mo. The author is pastor of Strawbridge Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md.)

The Methodist Church has a tradition of ministering to the whole individual whoever and wherever he is. This article is concerned with ministering to the special kind of people who live in a peculiar kind of a home—the apartment. Millions of people are forced, or choose, to live in a large variety of multiple dwellings. The church ought to be concerned with those persons living in apartments who never have been active or are not presently active in any church. These persons we will call the unchurched, non-church-goers or outsiders.

We will call any unit in a multiple dwelling which offers shelter, sleeping, cooking, sitting, bath and toilet facilities, in one room or more, an apartment. The definition rules out institutions, hotels and motels, as well as rented rooms in private residences. It does include persons who live in rooms in the same multiple dwelling in the flat or tenement type apartments.

Any church which takes its missions seriously does not wait for people to come to it; it goes out after them. Methodist churches have for years, with some degree of success, been going out to serve the people in multiple dwellings. Today there are luxury apartments of the high-rise and garden type; there are high, medium and low-rent apartments, and then there are an additional number of one-family dwellings converted into tenements with flats or apartments.

Almost all types of apartments have become more difficult for the church to serve when they are located in the congested inner city. Frequently the people are strangers to each other, and sometimes they live in fear and distrust of those who appear different or have cultural habits different from their own. There are people who don't want to get involved in extra groups or activities that require responsibilities.

Some adults of every age and social class fall into this category. When they are at home, they want privacy. Anything that infringes on their privacy is looked upon by them as a threat to their carrying out of their private plans. The management of the luxury, high and medium rent apartments cooperates with them in their effort to protect their privacy by supplying "guards" and locked doors.

The tenement type apartments with absentee landlords and unlocked outer doors are perhaps the easiest to enter. In summer, you do not have to enter, as everyone is outside, many of them sitting on the steps. The difficulty in the situation is that the minister and the church people must be able to accept the tenement residents, even when they exhibit different cultural and moral standards.

The church must convey an attitude of acceptance before a creative relationship can develop between the tenement dweller and the minister and the church. The second step is that the church people must be accepted by the tenement dwellers and be permitted to become involved in their lives without becoming a part of their problems.

The small apartment with the buzz-lock or the resident landlord creates a barrier. Some resident landlords soon learn to know the minister and trust him and give him cooperation. Waiting to get in or ringing of bells indiscriminately for the purpose of an initial contact with a resident can create human relationship problems. If you can learn to know someone in the apartment by a chance or planned contact, this new friend may help you to meet others.

A cooperative interdenominational religious survey could be made by churches and synagogues in an apartment area, provided that adequate publicity has been given in advance.

Attention needs to be given to the cultural background of the city apartment dweller. Congregations in the areas containing sizeable quantities of new apartment residents must evaluate themselves and the religious and cultural image they give. For no matter how hard a group tries to welcome a new person, if that person finds the church fellowship busy carrying out activities and worship customs, and having habits which are in too great a contrast with those they have been used to, they may enter the fellowship one or twice, but they will not feel enough at home to stay.

There must be a minimum of cultural shock as the established church group and newcomers encounter one another. Too often, the newcomer is expected to take most of the initiative and seek out a church, then to adjust and conform to the ways of the established congregation. It is most reasonable that the church ought to take most of the initiative in the seeking process, recognize that adjustment is a two-way proposition and considerably reduce the expectations for conformity. If the newcomers are not made to feel at home they may retreat by themselves, or perhaps they may band together with other unattached people in search of security.

An evaluation of the church structure itself must be part of the congregation's self-evaluation. The building may be too plush, too plain, too big, too little, too dark, too old, too mysterious or too complicated.

It is at this point that congregations have tried, and sometimes found effective, the "half-way house" technique. A congregation encountering newcomers of a lower socio-economic level than themselves may find a nucleus group within its congregation willing to start a store-front or house church, with simplicity of worship and with personal warmth and acceptance, where these people can feel assured.

In such an environment the newcomers may be encouraged at their own speed to take responsibilities for their own spiritual growth and eventually may become constructive citizens of the larger community of the church and city.

Through contact with people in this way, the church might move on with its ministry to the needs of the whole person and the family—if it can find enough resources. This ministry might be carried on by forming, out of those persons contacted, child, youth and adult groups in which are taught religion, sewing, cooking, crafts, reading, recreation, child care and citizenship, in keeping with interest and need. Many of the persons so contacted and so associated in groups, find a place and become "missionaries" to many more like themselves with whom they live and have contact in the hard-to-reach apartments—perhaps even assisting in the formation of prayer and Bible study groups in some of them.

It is suggested that congregations which are short on leadership might get help from denominational missionary societies in employing student pastors or laymen or deaconesses on a part-time basis. If a large number of the newcomers to an area are of a race different from that already in the church, it would be wise to consider the employment of a staff member of the newcomer race.

A similar technique may be followed for newcomers of higher socio-economic levels and intellectual interest, but the half-way house must be relevant to their culture. In every new apartment house, there may be individuals or families who go out in search of a church home and find just what they want and need in an existing congregation. Then there are those who show tremendous resistance to any established traditional congregational activities.

This type of person just will not venture into a building or a group where he thinks someone might cram theological doctrine down his throat and limit his intellectual or moral freedom. For this type of person, certain churches, through dedicated nucleus Christian groups, have set up situations outside of the church building, where dialogue is possible between churchmen and non-churchmen. This has been done in the very bastion of resistance, the luxury and medium high-rent, high-rise apartment house.

A trained and dedicated Christian, living in such an apartment house invites some of his Christian friends, also trained and dedicated, along with some of his non-Christian friends into his apartment for coffee, at which time a deep life and death issue, or great literature, or art or music is discussed and related to life with the attempt on the part of church people to listen to the feelings of the non-churchmen. The ideal, of course, is for both groups to listen to each other's feelings, which is often something more than the intellectual content of the conversation, encouraging one another to be as articulate as possible. The churchmen must refrain from pushing church or doctrine. Rather they must give accepting love. When asked, they must be ready and able to explain a doctrine and show its relevance to a serious issue.

vance to a serious issue.

Here is another suggestion for giving an apartment house area the kind of Christian service it needs: Again, it is something expensive and difficult to work out. Teams of Christian professional men and women, such as a team of doctors, lawyers and psychiatrists, tax consultants, social workers, etc., could work with the pastor of a church in an apartment area to set up clinic hours for those in need. The clinic could be set up in the church, or a visit of an individual or a group could be arranged to an apartment house through a church member who lives there. The visit could be for any of several purposes: social, dialogue, counseling, prayer group. The social contacts could be followed up by a letter from the minister requesting an appointment to visit. Or a church member of status could write a letter. Experience has pointed out that groups are easier to organize in the lower income apartments.

Telephone surveys are sometimes made of an apartment area, and those who show interest enough to be called prospects are followed up with a personal contact from minister or a layman, or both. However, for the most part, telephone contacts have proven ineffective in the inner city areas. In one specific case, one person out of 285 contacted by phone was interested in the minister contacting him personally. As yet, we are still seeking for successful ways to communicate with people in apartments.

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News In The Methodist Church

NEED TO STEP UP LAY TRAINING

That laymen have had to assume much of the leadership of the church in China and Cuba since the Communist take-over indicates that Protestant churches should immediately step up their training of laymen, especially in the mission field, a Methodist mission strategist said in Cincinnati Jan. 15.

The lessons to be learned from the church in Communist countries about the importance of lay training, however, constitute just one reason why the churches should increase their training of members in Christian discipleship, the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, told the annual meeting of the Board of Missions.

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ALDERSGATE CONFERENCE HELD

About 160 approved supply pastors from 22 states attended a national Aldersgate Conference at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 8-11. The meeting was sponsored by the Board of Evangelism.

Principal speakers included Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville; and the Rev. Dr. James Chubb of Grand Island, Nebr. Several staff members of the Board of Evangelism shared in the conference, which was directed by Harold Hermann of the staff.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Lillie Spore

My mother slipped the moorings of this mortal life a little before sunrise on New Years day, a few hours after the 49th anniversary of the death of her youngest child.

Mama was a good woman, almost as good as any and better than most. She was forty-five years the wife of my father who was just about the best man I ever knew; and for fourteen more years his widow. She was a loving and self-sacrificing mother to the two of her three children whom she reared to adulthood.

Mama was a Baptist from her youth until her son became the pastor of the Methodist Church in our home town. For the rest of her earthly life she was as loyal a member of the Methodist Church at St. Charles as any church ever had. She could never do enough for the church, and she always expected others to do more, and tried always to get them to do just that.

Mama was a person of strong convictions, even about little things — I mention "little things" because if I got to writing about big things, it would take more space than I have—about little things, for instance, I didn't know what carrots and celery tasted like until I was a grown man, because Mama didn't think they were good, and didn't serve them.

Mama was a good cook. No one, within my knowledge, has ever cooked coconut cake like she could. It was simply out of this world—and her recipe died with her. Chicken and dumplings the way she cooked them, may have been equalled a few times, but not many times within my knowledge.

She was born near St. Charles 78 years ago last April and on Thursday, January 3, 1963, we dedicated a little place of earth in the quiet and beautiful little cemetery at St. Charles to her memory. Her spirit was commended to our dear Heavenly Father, even as our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit." Her memory will be cherished here by the many people who are better because she lived so well.

Her memorial services were conducted in St. Charles Church by the Rev. James W. Beck, her Pastor; Dr. Arthur Terry, who had known and loved her all his life; The Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, my District Superintendent; and the Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, her former pastor and her real friend for 27 years.

All who read this will forgive me when I say, "I wish there were more people like Mama".

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Henry Couchman

I came to Trumann in 1927 as Pastor of this Church.

I found here a number of very fine people. Persons that I have known and appreciated through the years. (This is one of the joys of the Ministry.) Included in this group was the Couchman family. It has been a privilege to have contact through the years with this family and with others. The Couchmans were among those loyal and regular in attendance and activity.

Mr. Couchman told me that his work was such that much of the time he would be unable to attend the Morning Services. From time to time I have had other members who faced this problem. I had observed that many of them it affected their Church relation and that often it tended to cause them to lose something of a GOD CONSCIOUSNESS. I remember a man in a former Charge telling that his work was such that he was unable to attend Church. His statement was, "At first it bothered me but I came to the place where I never thought about it and never miss it." He was the tragedy.

Not so with Henry Couchman. I think I have never known a man who was more GOD CONSCIOUS. He lamented the fact that he was unable to attend Morning Worship. He was never absent at Evening Service or any service without a good reason. (Not an excuse.)

When I came back to this District I found him in his place. I was in this Church last Sunday. He and Mrs. Couchman were in their pew. I know of nothing finer than to be in your place on the Sabbath and the next Sabbath and the next Sabbath to be in heaven. He was an active member, an active participant in the Church militant. Today he is a member of the Church triumphant.

I have known many fine Christian Laymen but I am convinced that I have never known any man, Lay or Clerical, that was a cleaner, finer high-toned Christian than Henry Couchman. I never knew him to do anything that did not reflect a keen Christian Conscience. I am aware that this is a strong statement.

The writer of Acts of the Apostles, Luke, said of Barnabas—A Layman in the Early Christian Church, "He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." A good description of Mr. Couchman. To know him was an inspiration. He was unpretentious, but his life reflected the Christian Faith that he professed.

To you, his family, I would say no greater heritage could be yours than to have had such a husband and father.

To use the words of another. "A Prince of Israel has fallen."

He was truly one of God's noble men.

—Rev. A. N. Storey

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Rev. J. W. Simmons

John Whitaker Simmons was born Dec. 3, 1888, at Boydsville, Arkansas, and departed this life September 9, 1962, at his home in Boydsville.

He was married to Lydia Burkhead in 1910. To this union was born one daughter, Freda. He and Mrs. Simmons reared a foster son, Billy Joe.

Brother Simmons professed faith in Christ at the age of 16 years. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1923 and preached in various churches and school houses. He was received into the Conference of the Methodist Pro-

testant Church in 1926 and was assigned to the Greenway Circuit. During his active ministry he served the following charges: Boydsville, St. Francis, Paragould, Gainsville, Imboden and Ravenden Springs.

Before unification of the Methodist churches, Brother Simmons served two terms as President of the Methodist Protestant Church in Arkansas and Louisiana.

His funeral was held in Fourth Street Methodist Church, Rector, and his body was laid to rest in Woodland Heights Cemetery.

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(Continued from last week)

MISSIONARY NEEDS-

A woman who serves under the Board in home fields is a deaconess, which is a special office in the Methodist Church. Like all overseas missionaries and like men missionaries in home fields, deaconesses are commissioned by a bishop.

To qualify as a Methodist missionary or deaconess, the individual must meet certain standards. They are:

1. Religious experience and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.
2. A conviction of the world's needs for Christ and a genuine desire to share one's faith and to minister to the needs of others.
3. A good education: college graduation for all missionaries and deaconesses; professional or graduate training in such fields as the ministry, medicine, nursing and social work; an above-average academic record.
4. Ages between 23 and 35 for regular, career service; 21 and 28 for special term service. (Because of urgent need for women missionaries overseas, those over 35 but otherwise qualified are encouraged to apply.)
5. Good health and emotional stability, checked by medical examination and psychological appraisal.
6. Work experience for at least a year in a field similar to that in which the candidate is to be assigned.
7. Membership in the Methodist Church.

How a person becomes a missionary or deaconess is outlined by the Office of Missionary Personnel as follows:

1. Getting acquainted—contacts are established with the Office of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions.
2. Development — information blanks are submitted by the candidates, information is exchanged, and counsel given.
3. Application—references are collected, physical and psychological appraisals are carried out, and the candidate submits final application papers.
4. Decision — the candidate is in-

terviewed by a regional personnel committee which passes upon acceptability and recommends to the Board of Missions where final action is taken.

5. Specialized study — additional orientation and training is given related to geographic and professional fields.
6. Commissioning—in a service of deep significance, the candidate is commissioned and sent forth by the church.

Persons interested in any phase of Methodist missionary and deaconess service are asked to write: Office of Missionary Personnel, 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Dr., New York 27, N. Y.



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FOUR DISTRICT Superintendents visit during the recent meeting in Alexandria of the Cabinet with the Board of Missions. From left are Fred Flurry, Alexandria; Ed Haug, Monroe; Carl Lueg, New Orleans; Luman Douglas, Ruston.



THE CHANCEL CHOIR of the First Methodist Church, Tallulah, is shown here. It is directed by Maurice Ursery. The organist is Mrs. J. C. Sherwin.



SHOWN IN A JOINT MEETING at Alexandria, Jan. 10, were these members of the World Service Commission and the Board of Managers of the Louisiana Pastor's School.



DR. WEBB POMEROY, Professor of Bible at Centenary College, teaches 'The Book of Romans' for the greater Shreveport churches at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Jan. 13-15, during one of the District Bible Conferences.



DAVID SMITH, a member of Cad-do Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, and a ministerial student at Louisiana Tech., was the speaker for the Church's Student Recognition Sunday recently. Others on the program were Kathy Janes, Bobby Cole, Larry Garred, Harrison Edwards, Charley Andrews and Johnny Shannon.

Louisiana Conference † Portraits in Religion



CATHY MILLER, president, checks the time for the Cotton Valley MYF Prayer for Peace, 3:40 a.m. to 4:19 a.m., Jan. 19, watched by Mrs. C. B. Miller seated, counselor, and Mary Bradshaw, Lighthouse President.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Conference on the Ministry

Alexandria, Louisiana
February 2, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

We have just completed the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry for the Louisiana Area which was conducted at First Church, Alexandria, last evening and today. It was a good conference. We had 138 young people in attendance, and they all manifested a sincere interest in the program presented.

Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Director of the Department of Ministerial Education of The General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, was our principal speaker, and we are greatly indebted to him for the most helpful contribution which he made to the conference.

We want to express appreciation to all who had a part in planning and directing the conference. We thank the pastors and congregations across the state for inviting and sending to the conference the fine young people who came from our local churches.

It is our sincere hope that the conference has answered in a real and satisfying manner many of the questions in the minds of these young people and that from those who attended the conference many ministers will come to serve our people in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton
Aubrey G. Walton

Bishop Walton Delivers Report To Jurisdictional Conference

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans gave the report of the College of Bishops, South Central Jurisdiction, at the Regional Mid-Quadrennial Promotion Conference held in Wichita,

Kansas, January 22 and 23.

Bishop Walton emphasized the "thrusters", or programs receiving special emphases, in the Methodist Church during the 1960-1964 quadrennium. 1963 has been designated "Aldersgate Year" throughout Methodism in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the heartwarming experience of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, on Aldersgate Street in London.

In his address, Bishop Walton said "... what a man knows is important but I will tell you something vastly more important and that is, what he does with what he knows. To what causes is he giving his talents? To what is he dedicating his life? ... Some-

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Area Commission On Worship Meets

The Louisiana Annual Conference Commission on Worship met January 21 at the Haas Memorial Church in Bunkie in a major program-planning session.

Resource leader for the meeting was Dr. Grady Hardin of the Perkins School of Theology faculty, who had led in the ministers' seminar on worship earlier in the day in which members of the Commission participated.

Under the guidance of the chairman, the Rev. James E. Christie, the Commission laid plans for a variety of activities, including a tour of outstanding churches in New Orleans during Annual Conference, a pilot district workshop for local church commissions, and interpretation of the forthcoming new Hymnal and Book of Worship.

It was reported that the work of revision of the Hymnal and Book of Worship is progressing rapidly, and should be completed this fall so that final preparation can be made for presentation to the General Conference next year.

Attending the meeting, in addition to Dr. Hardin and Mr. Christie, were E. B. Cloutman, vice-chairman, Lake Charles; the Reverend Oscar Cloyd, Shreveport; the Reverend Harold Hine, Lafayette; Mrs. Russell Hudson, Baton Rouge; the Reverend James M. Poole, Vinton; and Sam White, New Iberia.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held Wednesday, June 5, 12:30 p.m., in New Orleans.



BISHOP WALTON, second from right, stands with other leaders at the Mid-Quadrennial Promotional Conference. From left are Dr. Elliott Fisher, General Secretary of the Commission on Promotional and Cultivation; Dr. Virgil D. Morris, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction; the Bishop; and the host District Superintendent, Dr. Raymond Dewey.

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World Service Workshops Planned Within Area

In a series of district workshops, February 11-21, Methodists in Louisiana will learn how their church dollars given to the denomination's World Service program are spent. These "World Service Workshops" will be led by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton in each of the eight districts. He will be assisted by Dr. Guy Hicks of Alexandria, chairman of the Louisiana conference Commission on World Service and Finance; Rev. Luman Douglas of Ruston, chairman of the conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; and Dr. R. Merrill Powers, associate secretary of the Methodist Church's national Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in Evanston, Ill.

Pastors, church treasurers, charge lay leaders; and the chairmen of the official board, commission on missions, and commission on world service and finance, of the local church, are delegates; and all other interested persons are urged to attend.

The district schedule is: Feb. 11, New Orleans district, First Church, 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 12, Baton Rouge district, First Methodist Church, 12:00 noon; Feb. 13, Lafayette district, New Iberia Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 14, Lake Charles district, First Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 15,

Alexandria district, First Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 18, Monroe district, First Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 19, Ruston district, Arcadia, 7:00 p.m. Feb. 20, Shreveport district, Broadmoor Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

World Service is the foundation, the basic support of the total benevolent enterprise of the Methodist Church. World Service apportionment amounts

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Bishop's Conference On The Ministry

Between 140 and 150 young people, including six young ladies, attended the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2, at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. Less than a dozen of these were beyond college age with about two-thirds of the number being high school students.

The conference was on occasion for the presentation of the cause and needs of the ministry and none of those attending were in any way pressed for a commitment.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton told those attending "We believe God calls his ministers. What do we mean? Somehow God places it in the heart, mind

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Willson Lectures

Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary College, has asked us to announce that the Willson Lectures will be held this year Mar. 19-21, and not April 2-4, as formerly announced. The lecturer will be Bishop Eugene Frank of St. Louis, resident bishop of the Missouri Area.

Editorials

We, Too, Are Involved

Some of the strangest events of the century have been taking place in Europe and it may be some time before we can be in a position to look at them objectively. We are referring to recent actions of the French that seem to be in complete variance with the traditional position of that country. First, there was the signing of a treaty between France and West Germany which sounds strangely amicable for these two countries. Now there has come the veto by France of the effort of Great Britain to be included in the European Common Market.

It is this latter and most recent development that causes us greatest concern because it can have the most ominous results for the United States and the peace of the whole world. We cannot expect to be secure in the power struggle in which President De Gaulle seems to be finding some enjoyment at the moment. We do not know whether he is determined to deliver a death blow to the British economy or not or if he has some other motive for blocking their bid to enter the Common Market.

It is hard to believe that the same course of action would have been followed by a head of the French government who did not enjoy the extraordinary powers which were voted to De Gaulle. It could be that we are seeing the emergence of another dictator in Western Europe. This can only be a threat to the peace and cause concern in the hearts of all who shudder at the thought of where such a policy could lead the world.

We have had a strong feeling that we were seeing in the Common Market the development of a kind of economic cooperation that would

mean the end of many of the traditional causes of conflict in Western Europe. If France and West Germany can agree on matters of mutual benefit one of these sore spots will have been removed. However, any gain made here will surely be overshadowed if the traditional ties between France and England are destroyed. It is something about which we should all be concerned.

No Tax Bargain

The mathematics of the tax and budget proposals offered to Congress by the President have been mystifying to us from the start. There are many much smarter than we who insist that tremendous deficits can be wiped out by reducing their taxes now so that they can be in a position to make enough to pay more later. From where we stand it looks like this is the long way around to get this done.

Now it appears that there are additional reasons for being worried in some later suggestions of the President. These concern some of the conditions which will apparently be proposed as by-products of any tax reduction. Some of these could have negative effects on giving to churches and to the institutions in which the church has a real interest. We ought to examine carefully the limitations that are being suggested on such gifts. We do not want to see a situation develop in which the generous giver is penalized and the real advantage given to the persons who do not give substantially to religious and charitable causes.

The editor would not want to pose as an authority in the area of government fiscal policy. We are only trying to point out some of the reactions we have had to some of the recent accounts of what is going on in Washington.

When all is said and done we believe we will have to stand with those who believe the only sound fiscal policy is one that keeps the income and the outgo much closer together than they appear to be in the new budget.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

The report of our Circulation Campaign at the end of the third week is most encouraging and we want to thank all of you for a job well done.

In the first two reports we were somewhat behind the corresponding reports of a year ago. Now Report No. 3 shows that we are almost 1000 subscriptions ahead of this time last year. A check of the reports that are still not in makes us think we can hold this gain or perhaps increase it even more.

Of this gain we now show, a little more than 600 is in Arkansas and a bit over 300 in Louisiana. This is also a change since in the first two reports we were ahead in Louisiana and behind in Arkansas.

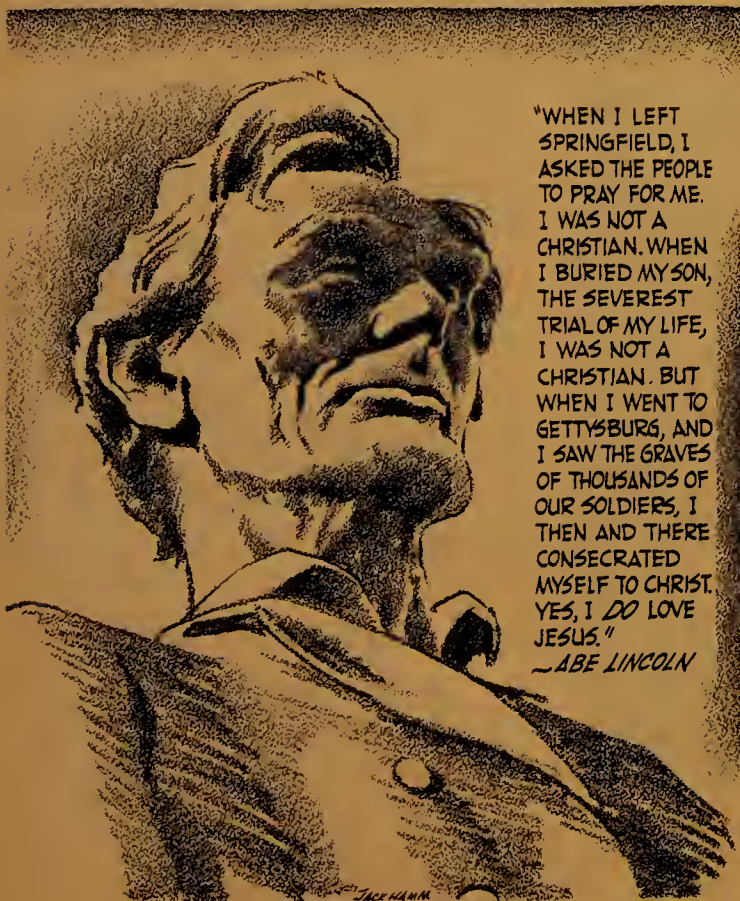
We will still be receiving reports for some time. Some churches do not send in any report until after we have completed our third report. If they prefer to do it this way, we can find no quarrel with them. In fact, at this stage, our hope for additional increases is largely in the churches that have yet to report.

The Little Rock District in Arkansas, the Rev. E.D. Galloway, superintendent, and the Ruston District in Louisiana, the Rev. Luman Douglas, superintendent, lead in the percentage of their quotas reached. In the third report, the Little Rock District has 130% and the Ruston District 128%.

Other 100% districts are Camden (113%), the Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, superintendent; Pine Bluff (112%), the Rev. Charles Richards, superintendent; and Forrest City (100%), the Rev. Virgil Keeley, superintendent.

We are indebted to every district superintendent, every pastor, and every layman who has worked to see that this campaign was a success.

HIS FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE



"WHEN I LEFT SPRINGFIELD, I ASKED THE PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR ME. I WAS NOT A CHRISTIAN. WHEN I BURIED MY SON, THE SEVEREST TRIAL OF MY LIFE, I WAS NOT A CHRISTIAN. BUT WHEN I WENT TO GETTYSBURG, AND I SAW THE GRAVES OF THOUSANDS OF OUR SOLDIERS, I THEN AND THERE CONSECRATED MYSELF TO CHRIST. YES, I DO LOVE JESUS."

—ABE LINCOLN

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Evangelists Told To Help Persons 'Out Of Gutters'

NASHVILLE, TENN.—"We need to get down in the mud occasionally and help somebody out of the gutter," Methodist local church directors of evangelism were told in a national meeting here.

The speaker was the Rev. Dr. Ben F. Lehmberg, pastor of First Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo. He was among several speakers for the training and sharing conference at the Methodist General Board of Evangelism headquarters, Jan. 21-24.

About 100 directors of local church evangelism attended. The directors include ministers and lay men and women who devote their full time to evangelism in their churches. Many of the ministers are associate pastors or ministers of visitation for large churches.

Dr. Lehmberg also told the directors that some of the essentials in their evangelistic work are: great love for people, enthusiasm, imagination, and ardent belief in evangelism.

The group discussed various methods and techniques of evangelism and agreed that many different ways are needed to win different people for Christ and the Church.

Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, spoke on what he called three lost chords in the melody of Methodism. He said they are a lack of emphasis on these three things: Christian experience, the joy of the Christian religion, and a sense of urgency.

Similar meetings have been held previously, but this year's was called the Aldersgate Conference for Local Church Directors of Evangelism. This was in reference to the 1963 Aldersgate Year, which is being observed by Methodists as a period of special emphasis on Christian experience and evangelism.

Bishop Short said that he hopes Aldersgate Year will cause Methodists to "think afresh of our background and the heritage of which we are a part" and that "some of these chords will begin to sound again that have been a part of the melody of our Methodism."

The meeting was sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism. The Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, the board's director of local church evangelism, was in charge.



THIS BRONZE FIGURE of Abraham Lincoln at prayer is at the National Episcopal Cathedral in Washington, D.C. It is thought to be the only statue ever sculpted of Lincoln while kneeling in prayer, seen by the sculptor's father while walking through the fields near Gettysburg, Pa., one day.

Methodist Of Fifty Lands To Seek Aldersgate

"Aldersgate Around the World," a series of services of Renewal and Identification, is being promoted in fifty countries by the World Methodist Council.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, the American secretary of the Council, has announced that the initial observance of the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's "heart-warming" experience will begin in Wesley's own City Road Chapel, London, May 24, 1963. Even the hour specifically noted in Wesley's diary, "at a quarter before nine," will be followed.

The commemorative rites of British World Methodist Council leaders will touch off similar observances on all the continents.

In the U.S.A. the anniversary will be picked up at Old St. George's Church, Philadelphia, where the service will be led by American World Methodist Council leaders. Here an order of service prepared by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, will be followed. Copies of this are available to any church which may wish to use it. (Address: World Methodist Council, Lake Junaluska, N.C.)

American observances being encouraged by Secretary Tuttle are in cooperation with plans of the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

"Renewal" and "Identification" are the two words that will stand out in this special ritual—renewal of the spirit of Aldersgate and identification with the ideals, purposes and international fellowship of the World Methodist Council.

Aldersgate Commemorative Medallion For churches which may desire to give to their 225th observance of Al-

dersgate a somewhat dramatic and graphic touch and at the same time to provide a perpetual reminder of Wesley's spiritual experience, Dr. Tuttle has made this possible. He has available a commemorative medallion, fashioned in bronze, seven inches in diameter, and equipped for mounting. The bas-relief centrally features Wesley's words, "I felt my heart strangely warmed." Around the circumference is inscribed his conviction that "The Methodists are one people in all the world."

The official triangular symbol of Methodism, approved by the World Methodist Council, is also reproduced on the medallion. Its art suggests, without words, another well-known Wesley quotation, "The world is my parish," and its design affirms faith in the Cross and belief in the Trinity.

Numerous churches have already indicated to Dr. Tuttle their intention to mount one of these medallions on the wall, on the pulpit or in some other appropriate place in the sanctuary. They plan to unveil and dedicate this permanent marker during the "Aldersgate Around the World" anniversary.

DR. LAW SONE, PRESIDENT OF SCHOOLS, COLLEGES ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Dr. Law Sone, for 27 years president of Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, is the new president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church.

He was elected at the association's annual meeting.

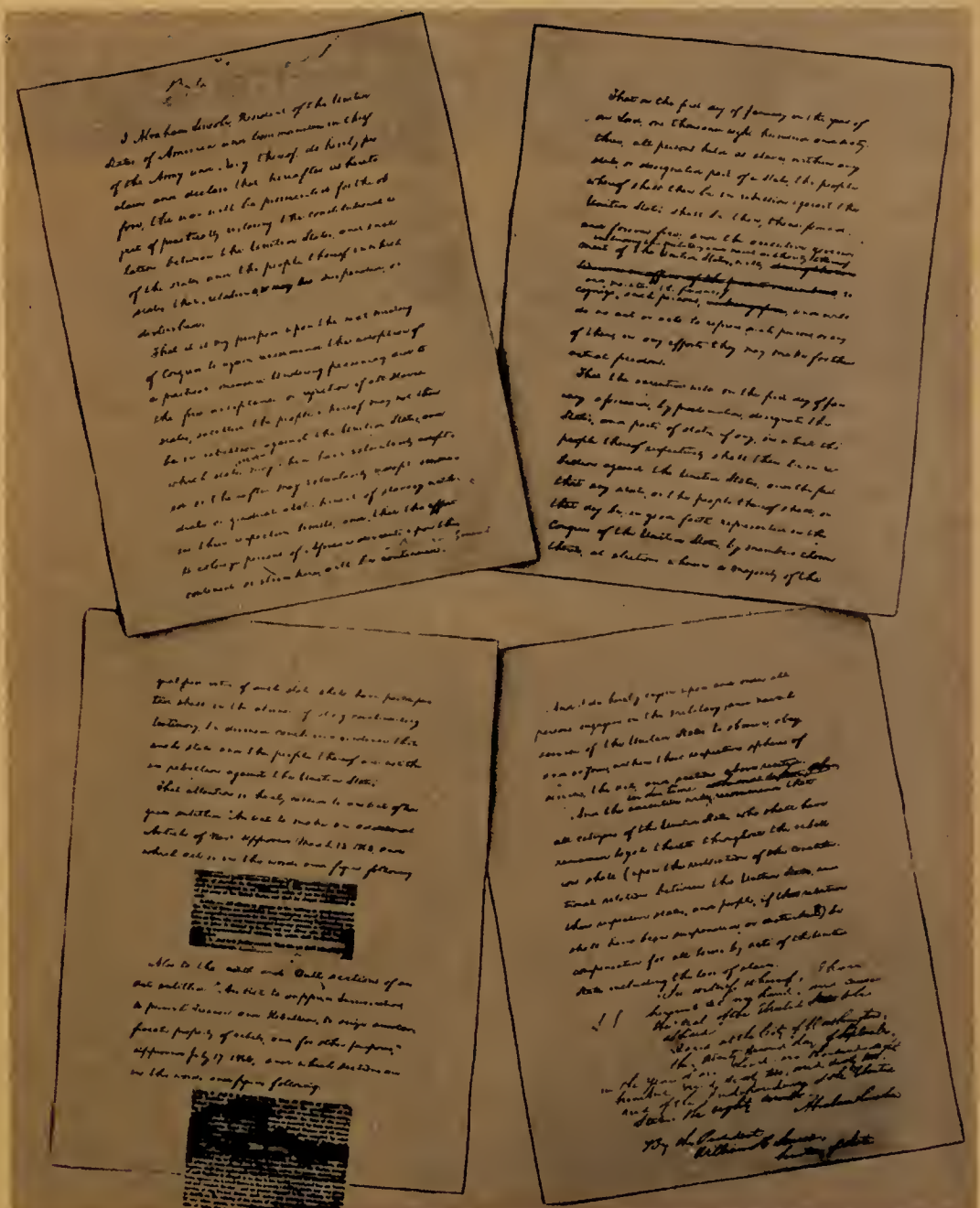
DAILY BIBLE READINGS		
Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.		
Feb. 10 - Sunday	I Sam.	15:10-16
Feb. 11	I Sam.	15:17-23
Feb. 12	2 Sam.	12:7-15
Feb. 13	Psalms	51:1-19
Feb. 14	Isaiah	42:22-28
Feb. 15	Isaiah	59:1-8
Feb. 16	Isaiah	59:9-15
Feb. 17 - Sunday	Hosea	4:1-10

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Washington, D.C. — The National Temperance and Prohibition Council has re-elected the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, Methodist social leader, as its president for 1963. The council, representing 27 denominations and agencies working in this field, met here Jan. 23-24.

In his address, Dr. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Christian Social Concerns, asked whether it is "possible that our wastefulness with whiskey has produced a wishy-washiness that the world cannot tolerate." Noting that the expenditures for alcoholic beverages alone far exceeds those for religion, charity, clothing and recreation, he urged a federal investigation "into the total costs of drinking to the economy and the welfare of the American people."

ALDERSGATE AROUND THE WORLD

Dedication of this bronze commemorative medallion, mounted in some appropriate place in the sanctuary, will be part of "Aldersgate Around the World" services May 24th in hundreds of Methodist churches.



LINCOLN'S FIRST DRAFT of the Emancipation Proclamation is on display at the New York Avenue Presbyterian church in Washington, D.C. It was written several weeks before Lincoln read it to his Cabinet on July 22, 1862. Lincoln, whose 154th birthday anniversary is marked Feb. 12, worshipped at the original New York Avenue Presbyterian church which was dedicated in 1859.



PART OF THE GROUP who attended the Ruston District Every Member Visitation Workshop held Jan. 21 is shown here. Nearly 100 persons were there. It was directed by Gaynor Dawson of Homer, Dist. Director of EMV, and the Rev. Eddie Morgan, Harmony Chapel-Wesley, Dist. Director of Stewardship.

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how in this Aldersgate commemoration we must come to see again as Mr. Wesley saw it so well, the close relationship between a highly trained mind and a warmed and spiritually stirred heart. An individual with a wonderfully trained mind may still have no real experience of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior — but once he has that warmed heart he has valuable equipment to use for the glory of God. To reach our best educated men and women with this challenge and to enlist them in this cause—this is our task!"

The Conference was sponsored by the General Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church, of which Dr. Elliott Fisher of Evanston, Ill., is general secretary. Several bishops and representatives of national Methodist boards and agencies were present.

Delegates from the several states involved were: district superintendents, conference and district missionary secretaries, conference directors of public relations, and chairmen of conference world service commissions. They heard reports of all the benevolent giving of the denomination. All funds showed an increase over last year, except the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry Fund, and the General Administration Fund. World Service Specials (special

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and conscience of the individual."

Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of Ministerial Training for The Methodist Church outlined the needs for more ministers, saying that 1200 are needed each year for replacements. He said that 2400 could be used annually to supplant replacements and meet expanding possibilities. He pointed out that there are now about 875 Methodists in seminaries.

Dr. McCulloh outlined the "call to preach" in four parts: (1) the great common call to Christian living; (2) the uniqueness of the inner call, (3) the call of talent; and (4) the call to the church.

mission project) were up 132%; Overseas Relief up 32%; "One Great Hour of Sharing" fund, up 30%; national missions up 19%; and world missions up 9%.

Eden Church History Years Old

Eden, a picturesque little hamlet located some five miles southwest of Jena on Highway 8, is one of the oldest settlements in this section of the State, and certainly, one of the richest in legend and folk stories. These are preserved and treasured by the families now living there, most of whom are direct descendants of the original settlers.

WORLD SERVICE

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to 15 million dollars annually. Twelve national agencies of the church administer these World Service funds in a world-wide service that includes among other things the education of children, the inspiration and training of youth, the healing of sick bodies and minds, and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all.

The Methodist Church's recently released film on Advance Special projects, titled "See All The People), will be shown at each of the workshops. The 40 minute, 16 mm, color motion picture is a documentation of stories showing this benevolence program in action. It was filmed in Anchorage, Alaska, Zahurabad, India, and Katanga, Africa, last year by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission.

Bishop Walton and Dr. Powers will lead discussion on all these subjects at the workshops. Bishop Walton is a member of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church and its executive committee.

The chairman of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church is Bishop Paul E. Martin of Houston, Texas, former bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. The council receives from nearly 100 annual conferences the contributions of local churches for general benevolent purposes.



Eden Methodist Church

According to a story handed down, a wagon train with a large number of families and their belongings from the eastern Gulf States, and whose destination was Texas, stopped to rest for a spell on beautiful Trout Creek near what is now Eden. They were so favorably impressed by the place that they decided to end their journey to Texas and established their homes there.

Other settlers soon followed and the community became well established and prosperous. These pioneers had deep religious convictions and soon made plans to build a church, which became the point around which most of the community's interest revolved, and that is true today.

The Eden Methodist Episcopal Church is, according to the beliefs of elder citizens there, the oldest Methodist Church west of the Mississippi River and south of the "Mason-Dixon line." This belief is substantiated, at least in part, by this church's official records.

The following is a direct quote:

"In the year 1788, the Eden Wesleyan Society met in the home of Mr. App Wiggins where Rev. Whatley and his wife and Mr. Gelvin organized and put into being the Eden Methodist Church." The Rev. Uriah Vincent Whatley, a circuit rider whose itinerary extended as far as Madison Parish, was named Pastor of this newly organized church in 1788. The building was located west of Trout Creek in the vicinity of the J. P. A. Whatley old place.

The Eden Methodist Church of 1788 was a log house with clapboard roof and oak "punching" floor . . . When it burned several years later, it was rebuilt on Riley's branch since this site

became the center of population. After this church burned in the middle 1890's, it was rebuilt on its' present location.

The new church was a frame building with stone pillars, hand-drawn shingles; and while it has undergone major repairs and some alterations, it remains today essentially as it was 66 years ago.

The Eden Methodist Church today is not a large one from the standpoint of membership, but is active and its members take great pride in this venerable institution's long period of Christian service.

When passing through Eden today, the traveler sees little evidence of the important position it held during the heyday of its yesteryears. Paved highways and modern means of travel to larger markets have taken away its position as a trading center. Its public school gave way to consolidation, and even its post office yielded to rural free mail delivery.

But Eden still lives, and those who pause there for a while to engage in retrospect soon come to know why it was named for the Biblical garden—its majestic hills where dogwoods bloom, its shady dell where violets flower, its clear running brooks where crystal water babbles over multicolored pebbles, its greenwards where cattle graze—all this, and more in Eden.

And the people there will take time to welcome you into their homes to chat for a while over a cup of coffee and charm you with their easy conversation. "Time to them is not a thing on which to wage constant battle; it is an old and valued friend . . ."

(This article is a partial reprint as it appeared in the Nov. 4, 1962, issue of the Monroe Morning World, written by E. W. Plummer.)

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR sang in the Lake Charles High School Auditorium on February 5, under the auspices of the Youth Choir of First Methodist Church.

THE REV. L. GRAY WILSON, pastor of Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, brought the morning devotions over Radio Station KASO during the week of Jan. 21-16.

THE WSCS STUDY COURSE, "The Rim of East Asia," was taught at the Varnado Methodist Church by the Rev. E. E. Sylvest of Bogalusa. The Varnado pastor is the Rev. S. Alvin Mayo.

THE REV. WALTER L. BAKER, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for noontide services at the Church House in New Orleans, the week of Jan. 28.

THE MEMBERS OF THE MYF of St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette, participated in the nationwide prayer chain for peace on Saturday, Jan. 19. Their pastor is the Rev. James C. Skinner.

MR. HARINDER SINGH, of Patiala, India, was resource leader for the church-wide School of Missions at the Slidell Methodist Church, Jan. 27. Mr. Singh is studying geology at Tulane University. The pastor at Slidell is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

A GROUP OF SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE from Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, with their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham, recently made a visit to the Dulac Indian Mission. The pastor at Broadmoor is the Rev. Barry Bailey.

A YOUNG BANQUET BEING sponsored by the Youth Department of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches will be held at St. Matthew United Church of Christ, 1333 S. Carrollton Avenue on Friday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, is sponsoring the church-wide mission study, "The Rim of East Asia," during the month of February. On Feb. 3 the men presented a panel discuss on "Korea." The pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR will appear at the Bolton High School Auditorium in Alexandria on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by the Senior MYF of the Palestine Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir is the pastor.

THE REV. JEROME CAIN, Lafayette District Superintendent, was the guest evangelist for revival services at Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Jan. 13-18. Mr. Bill Mann of Dallas, Tex., was the song leader for the meeting. The pastor is the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR will give a concert in Monroe on Friday, Feb. 15, at 8:00 p.m. at the Neville High School Auditorium,

with the proceeds to be used for the Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students.

AT ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, the third session of the study, "The Arm of Compassion," was presented Jan. 30 by Mr. Al Turner. Sonora Carver, author of "A Girl and Five Brave Horses," was the guest speaker. The Rev. E. J. Barksdale is the pastor.

ON JAN. 7 A COVERED DISH Supper was enjoyed in the fellowship hall of Doyline Methodist Church, with the spirit of love and fellowship shown in a shower for the Dick Thomas family, whose home was destroyed recently by fire. The Rev. Edwin H. House, Jr., is the pastor.

GUEST SPEAKER AT CARROLLTON Methodist Church, New Orleans, at the evening service Jan. 27 was Mr. L. J. Stoer of Goodwill Industries. This was the third session of their study of "The Arm of Compassion." The Rev. Jack Cooke is the Carrollton pastor.

ON JAN. 27 AT THE DOWNSVILLE Methodist Church, guest speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas McGuire of Trinity Church, Ruston, who showed pictures taken during their trip to the Holy Land last summer. The pastor at Downsville is the Rev. and Mrs. Brady B. Forman.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Mansfield, is currently engaged in a church-wide study of "Persons of Special Need." Meeting each Sunday evening at the regular church hour, these sessions are under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Irving, the WSCS, the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Commission on Education.

LEADERS FOR THE JAN. 20 session of the mission study, "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need," at First Methodist Church, Monroe, were Dr. Lavelle Haynes, a professor in special education at Northeast College, and Mr. Ebert Van Buren, psychologist, at the Monroe Area Guidance Center. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

THE REV. L. M. SAWYER, pastor of the Epps and Floyd Churches is leading the study of the book "Dimensions of Prayer" for the Epps WSCS each Wednesday morning in the home of one of the members. Mrs. J. S. White of the Floyd Church is leading the women in the study "Who Cares"? each Saturday afternoon at the church.

MR. W. H. "BILL" MATTHEWS, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 10 sponsored by First Methodist Church, Alexandria, received the Silver Beaver award at the annual Appreciation Banquet of the Attakapas Council. This is the highest award which the Council can give. The pastor of First Church is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE REV. DAN McBRIDE, Public Relations Director for Goodwill Industries of Shreveport, was the guest speaker at First Methodist Church, Leesville, Sunday evening, Jan. 20. He showed a film and discussed the work of Goodwill Industries, as a part of the mission study "The Church's Ministry to Persons of Special Need." The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the pastor.

ON SUNDAY EVENING, Jan. 20, guest speaker at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the Rev. Kenneth Barr, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. This was a part of the church's "Getting to Know Our Religious Neighbors" series. On Jan. 27 the speaker was Dr. Paul Richardson, pastor of Parkway Presbyterian Church. The pastor at Parker Memorial is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

THE REV. VERNON FAIRLEY, associate pastor of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest speaker for the Jan. 22 meeting of the Methodist Men of Wynn Memorial

Methodist Church. He was accompanied by his wife who assisted him in showing some pictures taken while he was a missionary among Indians in Arizona. The Rev. W. R. Wendt is the pastor of Wynn Memorial.

LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH IN MINDEN observed Student Recognition Sunday with the following participants: (Morning service) sermon—John McInnis, prayer—Barbara Hale, responsive reading — Linda, Lowe, announcements — Sue Sanders, organ—Richard Bruska. At the evening service, Richard Hruska had charge of the entire service and also brought the message. Pastor at Lakeview is the Rev. L. G. Wilson.

LEADERS FOR THE FEBRUARY mission study of "The Arm of Compassion" at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, are: Feb. 3—the Rev. Marvin McFarland, associate pastor; Feb. 10—Dr. Roberto Pedraza, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex.; Feb. 17 — Mr. Dan McBride of Goodwill Industries, Shreveport; and Feb. 24—Mr. C. B. Roberts, director of the Ruston Area Guidance Center. The pastor at Trinity is the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

THE JAN. 20 BULLETIN of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, extended its congratulations to Mr. George L. Drake, Jr., a teacher in the Junior Department of their Church School, who was recently honored by being named "Civil Servant of the Year" for New Orleans. The honor was conferred by the Federal Business Association for his work in developing the strength and resistance of cotton fabric.

GUILD SUNDAY WAS OBSERVED Jan. 27 at Logansport Methodist Church at the morning worship hour. Special pews were reserved and flowers placed on the chancel by Mrs. Hunter Price. The pastor, the Rev. Conrad Edwards, brought a message on the theme "Women of Religion." On Jan. 18 six members of this Guild and their pastor attended the Fellowship Dinner at Broadmoor Church, Shreveport.

MR. LARRY DOMINGUEZ, associate director of the New Orleans Goodwill Industries, was the speaker on Jan. 13 for the evening service at First Methodist Church, Franklin. Mr. Dominguez, who was formerly director of Good Will Industries in Mexico City, was accompanied to Franklin by Dr. Emile Bernard, Jr., an optometrist who was formerly chairman of the Board of Directors of Good Will. The pastor at Franklin is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

THE MYF OF THE PELICAN Methodist Church has elected the following officers for the year: Glen Wilburn, president; Ginny Gallaspy, vice-president; Sandra Lewis, secretary; Patsy Bice, treasurer; Bobby Lewis, reporter; Mrs. J. F. Magee, counselor. The pastor is the Rev. John Sayes. Among the projects of this youth group during the last year were the planting of shrubbery around the church building; the buying of a dehumidifier for the piano; and a visit to Hodges Gardens to see the Christmas lights and the Nativity Scene.

THE METHODIST MEN of First Methodist Church, Welsh, met Jan. 21 for a chicken barbecue supper prepared by Walter Hayes and M. E. Notestine. After a brief business session, Mr. Paul Verduzco of Lake Charles, formerly vice-president of the Garcia Lines, was the speaker. He spoke at length of the Cuban situation, as it was under Batista and as it is now under Castro. New officers elected were: Emmett Carson, president; W. H. Patterson, vice-president; Norman Robinson, secretary; and Frank Notestine, treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

The Sunday School Lesson

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN

Lesson For February 17, 1963: 'IS YOUR RELIGION REAL?'



John the Baptist opposed them as a 'generation of vipers'. Jesus grouped the Sadducees and Pharisees together in his denunciation of their doctrines. They imprisoned Peter and Paul for their Christian Ministries. Prejudiced sources of information from Pharisees form the large source of information about the Sadducees.

The Pharisees were a sect of Jews whose name meant 'Separated' or 'separist'. Their view point reflects the Greek effect upon Jewish beliefs. Pharisees were usually pacifists. They were not primarily a political party. They believed in angels, demons, and the resurrection, as contrasted with the disbelief of the Sadducees. The Pharisees are credited with the preservation of Judaism as a religion. The Pharisees determined who could come into the synagogue. Many pharisees were genuinely devout, although their strict legalism discouraged many of their Jewish followers. One of them was Paul the Apostle. The religious practices of these two groups and the beliefs that they taught and promoted were called 'tradition,' that which is handed down in observance and teaching, from generation to generation.

Their danger was to overemphasize tradition at the expense of the sincere free will of the believer. Jesus taught that their commands and tradition kept the commands of God from meaning anything to sincere religious believers. Jesus came that each one might have a fresh, daily meaningful life of the power of God in his heart, mind, soul, and strength, for himself, and for his neighbor. How different this is from the efforts of the sincere and devoted scholars whose interpretation of the law made up what Jesus spoke of as 'tradition'. They wanted to guide laymen in their daily living by the law of God. The Pharisees aimed at this sincerely and devoutly.

Ritual Grows Out of a Felt Need

The tradition of the elders was the accepted religious practice of the Jewish congregations in the region about Galilee. These elders, the scribes and Pharisees, heard of Jesus' popularity and heard him in his teaching and preaching to the crowds. In observing his disciples' habits the scribes and Pharisees noticed that they did not observe the traditions of the Jews in ritual hygiene, such as dish washing, and hand washing before eating. The orthodox Jew never failed to keep the customary ritual that had developed out of the Babylonian captivity practices.

Dr. Filson, in the 'International Lesson Annual', pictures the Pharisee washing his hands, in a bowl, for ceremonial cleansing before eating. This custom was one of the many hygienic observances that followed the laws of Moses, and their interpretations, by the scribes. Such observances were developed as a means of 'separating' themselves from their captor neighbors. Their ritual and characteristic customs of dress and worship-aids marked them off from the natives of their exile environment.

After the exile the customs continued to be the practice taught by the rulers of the synagogue.

The crowds that followed Jesus and his disciples could easily neglect the formal observances of washing hands before eating. Such unwashed hands were counted as 'defiled', as commonly done without observing the custom, and therefore in violation of the religious practice. It was therefore not a sacred act but a profane neglect of their whole habitual observance. Of course there were many Jews who neglected this observance, out of carelessness. But Jesus and his disciples did not observe it because it was not necessary, in their traveling ministry. Jesus was observing what was necessary,

without straining a point to observe some useless custom.

The Pharisees overemphasized the need for washing hands after being in a crowd in the 'market place' where 'unclean' persons would unavoidably be met. So they could easily get into the habit of doing unnecessary ritual acts, that had no fundamental benefit. They also condemned Jesus and his for not conforming to their requirements. Their criticism was primarily against the non-conformity of Jesus, as the leader of his disciples.

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Lip Service Is Not Enough for True Worship

Their criticism of Jesus was not against his devotion to God but against his neglect of an outward form, of custom. Dr. Paul Minear comments that 'Jesus sought to free their hearts from all fears and hatreds. His penetration into God's will for men enabled him to pronounce the pure in heart blessed, and to discern the double-mindedness of those scribes whose heart was far from God.' Their duplicity, doubletalk, was interpreted by Jesus as their deafness and their blindness. Their tradition ridden practices made much of lip service with motives that were far from meaningful in sincerity and truth.

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Heartless Lip Service is Deplored

The memory selection, in the New English Bible, is translated, 'This people pays me lip-service, but their heart is far from me: their worship of me is in vain, for they teach as doctrines the commandments of men.' True worship is a sincere expression of the heart's love for God. It is not to be a hollow formality but a reverent and appropriate act of devotion.

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God's Law Must Not be Replaced by Careless Convenience

Jesus picked out one incident in their custom to show how their selfish convenience actually annulled the law of God. It was the custom of 'Corban', the word meaning 'dedicated to God', in an offering. In the lesson text the offering is dedicated to God, but the donors never delivered it to the priests at the temple. He had 'set it aside' for God, but never gave it to be used in religious ministries. Even if his parents or family members needed it and wanted it, the donor would claim that he could not help them with it, because it was 'Corban', offered to God. Such a subterfuge could be using a 'tradition' to escape a family duty of first claim upon his mercy. Many rabbis took the same position that Jesus did regarding such an 'escape' interpretation. There were some who differed. It was against these latter ones that Jesus protested.

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How Can My Religion Be Kept Livable?

Several questions raised by the lesson can help answer the question, 'How can my religion be kept livable?' Do I emphasize formal ritual observance without understanding or meaning what it is supposed to mean? Do I observe the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper with true and earnest repentance and faith, and renewed dedication to the will of God? What difference in Sunday Worship and daily devotions would heartfelt sincerity in repentance and faith make in our way of life? When we pray the Lord's prayer do we truly and earnestly hold conversation with God the Father as trusting and obedient children? Is my faith in Jesus as savior matched by the facts of my day's work and daily habits? How much change and adjustment do I need to make to be Christian in my daily life?

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Daily Bible Guides For the Past Week

Mark 7:1 through 8:10 records a number of events in Jesus ministry that enforce the lesson of sincere worship and consistent conduct. Gentile faith received Jesus' blessing. The multitude were fed with the living bread which Jesus gave them for daily sufficient living. (John 6:41-51). Faith and works must match each other in the Christian's daily life. (James 1:22-27.) Religion is a living matter.

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:1 through 8:26; Printed Text For the Lesson: Mark 7:1-13.

MEMORY SELECTION: This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Mark 7:6-7.

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: This lesson should help us to see the limitations of ritual and tradition, and to emphasize the need for keeping our religious faith and practice up to date, in real life, through daily Christian experience.

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This is the third lesson in 'Faith For Living' in Unit II of this quarter. The miracles of Jesus have been studied as evidence of the wonder working power of Jesus. Jesus met the need for workers to be with him, and to be sent out to multiply the distribution of his message, in selecting and training the twelve disciples and the seventy disciples. Next Sunday we study 'The Christian's Confession'.

Last Sunday's lesson on the sending out the twelve disciples and the feeding of the multitude with five loaves and two fishes emphasized the need for Christian workers, to concentrate on their Christian message, and to make the most of the least that God has made available for them. They were to 'travel light' and not be loaded with any baggage that was not needed for daily witnessing the gospel of Christ. They were 'not to worry about comforts'. Their message was repentance and belief in the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

He sent them forth with definite instructions for their fruitful ministry. They were to wipe off any signs of contact with those who would not receive them. Jesus had compassion on them and is in direct contrast with the uncompassionate attitude of his disciples. His power to enlarge the small ability and materials that we have, to serve his purpose, is vividly taught in the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Jesus looked upon the crowds as sheep without a shepherd. His response to them was that they found in him 'the bread of life'. Their response to him was their following him in crowds.

The attitudes of their religious 'Shepherds' was one of traditional and ritual observance. These leaders, known as the Scribes and Pharisees, were the accepted leaders of the Jewish people, in religion. Their chief business was to see that the laws of Moses and the traditional interpretation of them, became the daily practice of the orthodox Jew.

Sadducees, Pharisees and Tradition Typed Jewish Religion

The scribes and the High Priest of the temple at Jerusalem were of the Jewish sect called Sadducees. Their name indicated 'righteous ones'. From the first century before Christ, they were composed of a wealthy minority, few in number, who were well educated and worked in cooperation with the political powers in governmental control. They limited their beliefs to those written in the Law. They did not believe in 'angels, resurrection, and spirits.' They did not believe in the interpretations of the law as followed by the Pharisees. The Sadducees supported the 'vested interests' of Jews in Jerusalem. Until their last failing years, they dominated the ritual of temple worship and governmental policy in relation to religion.

Jesus was opposed by the Sadducees, scribes.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Detroit's largest Methodist church has announced that it will discontinue sending its money and men to assist new Methodist churches in the suburbs. Dr. Robert H. Bodine, minister of Metropolitan Methodist Church, recently said that his church has over-extended itself in monetary and financial contributions on the "mistake assumption" that it was the responsibility of big city parishes to spread the faith in suburban areas. He is reported as saying that the future of American Protestantism rests on the performance of parishes in urban areas and not on its work in new suburban areas.

We hope that Mr. Bodine has been misquoted in the Religious New Service dispatch which is the basis for this item. Certainly it is not a "mistake assumption" that city parishes have a responsibility to spread the faith in the suburbs. What is really a fair assumption is that city parish and suburban parish are both on the same team and that when either needs assistance it should come from every church on the "team." It is quite possible that one of these days Dr. Bodine's city parish will be needing financial assistance from those suburban parishes which now call on his church for help.

The fact that Americans have become the kind of people who are ready to use nuclear weapons is more threatening than the weapons themselves, Dr. Robert H. Hamill, dean-designate of Boston University's Marsh Chapel, said in a recent chapel service there. He said, "We have gotten accustomed to the irrational, made our peace with violence, and accepted the unacceptable. But once people have come to expect disaster, that is disaster."

Certainly Americans will always have to live with the fact that the nuclear age was born from initiative in this land. However, it seems to us that the possibility of the use of nuclear arms in any future war is something on which it would be quite foolish to turn one's back.

The situation of Protestants and Protestantism in Spain, particularly in the light of the conciliatory attitude toward the "separated brethren" manifested at the Second Vatican Council, is believed to have been one of the important items on the agenda at a recent conference of Spanish archbishops in Madrid.

Surely the implementation of any changed attitude toward Protestantism in Spain would be one of the surest evidences that some progress was made at the Vatican Council. Now if there could just be some word from Portugal!

A Communist monthly published in Budapest has made the assertion that growth or decrease of religious groups and activities is closely linked to economic cycles of prosperity or depression. The article, written by one Tomas Szecsko, argued that unemployment and economic depression "fills the churches and chapels," while prosperity "draws people away from religion." Thus, he concludes, economic prosperity and well-being in Communist countries will be one of the important causes of people abandoning religion.

All we can say about such an article is that statistics in the United States would not bear out what has been affirmed here. We may have had "fox-hole religion" in war time, but religion didn't do so well during the great depression.

A furore was recently caused in the New Mexico State House of Representatives by a chaplain's prayer which, some charged, seemed to ask legislators to oppose reapportionment of the House. But the chaplain, the Rev. William E. Crews, insisted that his prayer merely asked representatives to realize that "the republic is more important than individual political kingdoms."

This just goes to show that when a man accepts the post of chaplain people are going to be listening mighty carefully to some of his prayers.



DR. HELEN KIM, president emerita of Ewha Women's University in Seoul, Korea, has been named to receive the 1963 Upper Room Citation for her contribution to Christian fellowship around the world. Dr. Kim is the first person outside North America and the second woman to receive the award and is chairman of the evangelism commissions of both the Korean Methodist Church and the Korean National Council of Churches.

A survey will be conducted by the Kansas City Council of Churches to determine the size of the operations of convincing tellers of "phony but pathetic tales of need" used to extort small amounts of money from well-meaning pastors. Dr. Warren R. Ebinger, general secretary of the council, said, "We will make the survey as a project of our new health and welfare service. It is a problem that needs some definition."

The Roman Catholic school board of the Providence (R.I.) diocese has banned dances for elementary and junior high school pupils. Msgr. Arthur Geoghehan, diocesan schools superintendent, said that "dances, while a good form of recreation, are an aspect of social life begun too early at these class levels."

Bishop Stephen F. Bayne, executive officer of the world-wide Anglican communion, commented in a recent interview in San Antonio, Tex., that the nuclear bomb has "frightened a lot of people, particularly in England, into thinking about God." The former Episcopal Bishop of Olympia, Wash., said that even in the U. S. the bomb has made people react with a genuine religiosity.

French President de Gaulle's speech opposing British entry into the European Common Market showed, according to a Roman Catholic publication, that the Market is not a "Vatican plot" to bring "Protestant England" under the domination of a Catholic majority on the European continent. Thus said an editorial in a current issue of America, national Catholic weekly magazine.

Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) has been elected chairman of the Senate Prayer Breakfast group which meets every Wednesday morning for prayer and Scripture meditation. His election was announced by Sen. Thurmond (D-S.C.), secretary of the group.

A statement implicitly condemning "mercy killing" in the cases of deformed babies caused by the drug thalidomide was issued recently in Berlin by the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany. The statement declared that Christ's injunction regarding the "least of these" forbids any discrimination against even the "weakest and most miserable" human creatures.

Georgetown University, a Roman Catholic School in Washington, D. C., has received a \$150,000 Ford Foundation grant for research in the rhythm method of birth control and population problems in general. The program's first phase, to begin in February, will be aimed at "the possible improvement of the rhythm method of family planning," a foundation announcement said.

The 275th anniversary of the birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg, Swedish scientist, philosopher and theologian, was recently marked in Washington by a tribute from the Swedish Ambassador Gunnar Jarring. He described Swedenborg as "one of those universal geniuses, who turn up perhaps once in a century, who manage to grasp wide areas of human knowledge and who, through their visionary thinking, stake out a road which is gradually built by later generations."

Leading spokesmen of the Methodist and Anglican churches in South Africa have expressed great interest in an expected move toward closer relations between these two churches in England. A British Anglican-Methodist Committee, which has been discussing this topic since 1956, is scheduled to issue its report in the near future.

The president of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference recently said in Boston that America's churches "cannot afford the luxury of Christian disunity." Dr. Albert J. Penner added that there "are very few communities in Massachusetts and in the United States, for that matter, which do not have more Protestant churches than they need."

The spirit of ecumenicity recently pervaded the 54th annual meeting of the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis. Dr. Claud D. Nelson, special correspondent at the Second Vatican Council for Religious News Service, who was the principal speaker at the meeting, commented that from what he saw of the ecumenicity at the meeting, the World Council of Churches could find no better climate for one of its assemblies than in St. Louis.

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT				New	Renewal	Not Due	Total				
Alexandria: First, Guy M. Hicks	50	106	6	162				New	Renewal	Not Due	Total
Trinity, Byrl Moreland	14	47	-	61							
Wes.-Gr.-Fel.Dr., D.R.Deen	5	7	-	12							
St. Paul's, G.W.Dameron	8	8	-	16***							
Ball Ct., Dale Lyons	3	15	-	18							
Boyce, Jack Tinman	13	17	1	31**							
Bunkie, Haas Mem., Spencer Wren	5	48	-	53							
Colfax, C.B.White	4	44	-	48**							
Elizabeth-Hopewell, Ira Robinson	38	53	-	92****							
Evergreen-S'port., Mrs. L. Hickman	5	35	-	40***							
Glenm., For. Hts-F'ship, J. Knight	7	27	-	34**							
Jena, Nolley Mem., A.G.Taylor	3	124	-	127***							
J'ville-H'burg, Ray Garrett	11	29	1	41**							
Lecompte-Cheneyville, W.C.Barham	14	45	2	61**							
M'ville-O.Gr.-Ef.B., J.D.Bell	12	17	-	29							
Marthaville-R'line-Beulah, R. Meyers	2	9	-	11							
Natchitoches: First, Geo.Pearce	29	49	3	81							
Oakdale, Clark Bell	16	35	-	51**							
Oak Gr.-Coulee, J.C.Zerangue	15	9	1	25**							
Olla, Ted Smith	2	39	-	41**							
Palestine-Pl.Gr., R.Hoffpauir	-	1	-	1							
Pineville, Kenneth McDowell	29	31	6	66							
Plock-Lib.Ch., M.L.Davis	13	29	-	42**							
Sanders Ch.-Siloam Spgs., T.T.Lowe	1	-	-	1							
Sieper, H.O.Pinckard	1	2	-	3							
Trout-Urania, E.W.Sandel	18	49	-	67****							
Natchitoches, College Ave., D.Durand	9	23	-	32**							
Ville Platte, W.R.Akin	8	31	-	39**							
Winnfield, R.H.Staples	2	14	-	16							
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT											
Amite, W.R.Howell	16	44	2	62**							
Angie-Varnado, S.A.Mayo	8	17	-	25**							
Baton Rouge: First, Dana Dawson, Jr.	6	122	-	128							
Broadmoor, Barry Bailey	22	22	-	44							
St. Paul, J.M. Winn	18	11	-	29							
Ingleside, H. Williamson	15	19	-	34							
Istrouma, Ira W. Flowers	25	35	-	60							
Jefferson, Stone Caraway	7	9	1	17							
North, Roy Mouser	31	23	-	54							
St. John's Highland, T. Babington	7	7	-	14**							
Blackwater, Angus Carruth	11	1	-	33							
Bluff Creek, J.M.Wilkes	5	4	-	9**							
Bogalusa, E.Sull.Mem., R. Crichlow	42	98	-	140**							
Clinton-Clear Creek, L. Sibley	6	40	4	50							
W. Feliciana Ct., F. Griffen	-	10	-	10							
Deeford, Douglas McLain	1	17	-	18							
Denham Spgs., Ted Howes	8	12	2	22							
Donaldsonville, J.E.Christie	6	10	-	16***							
Faithful-N.R.-Gr.R., Carrithers	8	13	-	21							
Franklinton, Dave Felder	10	57	-	67**							
Gonzales-Meadows Ch., Jas. Lawton	1	17	4	22**							
Greensburg-Wesley Ch., J. Casey	6	23	-	29							
Hammond, Edward Thomas	10	56	-	66							
Jackson-Ethel, R. Shearer	6	49	1	56**							
Kentwood, Robt. Townsend	-	8	-	8							
Loranger-Coopers Ch., C.T.Cotton	7	18	-	25**							
Lottie-Rosedale, T.W.Perrott	10	23	1	34**							
Pine Grove, E.W.Day	4	7	1	12							
Plaquemine, J.E.Christie	9	23	5	37							
Ponchatoula, Eldred Blakely	14	78	2	94**							
St.Francisville-Tun., B.L.Terry	3	15	-	18							
St.Helena Ct., P.W.Sibley	4	20	-	24							
Slaughter-New Rds., A.D.St.Amant	1	3	-	4							
Springfield, J.L.Summerfield	1	15	-	16							
Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge, S.P.Emmanuel	4	6	-	10							
Tickfaw-Independence, A.D.George	4	16	1	21**							
Walker Ct., W.P.Blackwood	70	24	-	94***							
Wesley Ch.-Lee's Landing, C. Martin	15	30	1	46**							
Zachary, Jas. S. Jones	13	15	-	28							
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT											
Berwick-Patterson, William Reid	14	46	2	62**							
Church Point, Charles Giessen	6	18	-	24**							
Crowley, First, W.D.Boddie	46	66	1	113**							
Franklin, Albert S. Hurley	13	56	7	76							
Golden Meadow-Grand Isle, W.C.Blakely	10	28	-	38							
Houma, First, Henry Rickey	40	116	2	158**							
Houma Hts.-B.B.-Dulac, C.D.Pinkard	18	27	-	45							
Iota-Maxie, Calvin Lapuyade	6	17	-	23**							
Indian Bayou-Kaplan, J.B.McCann	14	95	-	109***							
Jeanerette-Lydia-Wk.Is., H.B.Cansler	8	9	-	17							
Lafayette: Davidson Mem., H. Hine	11	15	-	26							
Asbury, C.R.McCammon	15	28	-	43							
First, R.R.Branton	43	99	-	142							
Lockport-Raceland, Carl Lipe	2	12	1	15							
Melville-Palmetto, Geo. Burlew	6	13	-	19							
New Iberia, Luther Booth	-	65	-	65							
Opelousas, Henry C. Blount	32	69	2	103**							
Pecan Island, J. Henry Bowdon	3	17	-	20*****							
Port B.-Kr.Spgs.-Waxie, C. Mims	-	23	-	23**							
Rayne-Brance, Karl Wood	19	31	-	50**							
Thibadaux-Wachenle, R. Coles	-	12	-	12							
Ivanhoe, H. Hines	1	7	-	8**							
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT											
DeQuincy, Jack Winegeart	5	17	-	22							
DeRidder, First, R.H.Jamieson	5	22	1	28							
Elton, Paul Carroll				9	19	1	29**				
Eunice-Basile, R. Bengston				9	15	3	27				
Florien-Hornbeck, Donald Thrash				4	14	7	25**				
Gueydan, Robert Miller				5	27	-	32				
Iowa-Bell City-Hays, Fred Shirley				4	33	-	37				
Jennings; W.E.Mayo				17	45	1	63				
Kinder-Oberlin, Rex Squyres				9	31	-	40**				
Lake Arthur, G.R.Messer				11	22	-	33**				
Lake Charles: Eastwood-M.B.L., Holladay				6	16	-	22**				
Fairview-Sweet Lake, H.A.Gibbs				2	25	1	28**				
First, G.W.Pomeroy				34	134	-	168				
Oak Park, Don M. Risinger				21	9	-	30				
St. Luke, Ollie Golson				5	2	-	7				
University, Jas. Stovall				34	41	2	77				
Leesville, Kirby Vining				5	46	-	51**				
Maplewood-Hackberry, W.D.Milton				17	21	-	38				
Raymond, Dan Tohline				1	29	1	31				
Sulphur: Henning Mem., J.H.Bowdon				1	-	-	1				
Vinton, Jas Poole				45	25	-	70***				
Welsh, Oakley Lee				54	58	-	112***				
MONROE DISTRICT											
Bastrop: First, R.L.Peyton				9	103	-	112				
Collinston Ct., Joe Robinson				2	14	-	16				
Columbia-Herbert, M. Robertson				2	48	1	51**				
Crowville-Baskin, C.M.Bailey				-	16	-	16				
Delhi, W.V.Sirman				16	28	5	49**				
Epps-Floyd, L.M.Sawyer				41	28	3	72***				
Gilbert-Beouf Pr., T. McKisson				3	45	4	52**				
Kilbourne Ct., A.E.Wingfield				2	25	-	27				
Lake Providence, A.P.Smith				13	21	-	34				
Lapine Ct., William Carroll				-	11	-	11				
Mangham, Edwin Keasler				2	35	2	39***				
Mer Rouge-Bonne Idee, W.B.Shaw				11	41	1	53**				
Monroe: First, Geo. Harbuck				36	126	-	162				
Gordon Ave., Lamont Rouse				2	18	-	20				
Memorial, Lloyd Williams				21	52	6	79				
Southside, Lea Joyner				38	95	1	134**				
St. Mark's, Jas. Evans				18	7	2	27**				
St. Paul, B.R.Oliphint				6	9	-	15				
Stone Ave., I.A.Patton				-	15	1	16				
Oak Grove, W.O. Lynch				2	60	2	64**				
Oak Ridge, Stephen Wendt				1	21	-	22**				
Rayville, R.E.Walton				9	30	1	40				
Sicily Island-Clayton, J.W.Boyd				4	30	-	34**				
St. Andrews, L.W.Taylor				2	24	-	26				
St-Joseph-Wesley, A.W.Coody				6	20	-	26**				
Vidalia, Abe Conerly				5	6	-	11				
Waterproof, S.B.Dampier				5	19	-	24**				
West Monroe: Claibourne, T.A.Brown				2	12	-	14				
Wilhit, C.K.Brooks				1	9	-	10**				
Winnsboro, Fred Schwendimann				29	139	7	175***				
Wisner, Paul Durbin				2	27	-	29				
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT											
Covington, Robert Carter				14	29	1	43				
Lacombe-St. Tammany, Henry Ensenat				5	14	-	19**				
Lutcher-LaPlace, Jas. Hodges				-	6	-	6				
New Orleans: Algiers, John Redmon				9	23	-	32				
Carrollton Ave., Jack Cooke				27	77	-	104				
Felicity-J.W., Lars Broadus				3	16	-	19				
First, Clyde Clark				6	55	1	62				
Gentilly, John Koelemay				24	33	4	61				
Gretna, Charles Walker				-	15	-	15				
Jefferson, A.A.Collins				6	17	-	23				
Kenner, Marvin Corley				16	23	-	39				
Lake Vista, C lyde Frazier				7	15	-	22				
Luling-St. John, J.L.Adams				53	25	2	80***				
Metairie-St. James, J.W.Matthews				4	22	-	26				
Munholland Mem., A.W.Townsend				24	67	-	91				
Napoleon Ave., Don Alverson				2	34	-	36				
Parker Mem., Reuel Allen				19	49	-	68**				
Rayne Mem., B.A. Galloway				16	91	-	107				
St. Luke, J.P. Woodland				3	15	8	26				
St. Bernard, James Skinner				41	34	1	76**				
St. Claude Hts., J.C.Wallace				1	15	1	17				
St. Mark-Redeemer, Lloyd Foreman				7	24	-	31				
St. Matthew, C.E.Munden				10	41	-	51				
St. Paul's, E.J.Barksdale				3	23	-	26				
Second Church, W.M.Finnin				3	23	-	26				



At Library School in Shreveport



MISS MILDRED EGAN, church library supervisor of the Methodist Publishing House and the Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn., poses with Dr. Jolly B. Harper (left), Shreveport district superintendent, and with Miss Shiela Nuttall (right), conference director of children's work. The latter sponsored a leadership school for church librarians in Shreveport, Jan. 21-23.

News In Brief

MRS. LESTER DUNCAN, president of the Doris Chichlow Guild, read the Scripture and Miss Tenny Moyer, vice-president, offered the morning prayer on "Guild Sunday" at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church in Bogalusa.

LAFAYETTE FIRST CHURCH Woman's Society will study "Dimension of Prayer" on February 20, 22, 27, and March 1 (World Day of Prayer), 10 to 11:30 a.m. Leaders will be Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton of Lake Charles, the Rev. Ronald Devillier, Mrs. George H. Thomas, and the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, pastor of Sulphur Methodist Church.

ALEXANDRIA-PINEVILLE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN held the annual business meeting on Tuesday, January 29, at the First Christian Church. Mrs. Guy L. Hicks narrated the film strip "Wider Grows the Kingdom", showing the work of U.C.W.

AT TRINITY CHURCH IN ALEXANDRIA, the Wesleyan Service Guild was in charge of the last session of the study of "Persons of Special Need." Dr. D. B. Barber, who works with Geriatrics at the Forest Glen Treatment Center, spoke on "The Aged."

DR. ESTHER SHOEMAKER, Deputy Medical Director of the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial in Kolar, Mysore State, India, presented colored slides and lectured in the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, January 25. She was sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild, with Miss Maree White, presiding.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN OF NEW ORLEANS met in the Carrollton Methodist Church, Friday, January 25. Mrs. Benedict A. Galloway, wife of the pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, offered the devotional. Keynote speaker was the Rev. George H. Wilson, executive secretary of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, who spoke on the theme of the annual meeting, "Looking at Ourselves".

WOMEN OF LAKE CHARLES FIRST CHURCH heard Mrs. W. A. K. Seale of Sulphur at the closing session of their study of "Mission on the Rim of East Asia", Tuesday, January 29. Mrs. Seale told of her experiences in Hong Kong. The film "On the Rim of Tomorrow" was shown.



WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

The first physical fitness testing program designed specifically for women is now available nationwide as result of a new campaign launched this fall by the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A. Twelve simple tests, ranging from a stork test for balance to walking a mile in 15 minutes, were developed in cooperation with Dr. Janet A. Wessel, of Michigan State University, and first introduced in the local YWCA program in St. Louis, Missouri. The national YWCA now has made available to its affiliated Associations in every state descriptive folders illustrating the

tests and including a personal appraisal record to be kept monthly for a year. Local YWCAs will distribute the tests to members and to other women who wish to make their own appraisal of their physical efficiency.

At a recent synodical meeting of the Evangelical Reformed Church of the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, it was decided by 182 votes to 18 that in the future a qualified woman theologian could be appointed as a minister in charge of a parish which had one or more male pastors. The synod of 1940 had recognized that the parish councils have the right to authorize a woman theologian to preach and to carry out ecclesiastical functions. Since 1953, in

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Fae L. Daves

Fae L. Daves, director of the St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, is a native of Illinois. She completed high school in Alexis. Her higher education includes Business College; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago—graduate of Bible-Missionary course; Central YMCA College, Chicago—A.B. degree, major in psychology, minor in sociology and economics; College of Jewish Studies, Chicago—special courses in Hebrew and literature of the Bible; Northwestern University, Evanston—graduate work in psychology and counseling.



Miss Daves

Miss Daves has two years of business experience, and was at Marcy Center, Chicago, for 19 years doing program work with girls and youth. For three years, she worked in vocational guidance at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Institute for Psychological Services, in Chicago. She has been director of St. Mark's Community Center since 1948.

Miss Daves was commissioned as a Home Missionary under the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, October 1927, in the Rock River Conference. After unification she changed to deaconess status.

"I have had some interesting experiences during my long tenure with the women of The Methodist Church," says Miss Daves, "they are a wonderful group of women, dedicated, understanding, informed, whether viewed as laity, officers, or executives." As director of St. Mark's her duties are many and varied, from building maintenance supervision to program planning with the staff, policy planning with the board, discussion of budgets, etc. On this job she does not have as much time to work directly with the people as she would like. It is up to the

director to keep everything going, so she does a lot of checking, counseling, encouraging, and pushing. The work with the people is largely done by the program staff.

St. Mark's Community Center has given a strong living Christian witness in the community for over 50 years. "Those who preceded us in the work must have done a good job," she says, "as we are continually meeting people who have themselves or their parents benefited by the services offered at St. Mark's, and they seem to have such a good feeling about it. Many bring their children here for groups or classes even though they no longer live in the area. We are trying to follow in their footsteps and to serve as we see the need in the most effective way."

There is an unusual arrangement there in that a church and a community center share the same building yet are separate in administration, budget, and program. The center is happy to cooperate with St. Mark's Methodist Church and its staff members actively participate in the work of the church as they can. For many years Miss Daves taught the senior young people in the church school. Several of them are now in training for full-time Christian service.

Perhaps the thing that turned out to be most effective was starting a prayer group with some of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service some years ago. Of this, Miss Daves said, "I believe everyone who participated in the prayer group during those years felt a deepening of her spiritual life, a challenge to service, in her own home and among her relatives, as well as in local church, district, and conference work. It is like dropping a pebble in water, the ripple goes on and on, so we still are seeing results. (We are not meeting now, but hope to get a new group started this fall.)"

The program at the community center is largely for youth though they do have some activities for adults.

Lake Charles

Parsonettes Report

The Lake Charles District Parsonettes met Friday, January 18, at the home of Hazel Bowden in Sulphur. Seventeen parsonettes were present. Louise Mayo of Lake Charles, Mrs. Bowden's daughter, assisted her mother and Retta Poole as a co-hostess.

Fran Shirley, president, called the meeting to order. Following the reading of the Collect, Marie Risinger, Chaplain, read a relection entitled "Try Changing Yourself" from Roy L.

accordance with a regulation in the Church of Berne, women pastors have been ordained to the ministry in the same way as their masculine colleagues, and have been eligible for work as pastors, but on condition that one or more male pastors were at work in the same parish.



Smith's booklet, Emergency Rations. Yearbooks from the other districts were passed around. Bobbye Golson, recording secretary, read the minutes which were approved as read. Retta Poole gave her report as treasurer. The total on hand was \$33.23. Committee reports and other items of business were reported and discussed.

Following the business meeting Fran Shirley turned the meeting over to Veda Tohline who in turn introduced Elva Lee for the program, "Something out of Nothing." Elva began with a series of household hints, encouraging all to contribute hints. While the group jotted down useful items, she went into the field of re-decorating areas of the home economically. Everyone learned how to brighten a kitchen, make a wooden wall appear to be brick, and even how to make a three-dimensional nativity scene.

At the close of the program, a delicious buffet lunch was served featuring a chicken-noodle casserole with strawberry cake and coffee for dessert.



A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanan

Does Your Money Help Life Grow?

SPENDING MONEY—I have an elderly friend whose main concern now is to give away the millions he has made. Having no children, he wants to use his money for the greatest good of the greatest number. He tells me it is harder to spend money wisely than it is to make it. That point is a little hard for me to understand in my present state of finances!

But with Congress now tackling a ninety-nine billion dollar budget, it might be well for us ordinary citizens to think more seriously about this matter of spending money.

The Bible bids us to measure carefully the value of the money which we have to spend. The prophet Isaiah asks, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" And Jesus repeatedly raises the question of man's use of money. Read the gospels and see how often Jesus makes mention of money. He went into the markets and among the money changers and observed how men made money. He sat over against the treasury and watched how rich men and poor widows gave money. He used the parable of the unjust steward with his shrewd manipulation of his employer's debts to illustrate the need of foresight and intelligence in the handling of resources.

Jesus would never have merited the title, "The Master of Life," if He had avoided the subject of money, for money has become so enmeshed in our system of values that as the Bible says, the love of money seems truly to be the root of all evil. The late Tom Masson, a genial editor, declared that there are three kinds of trouble in the world—money, others and yourself.

As I understand the teachings of Jesus, our Lord would have us measure the value of our money on the same principle that He would have us use in measuring our time, namely, does it contribute to the growth and continuity of life? Recall His story of the rich farmer whose fields brought forth so bountifully that he said he would pull down his barns and build even greater. Then in the midst of planning for the preservation of his gains, he was stricken in death. And the parable closes with the question, "Whose then shall these things be?" The selfish farmer simply lost what he left.

This column is being written in a Florida city. Two days ago a new university president was being inaugurated here. As he came to the close of his address, he surprised his audience by saying that he was going to ask another man to finish his talk.

A retired minister came to the platform. He began by telling how he and his wife had given much thought to the disposal of their estate. They considered the interests of their relatives and bequeathed to each of them what they thought was good for them. Then they studied various institutions. Finally he gave the reasons for choosing this new Florida college. And the rafters rang when he announced his gift of a new and needed building for the campus. The audience was thrilled by the size of the sum coming from a minister, but even more by the careful thought and consecrated motive of the giving. Unlike the greedy farmer, this good man and his wife left their money to go working after them.

Do we desire money for power and prestige and self-gratification which tend to stunt and shrivel the soul? Or do we desire money for use and service which expand life? The follower of the Master must search his mind to find the highest and most essential uses to which his money can be put least he spend his money for "that which is not bread."

More than a generation ago Professor Stephen Babcock of the University of Wisconsin made a discovery that cattle might be eating prodigious amounts of food, and at the same time be starving. Extended investigation revealed the fact that life-giving food contains a strange element called "vitamins" which furnish vitality necessary for maintaining life. Now food values are measured by their vitamin content.

Can we apply this vitamin principle to all life? That is what Jesus would have us do. He bids us study the time and money which we have to spend with an eye to their life-building content.

And that requires both foresight and farsightedness. Jesus measured things in terms of future fertility rather than of immediate utility. On the basis of quick returns, Jesus' life looks like a series of bad bargains. He gave up His secure job as a carpenter to take up the precarious work of a traveling teacher. What a waste of money! But what seemed a waste at the time was Our Lord's way of fertilizing the soil of the race so that it might bring forth the life this is life indeed.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN reads the first draft of the Emancipation Proclamation to his Cabinet on July 22, 1862.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

NEW SLANT ON RACE RELATIONS

The second Sunday in February, as usual, is observed as Race Relations Day in most Methodist churches. It is always a time for the Christian to re-assess his attitudes toward other races in the light of Jesus' teachings. This time, though, we might try an entirely different approach. Why not think of our relations with our own white race for once, instead of relations with other races?

The white peoples, as we know them, comprise a very small part of the total population of the world. And even though many millions of colored people have the same Caucasian ancestry as we have (The people of India and Ceylon, for instance) our forefathers were the ones who lived in the cooler parts of the earth and hence absorbed less of the sun's rays. This caused their skins to become pale, as compared with what happened to the large majority of the world's population, who became yellow, red, brown, and black. So we of the "white race" of today are somewhat unusual among the family of races. If you don't think that is so, you should spend just a week as the only white person in a town or village of dark-skinned people.

Regardless of how we may feel toward other races, all is not well with the attitudes that we have toward others of our own race. Most of us are descended from French, Italian, English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Greek, German, Scandinavian, and Slavic backgrounds, but we like to call ourselves, "Americans," and rightly so. Yet we sometimes have strong feelings against our fellow citizens. We are prone to look down on persons from other parts

of the United States, just as they are prone to do the same to us. A part of this situation is a commendable loyalty to one's home community, but sometimes this loyalty takes strange paths. Sometimes, even in our own communities we assume bitter attitudes toward others who think differently from the way we do. We even break out into riots; sometimes we kill others of our own race, just because they don't think exactly as we think.

It seems to me that Race Relations Day this year is a time for serious thinking about some of the principles for which our forefathers died. They gladly gave their lives that we might be able to think freely, to differ with each other, to air our own opinions without running the risk of losing our jobs or of having our children cursed. Perhaps we owe our own white brothers a larger debt of patient understanding when they hold different views from ours. After all, is this really a free country when a fellow is tagged a "communist," just because he airs a different social concept from what you have?

Methodism was born with a spirit of Christian concern for those who travelled different paths of life from where our forefathers walked. The basic greatness of our church is its willingness to approach any social issue and to discuss it with light and not heat. Let us pray especially for our own race this February, that God will open our hearts and minds. His live touches every one in the world. Let us try to have more of that same broad love for our neighbors in these challenging days.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Everyday Religion

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr.
District Superintendent, New Orleans

Psalms 103:2, 5

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits . . . who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

When astronaut John Glenn was asked by the press if he felt a special need for God's protection as he prepared to orbit into outer space, he gave a magnificent and a very Christian answer. In effect he said that his religion was an integral part of his normal life and therefore he was not, as it were, making an emergency appeal to God for special help. There are those times, of course, when it is natural for us to feel some special need for God's help, but surely this is what true religion means: to so live with God from day to day that we can take the crises and emergencies when they come in our spiritual stride.

God is our refuge and our strength in times of distress and it is in such times of crisis that we wake up to his presence and power. But if we pray only when we are at our wit's end, or read the Bible only when we are afraid, or worship God when we become desperate, we have a distorted view of religion and we have not begun to understand the Christian meaning of faith in God.

The question, then, is "How can we so relate ourselves to God in the ordinary stream of life that when the time of trouble comes we can be sure of his sustaining grace?"

The best answer I know is a basic recognition of our everyday, all-the-time, dependence upon God, such as we see in our Lord Jesus Christ. "Have faith in God" said Jesus, and by this he simply means to awake to our dependence on God now, this very moment. We are just as dependent on Him for the next breath as we are in the moment of extreme crisis. God is just as near when we walk down the street, eat our dinner as when we kneel in prayer. It was St. Paul who reminds us of the grace of God which surrounds us when he said in effect "God is not far from any one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being."

If we desire a faith that will sustain us when the storms of life come the only sensible thing to do is to begin now. "Now is the day of salvation" is the message of the New Testament. Begin now to find one's self within the

framework of His will in daily living. Begin now to pray and to worship in order to focus our attention on God alone. And this, we will discover, that regardless of our mood, we will sense our dependence upon Him and we can reach through to Him because He has reached through to us first in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Contact with God in our world of everyday when "life is happening to us" means that our inner spirit can be renewed by His Presence. Then "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name."



Build A Devotional

"The Amazed and the Mockers"

"Everyone was utterly amazed and did not know what to make of it. Indeed they kept saying to each other, 'What on earth can this mean? But there were others who laughed mockingly and said, 'These fellows have drunk too much new wine!' —Men and fellow Jews, what shall we do now? Peter told them 'You must repent . . .'" Acts 2:12, 13 & 37

There were two reactions on the Day of Pentecost. There were those who were utterly amazed at what was happening, and then there were those who mockingly said, "These fellows have drunk too much new wine!" Now don't you suppose that there was also a third reaction, or rather lack of one that of total indifference, complete preoccupation which ignored the tremendous event? This third group would go their own way muttering that the whole lot were fanatics. There is no defense for the mockers, but you can't help feeling kinder toward them than to the indifferent.

It must be admitted that there have been many times when the mockers have touched a "sore spot" in the life of the Church. They have lifted the

difference between our profession and our practice and we have not been too comfortable looking at the pictures. Their mocking has often been a spur urging us on to make our gospel contemporary to every human need. Their mocking has shamed our cowardice and caused us to take the shield of faith and bear witness.

The point of view of these two groups is a challenge. Both stand in the midst of a great event and saw entirely different things. It must be the sensitiveness which a person has in a given situation which makes the difference. Two persons witness a conversion experience, one is amazed at God's grace while the other has a mocking remark. Two persons look at the church, one mocks its fancied weakness while the other is amazed at its greatness.

An interesting fact about the amazed is that they are not content with just being amazed. They must seek a fulfillment in their lives. They are constantly asking, "What can we do?" The answer comes and there is more amazement in the answer that challenges us onward making each discovery an adventure that points to new heights. The amazed are never static; they are always moving forward to new adventures in Christ.

R. B.

—Aunt Feather

Let The Children Come

We have been thinking about the Books of the Bible for the last few weeks. Let us now turn to a group of them which are called the "Epistles" or letters. About fourteen of these—from Romans to Hebrews are thought to have been written by Paul. You have read in your Church School lessons about Saul of Tarsus who persecuted the new Christians in the days following the life of Jesus. He changed into one of the most serious followers of Jesus. A wonderful experience he had made him know that Jesus was truly the great Christ and that he must follow Him. He then was called "Paul" or even now Saint Paul.

Some of these letters were written to the new churches which had just been organized. Turn in your Bibles to I Corinthians 12 and read parts of this chapter. Paul says in the eighth verse that people are given different gifts with which to serve in the church. Some are given wisdom; some are given special knowledge; and some are given special faith. Then he names others in the following verses and concludes that although we may all be different, yet we are all members of the same church and should use our talents for the good of the group.

Paul tells the young church in Galatia to be very careful about listening to all sorts of teachers that come along. Read Galatians 1:9-16. This entire chapter tells of Paul's own experiences with religion since his birth. He, then, tells the members of the church how they should act if they would be good Christians. Read the entire sixth chapter. It is one of the "Patterns" for good living that we find in the New Testament.

He tells these new Christians what they must fill their minds with if they are to remain loyal to Jesus. Read the fourth chapter of Philippians, especially verses 4:13.

We will think again next week about these letters which Paul wrote. During this week choose at least five of these verses which you have found and learn to say them aloud.

Poem For The Week

TALK NOT OF STRENGTH

Talk not of strength, till your heart has known
And fought with weakness through long hours alone.

Talk not of virtue, till your conquering soul
Has met temptation and gained full control.

Boast not of garments, all unscorched by sin,
Till you have passed unscathed through fires within.

Author Unknown
from Poems That Touch The Heart





THE RUSTON DISTRICT Lay Speakers Workshop was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Jan. 14 and 15. Leadership for the workshop was furnished by the three men in the picture on the left who are: the Rev. Luman E.



Douglas, Dist. Supt.; Dr. Paul Pennington, Dist. Director of Lay Speaking; and Herman Bass, Dist. Lay Leader. In the picture on the right are some of the 50 men who attended the two-day sessions.



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE at a recent Baton Rouge Sub-District meeting First Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, are shown here.



OFFICERS AND COUNSELORS of the Baton Rouge Sub-District: from left front row, Jackie Lucas, Tony Guagliardo, the Rev. C.J.T. Cotton; second row, Pat Eberhart, Bill Eberhart, Merlyn Wells; third row, Orien Perrin, Jimmy Mayfield, the Rev. Eldred Blakely, Roy Barlow, Wayne Wells, Paul Cooper.

Baton Rouge Sub-District MYF Meets

The Baton Rouge Sub-District MYF met recently at First Methodist Church, Ponchatoula. The opening worship was led by Jackie Lucas of Ponchatoula. Jimmy Mayfield, Ponchatoula MYF president, introduced the speaker, Lt. Col. Roy Barlow (USAF, Ret.) who talked of his personal observation of missions around the world.

Col. Barlow emphasized the Methodist-supported orphanage in Manila, Philippine Islands. He has traveled all over the United States and in 26 foreign countries.

After the program a brief business session was conducted by Sub-District President Tony Guagliardo of Lee's Landing Methodist Church. The meeting was attended by 88 young people,

who climaxed the day with a friendship circle and repeated the MYF benediction.

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CITY IS CRUCIAL FRONTIER

The fate of American civilization may not be decided in Cuba or Berlin, or even in outer space, but in the "concrete jungles" of America's cities, the top home missions leader of The Methodist Church asserted in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 15.

The city is perhaps the most crucial of several modern frontiers for the church in the U. S., said Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, general secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions.

Insurance Program Information

To the members of the Louisiana Conference who participate in our insurance program. Brother St. Amant has come up with a good idea — he suggests that we send information to the Louisiana Methodist explaining the amount of premium of hospitalization that can be deducted from income tax.

I am giving an example below, and you may use it as a guide and figure your income tax deduction accordingly:

Premium for one dependent with \$2000 life	\$181.80
Less, \$2000 x \$13 — \$26.00	26.00
If your church pays 1/2, the amount you can use for deduction is 1/2	\$ 77.90

In other words, a minister can use \$13 per thousand of life insurance times the amount of his Life Ins. and deduct this from his premium and then he has net hospitalization.

ARE PREMIUMS PAID FOR PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE AS A MEDICAL EXPENSE?

Premiums (or that portion of premiums) paid to reimbursement for medical, surgical and hospitalization expense of taxpayer, his spouse and dependents may be included as a medical expense in computing the medical expense deduction. The Internal Revenue Service takes the position that premiums (or that portion of premiums) paid to provide benefits for: (1) accidental loss of life; (2) loss of eyes or limbs; (3) income replacement, are not deductible as a medical expense. As a general rule, a medical expense deduction is allowed only to the extent that unreimbursed medical expenses exceed 3% of taxpayer's adjusted gross income. However, the 3% limitation does not apply to the medical expenses of taxpayer's 65-year-old dependent parent, nor to the expenses of taxpayer and spouse if either is 65.

R. M. Bentley

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TWENTY MEMBERS of the Sunshine Class of the First Methodist Church of Pineville, shown here, turned out for their New Year's party at the home of their teacher, Mrs. E.T. Cowell. An honorary guest at the party was the adopted member of the class, Helen Fellers of Central Louisiana Hospital.

A Prayer

O THOU ETERNAL SPIRIT on the threshold of a New Year, and on this Student Recognition Day, we stand before Thee with thankful and expectant hearts and minds. We are grateful for all who have gone before us; for Jesus Christ and His example; for our various heritages; for each, and all of our parents; and for all of those who have, in any measure, contributed to that which has made for keen minds and noble purposes through the ages. We thank Thee for each new beginning; for Thy gift of new life, with each spring that follows the sleep of winter. We thank Thee for Thy offer, and promise, of forgiveness to all those of humble and contrite heart. We particularly thank Thee for opportunities given freely to all men everywhere. May we ever be mindful of our Master's example and His teachings of the worth of every person. Cleanse us from all prejudices, and guide us, that each individual may, without offending, or forcing himself on another, rise to the very height of individual talents and abilities, thereby take a genuine pride in his own heritage, developing leadership among his own peoples. Forgive us, we pray, for misunderstanding and confusing Thy purposes; for putting questionable intent, selfish elevation, and pride, above honest objectives, and the welfare of the whole world; for causing chaos, and setting brother against brother. Create within us, O God, a clean heart, and noble spirit, and help us to be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, both as individuals, and as a Nation. We ask all this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say, "Our Father"

THIS PRAYER was given at the morning worship service of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Dec. 30, 1962, on Student Recognition Sunday, by Alva John Groth II, a page in the House of Representatives, 2nd session, 87th Congress, and presently a cadet at the Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tenn., who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva John Groth.

VILLE PLATTE, MYF REVIEWS YEAR'S WORK

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Ville Platte had activities this fall and are starting the new year with a project.

On October 28, MYF Sunday, our group gave a special worship service for the church. Then on Halloween we ran for UNICEF. Later that night we had a short party.

As a Thanksgiving treat the MYF had a skating party at Chicot. A group of 16 members and guests and 3 adults attended and had a wonderful time.

The regular Watch Night Service was held on Dec. 31. The Baptist Youth of the town was invited. A total of 23 youth and 3 adults attended. The activity began with a movie at a local theatre. After we returned to the church, we played games and had refreshments. At 11:00 p.m. a special worship service entitled, "The Light of Life" was given by candlelight.

Now the MYF has chosen for a project to paint the Sunday School rooms of the church.

—Gerry Curole
Reporter

ZACHARY CHOIR PRESENTS CANTATA AT CHURCH

The Zachary Methodist Choir presented the Christmas cantata "A Star in the Sky" on Dec. 16 in the church sanctuary. Included in the choir membership are several family groups: Mrs. J. S. Montegredo and son, Sidney; Mrs. J. F. Devall and daughter, Mrs. O. N. Williamson; Mrs. Eunice Wick-er and her daughters, Mrs. William Spangler and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, her son-in-law, Robert Mitchell, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Wick-er; and Mrs. F. M. Lovett and her granddaughter, Miss Rita Mae Henderson.

These persons and others concluded this worship service with the "Hallelu-jah Chorus" and after the recessional sang "Silent Night" from the foyer of the candle-lit church.

The choir and their families were entertained afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor V. Browning where they listened to a tape recording of their worship service. The choir director is Mrs. Browning. Mrs. B. Ford Pope is organist and James S. Jones is the minister.



OATHER ROGERS, secretary, presents the 20-year certificate to charter members Ralph Riddle and Otis Spinks, representing Cotton Valley Methodist Men who were recognized for the continuous registration. The club received its charter Dec. 2, 1943, while Mr. Riddle was president.

Church Music Institute Set For February 21-22

A Church Music Institute, sponsored by the Louisiana Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, will be held at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22. The Institute is for church organists, choir directors, church pianists, church school pianists and song leaders, music committee members and choir members.

The Institute will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday and close at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Registration will be on Friday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Speakers will include Dr. Cecil Lapo, formerly Minister of Music at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, and now executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, and Director of the Ministry of Music, General Board of Education. Dr. Lapo is a composer in his own right, and was one of the most successful Minis-

ters of Music in The Methodist Church, and since joining the General Board has given outstanding leadership to the Ministry of Music. His subjects will include "Philosophy and Administration of Church Music," "Choral Repertory," "The New Hymnal" and "What's New In NA Fomm."

There will be a session in children choirs under Franklin Poole, Minister of Music, First Methodist Church, Alexandria. These sessions will include a lab session, using one of Mr. Poole's outstanding children's choirs.

Organists and pianists will attend a session under Richard D. Waggoner, Minister of Music, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans. He is Chairman of the Louisiana Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Registration should be sent to Mr. Poole on the below blank.

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THE REV. FRANKLIN POOLE - 1st METH. CHURCH
ALEXANDRIA, LA. BEFORE FEB. 15

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Room reservations for 1 night at Bentley Hotel, Alexandria (these are the rates given our conference, but, of course, there are other Motels or Hotels in the area, or other arrangements may be made.) Clip out and send this to the Bentley Hotel, Alexandria

For the Methodist Music Workshop, Feb. 22

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METHODIST BISHOP James K. Mathews of Boston, right, is shown commenting on trends in the ecumenical movement before television cameras in Boston. Bishop Mathews and Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, left, participated in an hour-long program devoted to: "Christian Unity -- Dream, Plot or Possibility?" Moderator was Dr. Samuel H. Miller, dean of Harvard's School of Divinity, shown at center. Bishop Mathews is president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

Sunday School Has Changed From What It Used To Be

Sunday School "ain't what it used to be" in American Protestantism. Originally it was largely a matter of rote learning of Biblical dates and facts, teachers "told pupils what to believe and to think, and Sunday School quarterlies were dry and poorly illustrated. Pupils sat in church pews for lectures, and there was little activity beyond the annual Sunday school picnic and an occasional class "social."

This is not to discredit the teaching our forefathers did through the Sunday school. They were devoted Christians, they used the best tools they had, and they achieved worthwhile results for their day. Sunday school teaching of the past, in the main, followed the best procedures and methods that were known.

But there are many changes from those days. First might be mentioned the change from a single class session on Sunday (a Sunday School to a concept of a church school that includes (1) a Sunday morning session, (2) Sunday evening sessions, primarily for youth, but increasingly for adults and children, (3) additional meetings during the week for study, fellowship, recreation, service, and (4) regular features such as vacation church schools.

A new emphasis has come on teaching—learning as a process in which pupil and teacher together explore new areas of thinking, feeling, and understanding. This involves learning the Bible — and much more. It involves the creation of a relationship of trust and loyalty toward God through Jesus Christ; a concern for

respect toward and fairness for all other persons; a commitment to spreading the Christian gospel to all lands of the world; and a desire that crippling and oppressive conditions in society to removed so that very person shall have, as nearly as possible, a fair chance to develop in the ways that God intends.

Such a concept calls for good equipment—adequate room, proper furniture, chalk and display boards, maps, pictures, recordings, and projected pictures.

There may have been a few recent years when some teachers taught little more than "the birds and the bees" and a few scattered Bible verses. But today there is a new emphasis on the basic Christian message, revealed in its earliest historical setting in the New Testament. This involves also a new stress on theological teaching — which seeks to guide young and old in the

understanding about God and man and their relationships to which Christians have come during these twenty centuries.

The curriculum materials of the church school are planned and produced today in such denominations as The Methodist Church by highly skilled and trained Christian educators. Among the Methodist editors are persons with graduate degrees in Bible, theology, church history, educational psychology, and journalism at such institutions as Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, Yale University, Boston University, New York University, Vanderbilt University, Duke University, Drew University, and Southern Methodist University.

These curriculum materials are written by persons trained in Bible, theology, educational psychology, and teaching methods.

The materials are carefully edited, and much attention is given to typography, layout, art work, the use of color, and so forth. Many of these materials compare favorably in every way with materials used in public schools, and few of them are lacking in eye appeal and in exciting educational opportunities. There is a great deal of creative teaching being done, especially with children and youth but also in many cases with adults. This involves the use not only of printed materials as mentioned above but also of pictures, records, filmstrips, maps, charts, drama, stories, role playing.

For many years church school teachers have based their teaching on the

understanding of child and youth behavior and learning that have been formulated by such students as Gesell. But teaching in the church school is no parallel or duplication of public school teaching. True, there is attention to such areas as the choice of vocations, the choice of recreational activities, our use of the resources of the world about us, the development of friendships, and the choice of a mate. But every such consideration is made on the basis of what the Christian Faith calls on us to think, feel, do in these areas. No topic or area has any concern to Christian teachers except from the standpoint of the bearing of the Christian gospel on that topic or area.

Furthermore, there is a renewed emphasis on the importance of Biblical and theological foundations for the curriculum of the church school. The Methodist Curriculum Committee, for example, has recently adopted a new "policy" statement called Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches that illustrates this renewed emphasis. It is being used widely across the church as Methodists seek to understand church school curriculum foundations.

But more important than method, and more important than intellectual concepts and dates and facts, Christian teaching — learning seeks to develop a relationship of love and trust between pupil and teacher which sets the stage for a similar relationship between the pupil and God. As the early Christians discovered, "one loving heart sets another on fire."

The Missionary Role of the Christian Layman Abroad

by Paul Löffler

(Editor's Note: A question of increasing importance in the world missionary program of the Methodist Church, as well as most other churches, is the place of the Christian layman who goes overseas to work. Several Methodist agencies are studying the matter of "Christian Overseamanship" and seeking to develop ways in which laymen can give an adequate witness to their Christian faith in an overseas country and a different culture. The author of this article is a young German clergyman, who has been giving all his time to a study of "The Non-Professional Missionary." He is on the staff of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches. This article originally appeared in the "World Mission Newsletter" of the Division.)

International gatherings are sometimes accused of generating little (or no) creative thinking. This is certainly not true with regard to the Willingen Meeting of the International Missionary Council in 1952. It was there that a representative ecumenical body drew attention for the first time to a vast new opportunity and an important new dimension in world mission. Now a decade later the issue is still alive but considerably more urgent.

The vast, new opportunity is indicated by the estimate of Life magazine that about 2,000,000 Americans were working and living abroad at the turn of 1957/1958. Other countries, for instance in Europe, contribute in

the same way to this flow of people from the West to Asia, Africa and Latin America. But this is by no means a one-way traffic. A similar stream of students and experts looking for advanced education and specialized training

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In Memoriam



Bill Ainley

Bill Ainley, 56, died of a heart attack, January 8th, at his home in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a Methodist.

He leaves his widow, Nona; two sons, Billy, of Dallas, Texas, and Ray Dean, of St. Louis, Missouri. One sister, Mrs. M. A. Cherry, (the widow of the late Rev. Marvin Cherry) of Paragould, Arkansas.

Funeral service was held in Pocahontas with the Rev. Leston Johnston, of Festis, Missouri in charge. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery, Paragould, Arkansas.

—J. W. Moore



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MISSION ROLE

ing, of laborers looking for work, is flowing in the opposite direction.

Altogether we are witnessing a formidable movement of people crisscrossing the world which it is difficult to describe in words other than "unparalleled" and "new," though one hesitates to use these terms any more. But never before have such a great number and variety of people—ranging from scientists to unskilled workers, from students to technicians, from teachers to doctors—had the opportunity of working and living in countries overseas and of meeting people of other cultural and religious backgrounds as freely as it is possible now.

There must be thousands of Christians among these moving millions. Granted even that a considerable number of those calling themselves Christians have in fact only loose contact with their churches and a somewhat broken relationship to their faith, there must be still enough committed, loyal Christian laymen among them to ask the serious question: have we used in world mission this vast new potential which God has given to us?

At the same time that doors seem to be closing to organized mission work in some countries and the freedom of movement for missionary societies is severely restricted in others, an important new dimension is opening up in world mission which de-

mands an entirely new type of missionary activity. With the base of mission being world-wide, the emphasis changes from geographical expansion to penetration in depth, bringing the Gospel to every group of people to whom it is unknown or has become irrelevant.

Such new mission fields are now emerging at a breath-taking speed in all four corners of the world. In an essentially rural area in the northeast of India, for instance, three of the most modern steel plants in the world are built. People from all parts of the country and from abroad, people of all shades, castes and faiths, are drawn together there. These people have, however, one thing in common: they are uprooted from their familiar way of life, their habits and customs, from their traditional social and religious background. And they are all exposed to a new bewildering world, to the impact of industry which comes from the post-Christian or atheistic West. And there are more than half a dozen industrial projects of this kind in India alone, not to speak of other Asian countries.

Now here is obviously an important missionary task among people "in crisis," searching for a new meaning in life—among people living in a world to which the Gospel has not yet been made relevant; among people in a situation into which Christ's visible presence has not yet been translated.

In Africa rapid industrialization and urbanization has a similar effect on people. Simultaneously Africa is swept by a drive for education which is likely to influence not only the whole outlook of people but also their basic beliefs. Again this situation offers a tremendous challenge to communicate the meaning of salvation in Christ in new terms to men and women who are prepared to listen in a fresh way. Or turning to the West, have we really penetrated our own country's industry and science with the Christian

message, so that we could claim to have fulfilled Christ's command to go to all people?

All these new wider tasks in world mission have one characteristic in common: they put laymen in the key position. None of these challenges can be met without the help of laymen who go right into the situation.

This does not mean the end of the ministry of "professional" missionaries. On the contrary, they will be needed in increasing numbers to follow up the obviously limited work of laymen.

But the spearhead of Christian missionary presence at all these frontiers is the layman. Only a Christian scientist or technician can relate his faith to a scientific and technological world. Only a Christian in a secular job who lives in the situation itself can reach people where they are, identifying himself with their lives.

First steps to help Christian laymen going abroad to contribute to this important task have been taken already. The Institute of Overseas Churchmanship and the Layman International scheme are, for instance, two of the more prominent North American endeavors to prepare Christians for an effective witness abroad. But much more needs to be done (quite apart from strengthening and extending existing work).

In particular, (a) more laymen must be challenged to regard going abroad into one of the frontier situations as their missionary calling; (b) laymen must receive more substantial training to be prepared for missionary leadership (obviously including Bible study) and to be equipped for an understanding of the complex situation in order to communicate effectively their faith to people of a different background; (c) laymen abroad need fellowship and association with each other and with Christians in the receive-

ing country on an international inter-denominational basis.

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Ministers' Week

New Orleans, Louisiana
February 9, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I have just returned from attending Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The program this year was most informative and inspiring. We had a good representation from Louisiana. The annual dinner with our students and their wives from Louisiana have twenty-two enrolled in Perkins this year and Dr. Douglas Jackson reported that not one of these is in difficulty concerning his academic work.

On Wednesday evening our Perkins students from this Conference entertained the Louisiana people at a reception in Kirby Hall. We had a most enjoyable evening. Six of these young men will complete their work this year and several of these will be present at the meeting of the Annual Conference to receive an appointment. We look forward to service and fellowship with these, as well as with those who are finishing their work at other schools.

I do not believe that I have told you about my visit to the Blackwater Church in the Baton Rouge District, on Sunday, January 27. I participated in a very beautiful service of dedication of the new educational building on that day. The minister at Blackwater is the Reverend Angus Lee Carruth. This congregation has done an outstanding piece of work with the building program at Blackwater. Construction of a new sanctuary was begun in October, 1950, when the Reverend Roy E. Mouser was pastor. The first service was held in the new building on September 2, 1951. The sanctuary was dedicated in 1954.

The new educational building was completed in 1957, during the pastorate of the Reverend A. G. Taylor. The value of this building which was dedicated on January 27 is estimated at over \$100,000. The building committee is composed of V. R. Watts, J. C. Devail, Bon Dickey, Gerald Sides, Henry Bliss, and Harold Hogan. Plans are made to begin the construction of a new parsonage at Blackwater this month.

Following the service of dedication a delicious meal was served to several hundred persons in the dining room of the church. The membership at Blackwater is 480. The congregation carries both a National and World Advance Special. An annual contribution is made to the support of the Cadys in Brazil and for the Alaska Methodist University. Congratulations to Brother Carruth and his fine people at Blackwater.

Sincerely,

Aubrey B. Walton

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THESE FIFTEEN Louisiana students at Perkins School of Theology are shown at the dinner given in their honor during Ministers' Week.

Louisiana Chaplain Receives Medal

Chaplain (Captain) Lucien E. Larche, Jr., a native of Bastrop, La., recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal at Otis Air Force Base, Mass. for meritorious service.

Chaplain Larche distinguished himself as assistant base chaplain in Germany from August 1959 through August 1962.

The citation that accompanied the medal cited the officer for his outstanding professional ability and conscientious application to detail which have enhanced the chaplain's mission to the Air Force.

His enthusiastic support of men's activities and the base athletic program, together with his participation in all phases of religious work, reflects great credit on himself and the United States Air Force, the citation stated.

A Methodist minister, he came on active duty with the Air Force in June of 1956. Chaplain Larche graduated from Bastrop High School, Centenary College in Shreveport, La., and Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

The son of Mrs. L. E. Larche of Bastrop and the late Dr. L. E. Larche, he resides in Otis base housing with his wife, the former Marce Barber of Bastrop, and daughters Suzette, 9, Shannon Dare, 7, and Deidra Rose, 6.

He is a member of the Louisiana Methodist Conference.

Ark.-La. Methodist Commission Meets

The annual meeting of the Joint Commission for the Arkansas and Louisiana Methodists will be held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Friday, February 22, at 12 o'clock noon.

The commission is made up of lay and clerical members from the three Annual Conferences that constitute the Arkansas and the Louisiana Areas. For fifteen years they have administered the publication of the two papers which serve the Methodists of the two states.



AT LUNCH TIME following recent Quarterly Conference at New Iberia (l. to r.): Back row, the Rev. Geo Cunningham, associate pastor; Bishop Walton; the Rev. Jerome Cain, district superintendent; the Rev. Luther Booth, pastor; James Gray, vice-chairman of the official Board; Mrs. Gray; Front row: Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Cain, and Mrs. David Phillips, WSCS president.

Centenary College Names Leaders For 'Great Teachers Fund' Drive

Armand E. Daigle and G. M. "Jake" Anderson, well-known Shreveport businessmen, will serve as co-chairmen of Centenary College's Great Teachers Fund campaign for 1963. The appointments were announced Saturday by Edwin F. Whited, Chairman of the Development Committee of the Centenary Board of Trustees.

The purposes of the Great Teachers Fund, Whited explained, are to help

bridge the gap between tuition revenues and the cost of education, and to place Centenary in a competitive position in maintaining a top-caliber faculty.

"Although there has been considerable improvement in recent years," Whited said, "Centenary's salary scale is still well short of the national average and doesn't compare too favorably with that of the state college system. That is one of several reasons why our tuition revenues take care of less than half our costs.

"We must make up this deficit somehow, and the Great Teachers Fund is an immediate answer."

Whited explained that the goal of this year's campaign is \$135,000, none of which is to be earmarked for capital outlay such as new construction.

Daigle is president of the Lee National Life Insurance Co. of Shreveport and former president of the Couch Motor Lines. A native of Thibodaux, he graduated from Loyola University and Loyola Law School.

He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, the Shreveport Country Club and the Shreveport Club. He and Mrs. Daigle, make their home at 848 Robinson Place, have five children: Armand, Jr., 25; Jim, 23; Judy, 20; Donald, 14; and Tom, 12.

Communications Sunday

MANY SECTIONS of the Church will be observing next Sunday as "Communications Sunday," and as they do a number of people will probably raise the question, "Why do we keep such an observance as this?"

The answer lies in the tremendous debt we all owe to the mass communications media in our communities. Not only are we indebted to them because of the great contribution they have made in keeping open the channels of information and education which have meant so much to us all, but we of the church should recognize the great amount of service that our cause receives from the newspapers, radio and television.

The people who own and operate these facilities are constantly showing their willingness to help us tell our story and to give publicity to all of the activities of our busy program of religion. So often what they do is taken for granted and when this is done there can only be a lessened appreciation for the church and its message.

"Communications Sunday" is simply an occasion on which we should all be reminded to do something of which we really should not have to be reminded—to say "Thank you" to these friends of ours in our communities. Someone who sees this whole relationship through an objective eye has observed that the only time most church people call on an editor is when they come to castigate him for something with which they disagree. This ought not be true. Sometime during the next few days let's make the effort to express appreciation for the gifts of time and space that are continually being made to our churches by the very fine people who operate this industry in our midst.

Unwillingly To Aldersgate

AT A RECENT spiritual life quest for ministers one of the speakers, referring to the great religious experience of John Wesley, said that one of the things that many of us have in common with our founder is that we go "unwillingly to Aldersgate." This speaker was being a bit facetious, and yet as we come to the climax of the Aldersgate year we can

SURPASSES ALL ELSE

"AND NOW ABIDETH
FAITH, HOPE, LOVE,
THESE THREE; BUT
THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

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~ 1 COR. 13:13

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be sure that some will have misgivings as to the possibility, or with some even the desirability, of moving along the same spiritual trail Wesley followed.

Even though Wesley had been engaged in a years-long quest for an inner power that he knew was lacking, he confessed that the steps which led him toward this great moment were reluctant ones. We should profit from his experience and move with expectancy into the witnessing revivals that are now just ahead of us. Let us keep in our minds the great numbers of people who are living empty lives today and pray that new power will come to them and to us all in these weeks.

Certainly we cannot predict just what combination of circumstances can give spiritual assurance to those that need it. We cannot guarantee that the message of this minister, or the reading of this book, or the observance of this anniversary can work God's wonders in the lives of any we know. As a matter of fact Wesley had walked so many roads that might have been expected to bring these things to pass, and had seemed to only aggravate his sense of emptiness. Yet it is entirely possible that each formed an important link in the reaction that did set him free.

Finally, overcoming his unwillingness he did go to the room in Aldersgate Street, and letting himself go, there came their wondrous gift of assurance, which we all need so desperately. If you go unwillingly toward Aldersgate, then go anyway, and in your surrender there may come the greatest experience of all your life.

Appreciation For Lesson Writers

ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO we asked Dr. James W. Workman to "pinch hit" as the Sunday School lesson writer when Dr. E. T. Wayland came to us and asked to be relieved of this responsibility for a time because of trouble he was having with his eyes. Now Dr. Wayland has found that he is able to return to this task and we want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Workman for the job he has done so well. All through this period both Dr. Workman and your editor have urged Dr. Wayland to take up his writing again when he felt that he could and we welcome him enthusiastically to the METHODIST staff again. Dr. Workman has proved himself and has indicated his willingness to stand by for any future occasion when we might need him. Dr. Wayland's first lesson for March will appear in next week's issue.

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AGAIN THANK YOU

We had not intended to use this column again to analyze our Circulation Campaign because we had a feeling that many of you might be growing weary of this subject. And yet we do know of your interest and we feel confident that you share our enthusiasm or you would not have helped us achieve the success that we have.

Last Saturday as we added up to figures for the fourth week of our report, we discovered that we are now about 1600 subscriptions ahead of Report No. 4 a year ago, and also several hundred ahead of our record year 1961. As a matter of fact, the number of subscriptions we are reporting in this issue, 37,493, is several hundred more than we had when the campaign was over last year and about 200 more than the final figure for our record year of 1961.

Monticello and Jonesboro Districts have moved into the 100% category since our last report and we want to congratulate them for this achievement. Alexandria and Lafayette Districts in Louisiana and Paragould District in Arkansas are well over the 90% mark and could move with a few late reports nearer to the 100% challenge.

In achieving this victory we have received something over 8,000 new subscribers. The staff is now busily engaged in processing these new names. We cannot guarantee when every new subscriber will start getting his paper but this will be done just as fast as is humanly possible. We have instituted a more careful system of checking during this operation which we think will enable us to finish the task sooner than in previous years and which we are positive will eliminate some errors that have plagued us and you in former years. Barring something we cannot now foresee we think this whole operation can be completed shortly after the first of March. It just takes time to cut and file 8,000 new addressograph plates.

There is some justification in fact for the widespread belief that God raises up great men in time of critical need



Sid Katz



B. M. Smith



Walter Huenefeld

Three Named To Methodist Hall of Fame

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 13 — Three men were honored here tonight by being named to membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy.

Those honored were:

Walter E. Huenefeld, a Cincinnati industrialist.

Sid Katz, a San Antonio, Tex., businessman and civic worker.

Benjamin Matthew Smith, a real estate executive from Arlington, Va.

Bishop Fred G. Holloway of Charleston, W. Va., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, presented the citations at a banquet in the Roof Garden of Cincinnati's Sheraton-Gibson hotel.

The occasion was part of the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, an organization representing more than 250 institutions of The Methodist Church.

The Hall of Fame in Philanthropy was established in 1949 as a method by which the Board of Hospitals and Homes might honor outstanding contributors of time, service and money to Methodist health and welfare institutions. It is not required that honorees be members of The Methodist Church. They are chosen on the basis of their contributions to Methodist institutions regardless of the person's religious affiliation.

Methodist Briefs--

NAMED TO NCC GENERAL BOARD

Forty Methodists who will represent The Methodist Church on the General Board of the National Council of Churches during the 1963-66 triennium have been announced.

The new members will take office at the conclusion of the Sixth Assembly which meets in Philadelphia, Dec. 1-7.

The Methodist list, chosen by the Council of Bishops, was announced by the council secretary, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.

The General Board of NCC numbers about 160, twenty of whom are the mathematical share of The Methodist Church. However, several denominations, of which The Methodist Church is one, take advantage of a provision that permits the appointment of a double number of members, each person possessing one-half a vote.

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GOOD GAINS REPORTED

Two-thirds of the way through the current fiscal year, Methodists were showing good gains in all but one of the general benevolence and administrative funds, it was reported Feb. 5.

In an eight-month summary, the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Evanston, Ill., general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, reported on 11 general funds. World Service was 3.02% ahead of where it stood at this time a year ago, with \$8,

130,333.62 already received toward the annual goal of \$15,000,000. Gains in other funds ranged from 2.65% for the General Administration Fund to 113.56% for World Service Specials. The TV-Radio Ministry Fund was the only column showing a drop—3.48%.

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STEPS TOWARD INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Two Methodist organizations which are working to bring about "a more inclusive church" had a joint meeting recently, and "a consensus was reached that a plan of progress is in the making," and it was felt that "the movement is in the right direction."

The two groups that met in Philadelphia were the executive committee of the Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations and the Committee of Five of the Central Jurisdiction.

The executive committee made several recommendations, which have since been approved by the commission, with 28 of the 36 members present. Actions of the executive committee were announced by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, Ga. commission secretary.

He said the committee decided to request bishops to establish, in accordance with General Conference legislation, special committees "to cooperate concerning the preparation for transfer of" Methodist areas, conferences and churches of the Central Jurisdiction into regional jurisdictions and confer-

ences. Other recommendations call for joint committees in specific regions, representing both the geographical jurisdictions and the Central Jurisdictional Conferences, to work on details of the transfer of Negro conferences into the geographical jurisdictions.

Charles C. Parlin, New York, chairman of the Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations, presided at the Philadelphia meeting. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Committee of Five.

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Methodist Briefs

Bishop Arthur J. Moore (retired) has been appointed by Bishop John Owen Smith to serve as interim pastor of Saint Mark Church, Atlanta, Ga., until the next session of the North Georgia Conference. At that time, Bishop Moore will resume his series of evangelistic crusades in which he has been busily engaged since his retirement in 1960.

Two Methodist clergymen — the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley of Christ Church, New York, and the Rev. Dr. Murray H. Leiffler, professor in Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., were interviewed on the Christian ministry on CBS-TV program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," on Feb. 3.

The Rev. Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Nashville, Tenn., retired Jan. 31 as associate director of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Board of Education. The Rev. Robert A. Davis, who joined the staff a few months ago, will take over some of the responsibilities that have been handled by Dr. Brown. Other staff members will assume his other duties.

BOARD SPEAKS OUT

Doubt that devotion and sectarian instruction in compulsory-attendance public schools can be "religiously constructive" was expressed Feb. 1 by the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C.

The board's annual meeting unanimously adopted a resolution, after lengthy debate, pointing to its belief that "corporate worship is the most distinctive function of the church and synagogue" and that "celebrations of religious ceremonies in the public school often tend to limit the true meaning of these observances."

In other resolutions, the board

—urged Methodists to continue efforts to strengthen and improve public schools;

—declared that fallout shelter programs will not prevent a nuclear disaster and "this type of progress lulls an unsuspecting public into a false sense of security;"

—commended the President's action during the October Cuba crisis;

—urged seeking methods of "working out our relationships to Cuba and other Communist regimes without resorting to military action;"

—favored proper federal, state and local programs to care for the medical needs of the aged and the poor without requiring a means test.

In a letter to President Kennedy, the board urged U. S. initiative in steps aimed at world peace, including destruction of chemical and bacteriological weapons and turning facilities for their production to medical research; repeal of the Connally Amendment limiting U. S. participation in the International Court of Justice; prohibition of the military use of outer space.



Miss Boitman

MISS METHODIST STUDENT NURSE—Miss Diane Boitman of Clinton, Iowa, has been named "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" for 1963. She fled from Latvia as a child when her family escaped from the terrors of Communism. Later, after living in displaced persons camps in Germany, the family moved to the United States. She is now a senior in the School of Nursing at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

As winner in the nation-wide contest, Miss Boitman will be guest of honor at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 12-14.

New Orleans' Rayne Installs New Organ

Sunday, February 10, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church at 3900 St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, observed an event which the congregation has been eagerly awaiting. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, resident Bishop of the Louisiana Area of the Methodist Church, officiated at the consecration of their new 48-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, with the Reverend Benedict A. Galloway, senior minister, and the Reverend Walter L. Baker, associate minister, at Rayne. The instrument was heard for the first time by the congregation as played by Richard D. Waggoner, Minister of Music at Rayne.

For Organ Chairman Pendleton E. Lehde the event will mark the realization of a five-year dream, for it was in 1958 that the organ committee was formed at Rayne, and Mr. Lehde has guided the project to its completion.

For two years, the committee did research in the type of instrument that would fill the needs of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, with Mr. Lehde traveling thousands of miles both here in the United States and in Europe to visit factories and hear organs. Finally, in April, 1960, this phase of the project was completed when the

contract was signed with the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company of Boston. Delivery of the instrument was made in November, 1962, and installation since that time has been done by Aeolian-Skinner's representatives, T. J. and J. C. Williams of New Orleans.

The instrument is the largest organ in the city of New Orleans, and the largest in any Methodist Church in Louisiana. Its delivery was made in two semi-trailer trucks. It contains three thousand pipes, playable on a three manual console.

This beautiful new instrument will be first heard in concert on March 26, when the dedication recital will be played by Everett Jay Hilty of the University of Colorado.

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Blackwater Church Dedicates New Educational Building January 27

The educational building of the Blackwater Methodist Church was dedicated at the morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 27, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton delivered the sermon and led in the service of dedication. Also participating in the service were the Rev. D. W. Poole, district superintendent, the Rev. A. G. Taylor, a former pastor, and the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth, pastor. Gerald W. Sides, lay leader, presented the building for dedication.

Following the dedication service, dinner was served in the fellowship hall. Mrs. J. W. Wunstel, W.S.C.S. secretary of Local Church Activities, led

in the planning, preparation and serving of this meal. Floral arrangements were by Mrs. H. M. Hogan.

The \$100,000.00 building was designed to accommodate approximately 400 persons. It has 9,208 square feet of floor space and 3,750 square feet of covered walks connection the three units of the educational building with the sanctuary. The building provides adequate classrooms, restroom facilities, fellowship hall with stage, offices, and a modern kitchen. Folding doors make it possible for the rooms to be used for dual purposes. Assembly rooms for all departments have been provided.



PARTICIPATING in the dedication ceremonies at Blackwater were these men, from left, Guy M. Denham, Official Board Chairman, the Rev. D. W. Poole, the Rev. A. G. Taylor, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, the Rev. A. L. Carruth, Gerald



The First Methodist Church, Kinder.

Kinder Methodist Church Members Hold Groundbreaking For Educational Building

On Sunday, Jan. 27, the First Methodist of Kinder broke ground for a new educational building. The new plant, with a floor space of 6,000 feet, will consist of eleven class rooms, a fellowship hall, church office, a kitchen, a utility room and three restrooms.

Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District conducted the service, assisted by the church pastor, the Rev. Rex Squyres.

Those who took part in the groundbreaking by turning a shovel of dirt were: Mrs. Myrtle King, a senior member of the church; J. I. Carter, Chair-

man of the Official Board; Charles McNair, Chairman of the Building Committee; E. H. Allen, Charge Lay Leader; Mrs. P. W. Leland, Church School Superintendent; Mrs. J. C. Morgan, president of the W.S.C.S.; C. W. Reynolds, church treasurer; Joe Cappel, president of the M.Y.F.; Mrs. J. T. Christian, Jr., board of trustees member; and Mrs. Rex Squyres.

Construction will begin immediately.

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FLORIDA SETS RECORD

The Florida Conference has again led the entire Methodist Church in annual membership gains.

Florida churches scored a net increase of 11,848 members for the 1961-62 conference year, according to Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill. The Florida gain included 10,464 first-time members received on profession of faith.

BISHOP COMMENDS POPE JOHN

"There is no doubt in my mind that the Pope is the No. 1 public relations man for the church in the world today," the president of the World Methodist Council said in Atlantic City, N. J.

Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, addressed the Board of Education's annual meeting Jan. 8-10.



W. Sides; and at the right are ladies who were guests of Mrs. Carruth. From left are Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Carruth.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR presented a concert on Jan. 26 at the Grammar School Auditorium in DeRidder, according to an announcement in the bulletin of First Methodist Church of that city.

MR. VORIS KING will be the guest speaker for the Ladies' Night Valentine Supper program of the Methodist Men of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Feb. 14. The pastor is the Rev. James L. Stovall.

MR. VAN B. DARBY, regional director of the Southern Area, American Leprosy Missions, presented a program at Luling and St. John Methodist Church, Sunday, Jan. 20. The pastor is the Rev. John L. Adams.

THE REV. DANNY WHIPPLE, Minister of Music at Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, has been chosen as a member of a quartette that will sing for the Evangelistic Campaign to be conducted by Billy Graham in Japan this spring.

HONG KONG WAS THE TOPIC of study for the adults at the Jan. 27 Family Fellowship at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Mrs. William Roberts was in charge of the program. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

"NONE WALKS HIS WAY ALONE", a half-hour film, was shown as the program of the fourth session of the study, "The Arm of Compassion," at First Methodist Church, Franklin. The pastor is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

MR. DAVID MAXWELL, professor of economics at Tulane University, was the guest speaker for the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, at their Feb. 4 meeting. The pastor is the Rev. E. J. Barksdale.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Bastrop, the Methodist Men's Club is sponsoring a coffee and fellowship period each Sunday following the evening worship. They report that the response has been encouraging. The pastor is the Rev. Robert L. Peyton.

GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS were given to five Boy Scouts of Troop 60 of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, on Scout Sunday, Feb. 10 at the evening service. They were: Bill Allbritten, Edwin Dunahoe, Rod Henry, Allen Posey and John Sandefur. The pastor is the Rev. George Pearce, Jr.

MR. PENDLETON LEHDE was the speaker for the Jan. 28 meeting of the Methodist Men at Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans. He discussed his travels in Africa, illustrating his talk with slides taken there. The pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, celebrated Ladies' Night, Jan 22 with 54 in attendance. Wayne Gilmore presided and B. A. Rose gave the devotional. A skit was presented by John Lee, B. A. Ross, Francis Kendall and the pastor, the Rev. Henry Blount.

RESOURCE PERSON for the third session of the School of Missions at Slidell Methodist Church, Jan. 17, was Mrs. Shige Yakayama, wife

of the Japanese consul in New Orleans. She was assisted by Mrs. Sato Kawasaki and Mrs. Jerry Graves. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is the pastor.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, and a former missionary to China, was the speaker in the final session on the University of Life study of "Rim of East Asia" at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday evening, Jan. 27. The pastor is Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

AT THE MOORINGSPOUT Methodist Church a completely remodeled kitchen with new cabinets, new vinyl tile floors and a new lighting system has been installed this year. A complete renovation of the sanctuary has also been completed with new tile ceiling and the walls refinished. The pastor is the Rev. E. Lee McKay.

THE METHODIST MEN of First Methodist Church, Oakdale, observed Ladies' Night, Jan 21. A large crowd enjoyed the message brought by Judge M. D. Miller of Jennings. Mr. R. A. Herich was in charge of the dinner and Mr. George Dixon, Jr. was program chairman. The Rev. Clark W. Bell is the pastor.

A RECENT ISSUE OF "Pulpit and Pew", parish paper of First Methodist Church, Minden, extended congratulations to Miss Dorothy Batton for having received the Good Citizen Award given by the Dorcheat Chapter of the D.A.R., and to Miss Carolyn Parker who was recently elected to the High School Hall of Fame. Their pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

THE 7TH, 8TH and 9th grade students of First Methodist Church, Monroe, have voted to start a "Teen Town" in the Fellowship Hall of the church each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The group drew up their own code for governing the project and two sets of parents will act as chaperones each week.

MR. JOE M. HANBERRY, director of the Protestant Children's Home of New Orleans, was guest speaker at Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, Feb. 3. This was the final session in the study on persons of special need. Mrs. V. W. Cothren, WSCS president, presided at the service. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

THE REV. JOE BRASWELL, missionary with the Cherokee Indians at Pryor and Salina, Okla., was the guest speaker for the School of Missions at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday evening, Feb. 3. Mr. Lane Sartor presided for this session and special music was furnished by the Junior High Choir. The pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

THE METHODIST MEN OF the Cotton Valley Methodist Church recently received a certificate indicating that they have been a chartered group for 20 consecutive years. For their February 26 program the subject "Christianity's Answer to Communism" is being presented by Mr. J. A. Moody, Mr. T. L. McGinnis and Mr. Bob Canterbury. The pastor is the Rev. W. O. Lynch.

THE REV. AND MRS. JOHN SHYROCK and daughters Linda and Diana, were guests at First Methodist Church, Welsh, Sunday, Feb. 10, at the 9:00 a.m. service and again at 7:00 p.m. At 11:00 a.m. they were in the morning worship service at Jennings. The Shylocks are missionaries to Angola, who are supported in part by these churches. The Rev. Oakley Lee is the pastor at Welsh and the Rev. William F. Mayo is the pastor at Jennings.

THE RECENTLY REORGANIZED Senior MYF of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, under the leadership of Mrs. Viola Barnhill elected the following officers: Pamela Cockrell, president; Judy Sistrunk, vice-president; Linda Davis, secretary; Pamela Kelly, program chairman; and Sandra Hunt, party chairman. The Rev. W. R. Wendt is the pastor.

THE REV. DOUGLAS MCGUIRE, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, furnished the program for a recent Family Night at the Quitman Methodist Church, showing slides of his trip to the Holy Land. He will present the same program for the congregation of the Clay Methodist Church in February. The Rev. Bob Galatas is the pastor of Quitman and Clay.

"OUR MISSION IN TAIWAN" was the subject of the Jan. 13 mission study at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie. A dramatic worship service under the chairmanship of Mrs. DeEllo Simon, with members of the Wesleyan Service Guild participating, was an outstanding feature of the program. The pastor is the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr.

IN LAKE CHARLES, the annual city-wide Junior Choir Festival will be held at First Methodist Church, Saturday, Feb. 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 2:30 p.m. Dr. Roberta Bitgood of Detroit, Mich. will be present to train and work with the choirs. The Junior Choirs of the city will present a concert on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, in First Church. The pastor of the host church is Dr. G. W. Pomeroy.

MR. JAMES FORESTER, chairman of the Commission on Missions at Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, led a panel discussion composed of the pastor, the Rev. Ned L. Stout, Mrs. Hugh Burford, Mr. Harry Vickers and Mrs. Jack Greenway. This was the beginning session of a study of the mission study book, "The Arm of Compassion." This study is being conducted at Family Night on the third Sunday evening of each month.

RESOURCE LEADERS FOR the Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 sessions of the mission study, "The Church's Missions and Persons of Special Need" at First Methodist Church, Monroe, included Mrs. James S. Rutledge, administrator, Cerebral Palsy School Clinic; Miss Jane Borsch, First Methodist Church, Miss Frances Barnes, speech therapist, Monroe City Schools; Mrs. Sara Kennon, Welfare Department; Mrs. W. J. Veazey, American Red Cross; and Miss Juanita Porter, Golden Agers, First Methodist Church. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

EACH SUNDAY EVENING during February, the membership of Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, is studying Methodist missions under the general theme, "What Can I Do?" The Commission on Missions, Mrs. H. P. Brashears, chairman, is seeking to inform the whole church of their part in the cause of missions. Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, president of the WSCS of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the first speaker, using the subject "Missions in the Modern World." On the other evenings the motion pictures "People to People" and "Measure of Success" are being shown. The last Sunday night will feature a panel discussing the topic, "What Can I Do? — Here Are the Answers." The Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is the pastor.



MRS. BOB BAREFIELD, wife of the U. S. L. Wesley Foundation Director in Lafayette, was honored at a coffee recently. Executive committees of the Woman's Societies from the local churches, along with the minister's wives, were special guests. Above, from left, are Mrs. Harold Hine, Mrs. C. R. McCammon and Mrs. Barefield.

The Sunday School Lesson

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN

Lesson for February 24, 1963: 'THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFESSION'

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:27 through 9:1; Printed Text 8:27-38.

MEMORY SELECTION: If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help mature Christians understand the meaning of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, fulfilling his messianic mission by suffering and a martyr's death; inspiring his disciples and us Christians, likewise, to be willing to live self-denying and serving lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS for the week: Feb. 18-Mk. 8:27-30; Feb. 19-Matt. 16:16-19; Feb. 20-Mark 8:31-38; Feb. 21-Isa. 53; Feb. 22-I Tim. 6:11-16, Feb. 23: 2 Tim. 1:8-14; Feb. 24: 2 Tim. 2:1-7.

The lesson today, citing the great confession of Simon Peter, is in vivid contrast with the attitude of the Scribes and Pharisees toward Jesus. Their reverence for 'tradition', their interpretations of the law of Moses, prevented them from seeing in Jesus the incarnation of the spirit of God, who gave the laws to the Jews. Their overemphasis upon the legal ritual of cleansing, Sabbath keeping, etc., insulated them from the spiritually vital and appropriate compassion that Jesus revealed in his daily life of preaching, teaching and healing. The 'commands of God' were left to amount to nothing at all through their 'slavery' to tradition. Jesus was concerned primarily with the inner intention and motives that resulted in consistent works more than the ritualistic forms that were often a substitute for heart felt faith and works. Jesus rebuked such formalistic believers with his stern condemnation. The point of the lesson for our daily Christian life is that we must keep our Christian faith livable, up to date, here and now, in heart, and soul, and mind, and strength.

Dr. Roy L. Smith delightfully emphasizes that religions, for the disciple of Jesus, is an 'inside job', dealing with the heart and the will of the believer. To wash the 'outside of the cup' and not cleanse the inside, is like going through the forms of faith without actually meaning what is being done. Hypocrisy is the word for it. The traditional observances of the scribes and Pharisees prevented their heartfelt response to Jesus the savior.

We might ask ourselves what are the dangers in too much emphasis upon tradition and ritual? How can tradition and ritual be used, so that our spiritual lives may be thereby enriched? How can we keep a living religious reality in our day's work?

Jesus Rebuked Hypocritical Religious Living

To live one's religion is not enough. To live, sincerely and truthfully, one's religious experience is the heart of Christian faith. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees because of their hypocritical use of the law to justify selfish indulgence, in the practice of 'corban'. By 'corban', the practice of setting apart a gift for the temple, the donor was freed from using it for any other purpose, even if he was called upon to use it in an act of mercy or relief, even for his own parents. It mattered not whether the 'corban' offering ever was delivered to its intended, 'set apart', use or not, the needy suffered for the neglect that it could have relieved.

Jesus showed how a gentile woman had more faith than the pretending hypocrites among the Jew-

ish religionists. Jesus healed the deaf and dumb man and show professional religious hypocrites how deaf and dumb they were to the living word of God. Yet he tried to keep his healing miracles unpublicized. Instead, his popularity increased. He fed the multitude who had gone, without food for three days, to follow him and feed on the bread of life which he taught, and lived among them. He showed that he, 'the bread of life', can meet all of our needs, our needs far bread, as well as for blessedness. Such a 'bread of life' promised eternal life to all believers. Jesus reminded his disciples that they were blessed in being his disciples, abounding in the abundance of the bread 'after the crowd had been fed'. Yet the throng of people failed to see, and the disciples were slow to understand, how he is sufficient for all their needs. The little letter of James shows the reality of genuine religion in showing faith by works. Pure lives, useful in meeting human needs, dramatized by 'widows and orphans', is the life of the spirit, 'untarnished by the world'. (New English Bible).

What Will You Do With Jesus?

The disciples were learning the meaning of the Kingdom of God in following Jesus, and in being with him. They went out preaching, teaching and healing, and returned to him with their inventory of ministries. The confidential moment came when he drew them away from the crowd that followed them. Jesus was in Caesarea Philippi, at the foot of Mt. Hermon, in the territory ruled by Philip the tetrarch, a ruler of a small (1/4th. part) sector of a Greek or Roman province. It was a pagan community so he detoured it and came to the neighboring villages. 'On the way' Jesus wanted to talk with them. He kept asking them, 'Who do men say I am?'. They gave three answers. Some thought that his spiritual and prophetic genius was that of John Baptist, who had risen to carry on his ministry of preaching repentance. Their second answer was that some thought he was the prophet Elijah, and that he had come to complete the prophecy that God would send Elijah to preach to his people. Malachi 4:5 looked forward to the judgment of God against those who would not believe in him. A third response of many was that he was one of the prophets of Old Testament times, whom God had sent to complete his revelation to them.

"And you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" (NEB.) Peter replied 'You are the Messiah'. (NEB.)

The truth was out. Peter, the rock apostle had said it. The full revelation of God was identified. Such a witness must be kept silent! Strict order, not to tell anyone about him, was given.

He Identifies The Messiah

Jesus called himself the Son of Man in the records of the synoptic (first three) gospels. Now he is recognized as God's anointed, the meaning of 'Messiah' in the Greek Language. The Christ, the messiah, (in the Hebrew language), was the long expected revelation of God, his special leader, anointed with the Holy Spirit. Peter recognized this unique and providential personality of Jesus.

There were so many wild and false ideas about the coming of God's messiah that Jesus ordered them strictly to keep the secret closed and 'not to tell anyone'. Some of the people expected God's messiah to come as a military ruler and conqueror of their foes and oppressors. Their nationalistic ideals for their people would be a new 'golden age' of

power and glory like that of King David's, but larger, covering the whole earth. They would have prosperity, peace, and power unlimited.

He came 'a little baby thing, that made a woman cry', and the 'sword' that pierced the soul of his blessed virgin mother, was to have added to it the spear pierced side on calvary's cross! What a glory for God's chosen one!

Plain Talk About Pain and Death

Jesus had been teaching his disciples about the kingdom and the power of an endless life in doing the will of God. Now he 'began to teach them that the Son of Man had to undergo great sufferings, and to be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and doctors of the law; to be put to death, and to rise again three days afterwards. He spoke about it plainly'. (NEB.) Quite freely', Dr. Moffatt translates his manner of talking intimately with his disciples about he remaining earthly future of his mission and vocation. The Jewish Sanhedrin leaders would see that he had trouble upon trouble for the remainder of the days of his flesh.

Only twice, in Mark 2:10 and 28, the Son of Man had identified Jesus as forgiver, and lord. But from now on in the gospel of Mark, Jesus used the term 'Son of Man' twelve times. You will find these references in your concordance most illuminating in defining the meaning of the master's ministry 'until the end'. The 'Son of Man' was the favorite name that Jesus used to identify himself.

Peter-Satan Meets the Master

Peter had identified Jesus in his confession, 'You are the Messiah'. But Peter could not take in the total meaning of Jesus' pulling away the curtain on what was surely to follow, of pain, rejection and crucifixion. Much less could he anticipate his own denial! So Peter blurted out, and took him by the arm in rebuke for saying such horrible things could happen to him there.

Jesus returned the rebuke in most scathing indictment, 'Away with you, Satan', You think as men think, not as God thinks.' (NEB) Dr. Moffatt translates it, 'Get behind me, you Satan. Your outlook is is not God's but man's.'

Jesus Invites the Disciples and the Crowd to Follow Him

Floyd V. Filson suggests, in the international Lesson Annual, that Jesus rebuked Peter lest he mislead the disciples in attempting to assist Jesus in avoiding the cross.

Jesus then told the disciples, as he had called them, and 'the people', to him, 'Anyone who wishes to be a follower of mine must leave self behind; he must take up his cross, and come with me.' This invitation is the memory selection. Dr. Moffatt finds the memory selection the first part of a sentence. After a semicolon, Dr. Moffatt's translation continues the sentence, 'for whoever wants to save his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.'

Dr. Filson challenges, 'It is a rich privilege to follow Jesus Christ. But it calls for discipline and for sacrifice of selfish, personal desires. The cross is 'The costly role' in serving Christ.' To follow Christ means 'constantly and faithfully' to follow him. What was the price that the disciples of Jesus paid for following him?

Can You Say of Jesus, 'You are the Christ?'

The disciples followed Peter in his confession of Christ, the anointed and expected one of God. Each one of them died a martyr's death, in following Jesus' way. Is the criticism of the church by pagans and agnostics, atheists and barbarians alike, that Christianity has failed, correct? Or is it that we Christians have made lip confession but our lives have not followed our lips? There's a saying among simple traders in money matters, 'put your money where your mouth is.' I have to answer in my heart and hand, in making the good confession, 'You are the Messiah!' This demands my heart, 'my soul, my life, my all.' Here's where the lesson leads into the devotional and the operational moment of the Christian confession.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In the state of New Mexico the Temperance League and the state Council of Churches have differed sharply in the attitude they have taken toward legislation now pending which would end the state's "fair trade" laws on liquor prices. The church council supported the repeal on the ground's that it would weaken the influence of the liquor lobby, while the Temperance League contends that the high prices under the present law will hold down the consumption of liquor.

This seems like a rather unfortunate conflict of interest in a situation where the real impact on the total temperance picture is open to question. Certainly no state temperance organization can be strong without the support of its church people.

The United States Supreme Court has announced that it will hear oral arguments on the constitutionality of prayers and Bible readings in the public schools of Maryland and Pennsylvania on Feb. 26 and 27. It is expected that their decision will be forthcoming in March or April.

Few cases that have been before the Court in recent years have drawn as much interest from religious and civil liberties organizations. It is our opinion that the decision in these cases will be of far greater significance to us all than the 1962 decision concerning the so-called Regents' Prayers in New York public schools.

Some 25 witnesses, most of them Protestant clergymen, have opposed the state sweepstakes bill before the New Hampshire Legislature as a proposal to help finance the state's educational program. The proposed lottery has denounced variously as a "pick-pocket plan", "fast-buck scheme," and "something for nothing" by its opponents. Among organizations attacking the measure were the state Christian Civic League, the Social Action Committee of the state Council of Churches, United Baptist Conference, Methodist Conference of Laymen and the state League of Women Voters.

Here again is a state being led to give serious consideration to the "gambling gimmick" as a means of supplementing funds for public education. We trust the forces of good in New Hampshire will succeed in soundly defeating the proposal.

Protestant clergymen and Jewish laymen will be among the speakers before the annual marriage preparation series of the Newport (R.I.) Catholic Information Center. The introduction of the non-Catholic speakers before the 15-lecture series has been "warmly approved" by Bishop Russell J. McVinney of Providence.

This is another instance of the accelerated communication between inter-faith representatives that seems to be occurring all across the world. It is especially significant that this cooperation should be in the realm of preparation for marriage.

The American Baptist Convention has announced that it will broaden its policy of turning over control of its foreign missions to indigenous responsible church bodies. The denomination's Foreign Mission Society's Board also has emphasized that their missionaries should be en-

couraged to identify themselves more closely with the congregations to whom they minister.

All across the world this missionary strategy is being adopted. It is one of the "facts of life" being faced by denominations anxious to evolve a missionary strategy that is relevant to the changing conditions of the world.

Baptism has been castigated as a "health menace" and "a senseless and dangerous rite" in a weekly pro-atheist broadcast by Moscow radio. The Communist commentator said that "thousands" of babies died of pneumonia following christening ceremonies and that "weak hearts" and "weak lungs" in adults have been traced to baptism in their early years.

This seems to be a "new low" in the anti-religious strategy of the communists. Surely they must still be afraid of religion as a force in their land or they would not go to the trouble of making such a preposterous claim as this.



THIS PICTURE SHOWS the western slope of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane, a plot of ground on this rise, that Christ suffered his agony and was taken prisoner. Innumerable tombstones are found on this slope, among them the tomb of Absalom, left St. Jacob's Grotto, center, and tomb of Zacharias, right.

There is a difference between "church publicity" and "Christian communication." Louis Cassels, author of the weekly column, "Religion in America," told delegates attending the ninth annual Southern Baptist Public Relations Association Workshop in Washington recently. He said, "Too much of what public relations people for churches produce is directed toward institutional promotion and too little in advancing the Kingdom."

This is shooting straight from the shoulder, but Mr. Cassels is striking at a significance point which needs to be kept before religious communicators constantly.

In Paris two Jesuit chaplains at Fresnes prison have been dismissed because they commented publicly in the press on the release of two former Nazi Gestapo officers imprisoned for war crimes. They were dismissed on the grounds that

it was not their role to make such statements on the policy of the government.

The ordination of women to relieve an acute clergy shortage has been approved by the synod of the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland in West Germany. Ordained women would enjoy full ministerial rights and would be authorized to preach and administer the sacraments. However, before a woman could be appointed a parish minister, the consent of the bishop and the approval of the parish would be needed.

A policy of "restraint" urged by an Israeli government official has been assailed in Jerusalem as demands were renewed for "anti-missionary" legislation. In calling for a strong law barring proselytization and restricting the work of Christian missionaries, members of a newly-organized unit called the Council to Combat Missions derided the stand of Dr. Zerah Wahrhaftig, Israeli's minister of religions.

National laws which bar tourists from participating in pilgrimages or prohibit entry because of religious considerations have been classified as infringements of individual rights in a report to the United Nations. The report was endorsed by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. According to the resolution, freedom to leave and return to one's own country and the right of foreigners to exit from countries they have visited must be respected by all U.N. members states.

A clergy-lay commission to study the problem of religious instructions in Manitoba's tax-supported public schools has been formed by Archbishop Howard H. Clark of Rupert's Land, Anglican Primate of All Canada. The announcement followed the recent refusal by the Winnipeg School Board to permit Catholic students to receive religious instruction at a public school.

The persecution of Christian missionaries in the Sudan is a flagrant violation of the country's obligations as a member of the United Nations, it has been charged in a special broadcast over Vatican Radio. The broadcast strongly condemned the wide-scale expulsion of Christian missionaries from the southern Sudan in recent weeks. Both Protestant and Catholic missionaries have been severely restricted in their activities or forced to leave the country by the Moslem-dominated government.

An appeal for a theologically literate laity was recently made in a sermon prepared for the Protestant Episcopal Church's Education Sunday. Written by the Rev. James M. Dennison, rector of the Church of St. Phillip and St. James in New Hyde Park, N. Y., the sermon was sent out to the Church's 4,000 lay readers for use in the annual observance.

A bill providing for civil marriage and divorce has been rejected by the parliament of Israel. Emma Talim, leftist Napam leader, had initiated the legislation, speaking "on behalf of those whose consciences are against the out-dated exclusively religious marriage laws prevailing in Israel." Dr. Zerah Wahrhaftig, speaking on behalf of the government, said the principal danger inherent in the bill was its encouragement of mixed marriages, now legally impossible in Israel.

President Kennedy's proposed new rules on itemized income tax deductions may have an adverse effect on contributions to religious groups, colleges, hospitals and other non-profit organizations, according to the Rev. T. K. Thompson, director of the National Council of Churches' Department of Stewardship and Benevolences, among the first church leaders to comment on the plan.

Lafayette Dist. Advance Specials Amount To \$12,075

In a recent report given to the Conference Board of Missions, the Lafayette District is giving \$12,075 in Advance Specials this Conference Year.

Of the 37 churches reporting, 17 of these will qualify as "Four Lane Churches" in that they support an Advance Special in World and National Missions, MCOR and Conference Projects. The amounts vary from \$1 on some projects to as much as \$1230 on other projects. Only \$145 from the entire District is listed as "Undesignated."

The New Iberia Church contributes over \$2,000 in Advance Specials. Three others (First Church Houma, First Church Crowley, and Opelousas) also contribute over \$1,000 each in Advance Specials.

The majority of the Lafayette District churches have had a Church Wide Study.

'Mental Deficiency Institute' Planned By Pinecrest Hospital

A "Pastors' Institute on Mental Deficiency" is being planned for March 12 at the Pinecrest State School, Pineville, according to Reverend Howard W. Parshall, Protestant Chaplain of the institution.

The purpose of the program is to introduce the pastor to the characteristics and abilities of the mentally retarded child, to a modern institutional program of care and training, and to the opportunities for a pastoral ministry in this area.

The Institute will be divided into three sections. The Clinical Section, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., will include a review of the social and medical history, psychological evaluation, clinical findings, recommendations and a discussion period for three types of residents: the educable, the trainable and the Mongoloid child.

The Pastoral Section, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., will include the "Pastoral Care of Families of the Mentally Retarded," and "Guideposts for Developing a Church Program for the Mentally Retarded".

The program will conclude with a tour of representative cottage and hospital units from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Program participants will include Dr. Ralph Lampert, Clinical Director of the Institution, Dr. Robert Cassel, Director of the Psychology Department, Mrs. Katherine White, Director of the Social Service Department and Mr. Parshall.

Ministers, chaplains and denominational representatives are invited to attend this unique program. Those planning to attend are asked to contact Mr. Parshall, P. O. Box 191, Pineville, and include a registration fee of \$1.00, which includes the lunch.

The Christian man who refuses to teach a Sunday school class can hardly complain about the rise in juvenile delinquency.



MISS DOROTHY FELDER, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Martin David Felder, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, was installed recently as Worthy Advisor of the Franklinton Rainbow Assembly. The high school sophomore is active in many of her school and church groups.

The pagan is satisfied if the crowd applauds; a Christian is never satisfied until God applauds.



SUNDAY NIGHT Mission Studies were held at Slidell Methodist Church during January. These three pictures are of those studies. At the left are Milton Nixon, Mrs. Francis Madison, Miss Shige Yakayama and Harinder Singh. In the center is Miss Yakayama performing a 'tea ceremony'; and at the right are some

of the church members attending a study. Miss Yakayama is wife of the Japanese Consul. Other special guests were recourse persons from Malaya and India. The Rev. Alfred Brown is pastor.

Homer First Methodist Church Parsonage Contract For \$29,000

The First Methodist Church of Homer signed a contract Monday, December 3 with Howard Lumber Company of Minden for the construction of a new parsonage. The Minden Firm was the low bidder with a contract price of \$28,913.00.

The plans for the new dwelling were completed by the joint efforts of a committee appointed by the Board of Homer church working with Mr. Joe Schierer, architect of Shreveport. Final plans call for a brick colonial style building containing four bedrooms and two baths. Total square footage including a 2 space car port is 3,300.

The new parsonage is located in the 900 block of Edgewood Drive, directly across the street and north of the elementary school. The lot for the new parsonage was purchased in 1960 at a cost of \$3,000.00. The old parsonage located at 719 South Main St. is a frame building constructed about 1900 to which an addition and brick veneering were added in the 1930's. A committee of the church was appointed to appraise the value of the old structure and to place it on the market for sale.

Chairman of the Parsonage Building Committee is O. P. Pearson. Serving with him in the early stages of the developing of tentative plans were the late H. C. McCalman, Gaynor Dawson, John Reynolds, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. Clyde White and Mrs. S. A. Tatum. Serving with Mr. Pearson in completing the final plans are Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. J. D. Kelly, Mrs. Lloyd Sims, Harry McKenzie, Jr., J. B. David and Gaynor Dawson.

Serving on the Appraisal Committee for the old parsonage are Mr. Carter Wideman, Mr. Pirkle Visé and Mr. Vernon James.

The construction of the parsonage is the third phase of a three point building program launched by the church through the Official Board two years ago. The first and second phases consisted of renovation of basement and kitchen at a cost of \$25,000.00 and the construction of a parking lot costing an additional \$6,000.00. These projects were completed one year ago this past November and were opened at the 1961 meeting of the Ruston Dis-

trict Conference in Homer.

During the construction of the project on the kitchen and the basement, the Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. H. C. McCalman, died at the age of 46 of a heart attack. The building under construction at that time was named as a memorial to Mr. McCalman and a bronze plaque was installed bearing the name McCalman Hall. This room accommodates 250 at dinner and is finished in a soft paneling with indirect lighting and low acoustical ceiling. The kitchen is well equipped with modern appliances and extensive counter and cabinet space.

The parking area connects North Main St. and South Main St. with a large area of curbed walkways and hard surface parking lanes. Seventy cars may be accommodated on this area.

Of the total cost of the first two projects, only \$5,000.00 remains to be paid. The church completed a new education building in 1955 and removed the last \$40,000 indebtedness on this structure in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Pearson recently bought and donated to the church a

spacious lot immediately across the street from the Education Building. The old frame structure located on the lot was moved away and the space cleared and beautified. In donating the lot Mr. Pearson said, "It was our thought that our church would need this added room for future expansion as parking and building sites are at a premium for most churches. For the present, the lot might well serve the needs of our boy and girl scout program sponsored by the church."

In accepting this donation for the church, Mr. Harry McKenzie, Jr., Board Chairman stated, "The generous gift of the Pearson family of an adjoining lot to the First Methodist Church of Homer, is a farsighted and valuable contribution to the present and future will benefit from this gift."

Pastor of the Homer church since 1957 is the Rev. William P. Fraser.

Don't forget that Jesus, when asked which was the greatest commandment, replied "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy mind."



WOMAN'S PAGE



Dr. Helen Kim to be Awarded Upper Room Citation for 1963

The Upper Room Citation for 1963 will go to Dr. Helen Kim, president emeritus of Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea.

The annual citation, made for outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship, was announced by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*, world's most widely used daily devotional guide.

It will be presented to Dr. Kim later this year, probably in the fall, at a place to be announced.

This is the fifteenth annual citation, and Dr. Kim is the first person outside North America and the second woman to be chosen.

"Dr. Kim is one of the best-known Christian women in the world," said Dr. Potts.

She was for 30 years president of Ewha, which, with 8,000 students, is the largest women's school in the world.

Ewha is closely related to American Methodism. It is partially supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, and missionaries are among the faculty and trustees.

Dr. Kim is chairman of the Commission on Evangelism of the Korean Methodist Church and also of the National Council of Churches of Korea.

She has represented Korea four times at the United Nations and was a delegate to the World Council of Churches meeting in New Delhi, India, in 1961.

She has been chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Y.W.C.A. of Korea, of which she was one of the founders, and she headed the Department of Information of Korea during the Korean War.

Dr. Kim has been vice-president of the International Missionary Council, president of the Korean Association of University Women, and vice-president of the Korean Red Cross.

She has been credited with originat-



DR. HELEN KIM

ing the idea of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Others who have received the citation are John R. Mott (twice), Frank Laubach, Ralph S. Cushman, Jesse M. Bader, John A. Mackay, Margaret T. Applegarth, Ivan Lee Holt, Warner Sallman, Samuel McCrea Cavert, G. Bromley Oxnam, Theodore F. Adams, Ralph W. Sockman, and James R. Mutchmor.

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WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

A record total of approximately 900 theology students are now enrolled at the University of Helsinki, Finland. Newly-admitted theological students at the university this autumn totaled 186. This year's 87 women students constitute 47 per cent of the entering class, as compared with the 68 who were 36 per cent of the 1961 class, and the 99 who were 48 per cent of the 1960 class.

In a communication to its members in every state of the Union, the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, urges all church women to pray for world leaders of all nations at noontime each day. With a listing of all the heads of delegations to the United Nations, the women church leaders say: "Let us pray that all who claim the Fatherhood of God will witness daily to his Lordship. Let us pray that John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, all leaders of the nations of the world, and the delegates to the United Nations, may follow the guidance of God through the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that God will show us how we can be used by Him, and that we shall have the courage to do his will."



PICTURED above is a group of Lafayette District Parsonettes who visited the Lafayette Museum following a recent meeting. They are standing on the inside stairs of the old home listening to Miss Helene Sliffe (right) as she tells some of the history of the home and Lafayette.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work



Miss Gibson and (right) at Dulac Kindergarten

Deaconess Patricia Gibson

Patricia Gibson came to Louisiana after the 1962 annual conference. She is a director of kindergarten and religious education at Dulac Community Center, Dulac, La.

Miss Gibson is originally from Wichita, Kans. For the past two years she has been studying religious education at Garrett Theological College in Kansas City. Miss Gibson has worked as a house-mother in Jene Lee Home in Seward, Alaska, and Epworth Village in York, Nebr. She was a kindergarten teacher and group worker at Houchen Settlement in El Paso, Tex.

Dulac Community Center was a recipient of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offering in October, 1959. This offering provided funds for a multipurpose building which was dedicated by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton on October 21, 1960.

The center serves the Houma Indians in the bayou country of southern Louisiana where Acadian French people from Nova Scotia had settled long years ago. The Indians mingled with the Acadians and gradually adopted the French language and a way of life similar to that of their neighbors.

Shrimp fishing in summer and trapping in winter are the main occupations of the people.

Dulac Community Center carries on a program for all age groups. A music room is used by singing groups and piano pupils. The gymnasium-auditorium is used for the youth athletic program and for Friday night family movies.

Each morning the center's bus turns into the half-circled drive "graveled" with clam shells, and 60 children pour out its doors. Three kindergarten rooms make up the north side of the building. In each the outside wall is entirely of glass so the rooms seem part of the outdoors so familiar to the children. These youngsters are four- and five-years-old. They attend kindergarten for two years. Most of them are bilingual, changing from French to English and back again in one sentence, perhaps not aware they have done so.

The rooms are divided into activity centers where children may work with scissors, blocks, paste, puzzles or whatever they wish. Things move at a leisurely pace. Three teachers and two assistants are available and children are given time to grow at their own speed unharassed by the many small children still at home. Even with 20 children in the room the teachers can give them more individual attention than the busy mothers in their tiny homes can give. As the two years pass by they learn to think and speak in English, to follow directions, to work and play together, to feel the personal interest each teacher has in them. In this way the kindergarten builds readiness for school and gives the experience which serves as the groundwork for further learning.

H. C. Brunson is head resident at Dulac Community Center.

THE JURISDICTION WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service is meeting February 12-14, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Delegates from the Conference Woman's Society to that meeting are: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Mrs. Wideman Watson, and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson. Mrs. Lee Tidwell, secretary of promotion for the South Central Jurisdiction, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Member of the Board of Missions is also attending the meeting.



MRS. JOHN HOWE (center) taught the study 'Today's Children for Tomorrow's World', held jointly by the First Church, Houma, and Houma Heights Woman's Societies. Pictured with Mrs. Howe are (left) Mrs. Carl Brunson, president, and Mrs. Larry Robertson, secretary of missionary education, both of the First Church society.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanah

People Want To Know Value of Their Efforts

IS GOODNESS REWARDED? -- This is a question which I venture to think has been asked at some time by every adult person.

Perhaps like Job we have considered the seemingly undeserved calamities which have befallen us and have concluded: 'It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.' Or it may be that the apparent good fortune of the ungodly has stirred us to ask with Jeremiah: 'Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper?' Or more likely it has been at the moment when we felt the tug of temptation that we have asked, Does it pay to be good?

Since it is a question prompted by our weaker moods, perhaps the first point to be raised is this, Is it proper to ask whether goodness pays? Does not the very nature of goodness derive from the fact that it is done without thought of reward? Does not the incentive of profit seem contrary to the general content of Jesus' teaching? How can the thought of prizes and pay keep company with the Cross? The followers of Jesus were bidden by Him 'to lend, hoping for nothing again'; they were told to love enemies and not merely those who loved them in return; they were to throw in their lot with a homeless leader, who promised no financial pay.

Yet, strangely enough, Jesus, the preacher of disinterested love, talked very frequently of rewards. His promises form a quite considerable portion of His Gospel. The subtle paradox of Jesus' position shows itself in the way He links the call for uncalculating service with the expectation of reward. Listen: 'If ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thanks have ye? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again as much. But love your enemies and do them good, never despairing, and your reward shall be great.'

Our Lord's reference to rewards and profit occurs in the gospels again and again. Certainly it would seem clear that there is a legitimate place for the factor of reward in the following of Christ. And the reason is not far to seek. Vital human effort cannot be sustained without the feeling that the work done is worth while. Every sane person wants to know whether his effort and sacrifice have value to someone, somewhere. A missionary in Africa, a painter at his canvas, a digger in the ditch, a salesman at the counter are spurred on only if they feel that their work counts for something.

Knowing this innate desire of men, Jesus used it in His appeal for for great tasks and heavy sacrifices. He summoned His followers to the service of a Heavenly Father whom He portrayed as more eager than an earthly parent to reward His children, a Father who is such a faithful Guarantor of values that those who serve Him should be 'steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as they know their labor is not vain in the Lord.'

Yes, the Bible convinces me that there is a Christian profit motive. But we must be on guard to keep it godly rather than selfish. For whom are we seeking the profit?

Recently I said to a surgeon, 'It must be a great satisfaction to think of the persons whose lives you have saved. That must be far more than any monetary reward.' The surgeon, who is a very devout churchman, replied, 'I think of Christ's words, 'Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me.' That doctor in his practice is guided by Christ's counsel, 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.' My friend the doctor is no doubt human enough to desire some professional recognition and some financial reward for his services, but more than that he is concerned to cure his patients, and still more he feels his deepest satisfaction in the thought that he is serving God.

And if we are to keep confidence in the godly profit motive, we must remember that God's work is too big to be measured by Man's bookkeeping. God does not pay His rewards every month. Woodrow Wilson worked for the league of Nations believing it would advance the divine cause of peace. He lost his fight and his health. But twenty-five years after his death when he became eligible for election to the Hall of Fame, he led all the candidates. The seed Wilson had sown came to fruition in the United Nations.

In God's good time His rewards do come.

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THIS PAINTING shows the country's First President (in the group at left) kneeling as the Rev. Duche leads the Continental Congress in its first prayer. In that group are, left to right, Patrick Henry, John Rutledge and George Washington. Most of the men pictured were signers of the Declaration of Independence. The painting was executed by Tompkins Harrison Matteson (1814-1884), who specialized in subjects of religious interest. Among his better known works are: Spirit of '76, First Sabbath of Pilgrims, Examination of a Witch, Eliot Preaching to the Indians, and First Sacrament on American Shores. The 231st anniversary of Washington's birthday is celebrated this month, Feb. 22.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist
'DO NOT DISTURB'

As you walk down the hall of a large hotel about 8 A.M. you see little white cards hanging from some door knobs. Every one of these reads, 'Please do not disturb'. An experienced traveler knows that as long as this card hangs from his door knob, he will not be annoyed by the maid.

'DO NOT DISTURB.' Sounds like the slogan of a lot of church members. 'Preach to us, preacher, but stick to the Bible. Deal in generalities. Then we will not have to apply your preaching to our own lives. Visit my sick wife but don't expect me to come to church. After all, you didn't come to see me when I had the flu. Why didn't someone call you? Well, you're paid to find out about the sick. I haven't the time to call the preacher every time a member of my family gets sick.'

'DO NOT DISTURB.' A twelve year old girl was found 'passed out' on the streets of my town a few weeks ago. It was a good part of town. Four others, barely in their teens, were also arrested but they were not as drunk as the first girl. She said that she had used a fifth of her father's whiskey. But they were not members of our church, so let's not worry about them. Just call them juvenile delinquents and let the courts handle them. Besides, if we talk too strongly in the pulpit or pew about liquor some important member might get mad and cut his pledge.

'DO NOT DISTURB.' In college dormitories it is often said that one must not be too religious. Good, yes. Idealistic, yes. But relate any of this

to the Christian religion, no. A young person starts out with stars in his eyes about his call into the ministry. But when he goes to college, some professors take a dim view of his dreams. You can't get rich in the ministry, they tell him. Can't afford to become narrow in certain beliefs about the bible. Science knows more answers, therefore science is the thing, not religion. The great future for your people is in space. So specialize in science. Leave religion to less brilliant men and women.

A number of times they told Jesus the same words, 'Do not disturb.' But Jesus could not do His Father's will without disturbing people. He disturbed a young man who wanted to acquire eternal life the easy way. He disturbed a young lawyer who wanted to be a neighbor only to his friends. He disturbed the church leaders who wanted the existing conditions to remain unchanged. He disturbed my own life terribly when He called me to come and follow Him.

You don't grow in grace by hanging a 'Do not disturb' sign on the door of your heart. You can't accept Christ in your life until you have been disturbed about your need of Him. Disturbance is the first step toward conversion. It can produce compassion, and compassion makes us more like Christ. It causes us to love all men a little more. When we become disturbed about God's children we are taking the first step toward Christian discipleship.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Get Your Faith Lifted

by Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr.
District Superintendent, New Orleans

Psalm 73

There is not a person in all the world who at one time or another has not known the meaning of spiritual depression. Even the writers of the Bible were not strangers to this feeling. The Psalmist, for example, cries out 'How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me?' Or, 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul?' Even our Lord, in a moment of despair cries out from Calvary's cross, 'My God, why hast thou forsaken me?'

It is that 'What's-the-use-of-any-thing' mood that moves in at times upon our spirits like a fog. Almost anything can cause it; temperament, sickness, disappointment, even the weather.

However, when we come to grips with the psalmist's problem we are confronted with something more serious than merely grappling with temperament or moods. He exclaims 'My feet had well nigh slipped, for I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. Surely I have cleansed my hands in vain! You see, his problem goes deeper than just a passing mood. It was the problem of a hostile world that bothered him. The arrogance of evil, the success of evil, the prosperity of the wicked; these were the things which got the psalmist down. Evil men seemed always to win victories while truthful men went down in defeat. So 'What's the use of trying to be good?' he asks. 'Where does it get you?'

I had a friend once who had spent his life in the legal field. He served a great many years on the bench. He sought to be just in handing down decisions were handed down promptly. 'Why' he once asked me 'doesn't God do the same?' 'Free the innocent; penalize the guilty, and that immediately!' He never could quite understand why God didn't run His world that way.

It is the way the Psalmist thinks at the beginning of the 73rd. Psalm. He had been brought up on the idea that God was partial to the righteous, that prosperity was the mark of God's approval and adversity the evidence of His wrath. In a word, if you were the kind of person who said his prayers, went to church, paid his tithe, then you had a right to expect God to give you a good crop, a long life and to protect you from trouble. So the Psalmist and his contemporaries believed. The moral order was arranged to favor the

righteous. 'Blessed is the man who walks uprightly. Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper' claims the writer of the first Psalm. It was simply God's business to look after His people and to see that they were kept happy.

It is a fallacy that persists in the minds of a lot of good people today. In spite of Jesus dying on the cross, of what he had to say about God's impartiality, in spite of 'For God so loved the world' men still look at adversity, trouble, calamity and ask 'Why did God let this happen to me?' And often in the spirit of one who demands not only an explanation from God but also an apology.

Every now and then when we come to grips with the grim realities of life we reveal a hang-over of this faulty way of thinking; that God ought to neatly arrange his moral order so as to keep the righteous 'healthy, wealthy and wise!'

Well, the thing that shook the psalmist was that something had obviously gone wrong with this formula. His creed was shaken by the facts of life. He saw the righteous suffer and worse; the wicked prosper. 'It just doesn't make sense!' he exclaims. He thus wrestled with the problem until he came to a great discovery, that the purpose of our faith is to help us to stand up to life, to keep our feet, to make something of ourselves in the struggle. 'This', he says in effect 'is what I learned at church.' The first thing he did when he came to grips with spiritual depression was to go to church. 'I went into the sanctuary of God.' This is no cure-all, but it's a place of beginning. It is the best first-aid therapy I know; to go to church and be reminded in its worship that God is!

The Psalmist not only was reminded of the reality of God as he went to church, but he also got his thinking straightened out. As he sat in the Presence of God he began to think more clearly. He came to see that the purpose of the righteous life is not that

we might be kept happy, prosperous or protected from trouble but that through our faith we might be able to stand up to life, keep our footing, to make something of ourselves in the struggle. After all, God's primary purpose is to produce greatness in our souls add the growing edge of our faith is found in adversity, not in the more pleasant and easy days. This the psalmist came to see as he worshipped.

One other thing happened at church that gave his faith a lift. As he worshipped he got behind appearances to the way things really are. That is, he learned that his ethical instinct, his highest intellectual insight, his considered judgment was to be trusted more than his changing feelings. In a word, he came to see that the moral order wasn't slipping, he was, when he depended solely upon his feelings. So he leaves the sanctuary of God assured that the moral order is not shaky, that there is Some One at the heart of the universe that won't let evil ultimately come out on top, nor bad seeds produce a good harvest. In the long run it remains true, for good or ill, 'Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.' The prosperity of evil is an illusion. Slipping feet doesn't mean the ground has given away. God's way is secure. 'This is my Father's world.' Put your feet down on that.

Let The Children Come

Last week we thought of the letters which Paul wrote during the years of his ministry. Some of them were to the new churches, and we saw that he gave them a pattern both for the church group and for the men and women to use for their Christian lives.

Paul wrote one beautiful letter to a young preacher. His name was Timothy and the letter is called by this name in the New Testament. Read the first two verses of the first chapter. Paul sounds almost like a grandfather writing to his grandson. He is an old man and he wishes to tell this younger one some of his experiences and also to advise him. In the entire first letter he tells in detail how the various members of the churches should perform their duties. He even tells what kind of men should be Bishops in the church. (I Timothy 3:1-7) Then he lists the qualifications of a deacon, or church leader. In chapter 5 he tells the young minister how he should treat the less fortunate in the congregation.

Paul recognizes that all of the church members will not think alike and so he outlines how to deal with them. One of the most beautiful verses is I Timothy 6:6. The last two verses of chapter 6 are also beautiful words of advice to this young man.

The second letter to Timothy was written at one of the hardest times in Paul's life. He was being brought into the courts at Rome and he wanted to be sure that this young man would 'stand fast' and carry on the work that he had passed along to him. Mark in your Bibles and read during the week the following verses.

II Timothy 2:1-7
II Timothy 3:7-8
II Timothy 4:7-8
II Timothy 4:17
II Timothy 3:16-17

- Aunt Feather

Commit your way to God. Trust your compass.

Find your faith lifted in the sanctuary of God. It is the answer to our low moods. When you worship you are putting your feet on solid ground.

Poem For The Week

PROMISES OF GOD

Two promises of the Bible could
see a man through,
Since, 'Yesterday, today, and forever,'
they hold true.
These are, Resist the Devil, and he-
will fly from you!
And, Draw nigh unto God, and He-
will draw nigh to you!
If you resist evil--then evil will-
disappear
But you turn unto the good, and you-
will find God near;
For evil only exists, in a limited
mind
The eternal Omnipresence, you can
always find!

Sybil Nash Abrams

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT					LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT					RUSTON DISTRICT					SHREVEPORT DISTRICT				
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Glenmora, J.A.Knight	7	29	-	36**	Eunice, R.W.Bengtson	9	17	3	29	Doyline, E.H.House	2	24	-	26**	Hall Summitt, Henry Pickett	-	13	-	13
Marksville, J.D.Bell	12	18	-	30	Jennings, W.E.Mayo	18	45	1	64	Farmerville, J.D.Corley	10	32	-	42**	Haughton, Ira Love	17	25	-	42**
Montgomery, R.A.Shirley	16	29	-	45**	Lake Charles-Westlake, G. Dean	5	47	-	52**	Haynesville, K.G.Rorie	17	56	4	77	Mansfield, W.R.Irving	10	55	2	67
Palestine. Richard Hoffpauir	-	37	1	38	Merryville, H.C.Howell	3	20	-	23	Heflin-Brushwood, J.W.McClain	7	35	-	42**	Oil City, James Jones	4	19	1	24**
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Baker, L.S.Jones	13	6	-	19	Bastrop: Memorial, W.E.Nolan	7	30	-	37	Jonesboro, E.L. Tatum	12	63	4	79**	Plain Dealing, Bobby Lawton	7	29	-	34
Baton Rouge: Broadmoor, B. Bailey	22	21	5	47	Bastrop Ct., George McClung	-	4	-	4						Shreveport: Broadmoor, J.T.Harris	15	73	9	97
North, Roy Mouser	26	31	-	57	Bonita-Jones, Chas. Strong	2	2	-	4						Caddo Heights, R.M.Bentley	7	29	-	36
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Bethel	4	24	-	28**	Crowville, C.M.Bailey	-	19	-	19						Morningside, E.P.Drake	27	23	-	50
Donaldsonville, J.E. Christie	6	11	-	17**	Little Creek-Union, D. Strozier	6	10	-	16**						Christ Church, O.E.Cloyd	21	-	-	21
Fisher, J.C.Bonds	10	17	-	27	Monroe: First, G.W.Harbuck	36	125	-	161										
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Pine Grove, E.W.Day	9	7	1	15	West Monroe: First Ch., E. Emmerich	27	67	-	94										
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Tangipahoa, S.P.Emmanuel	6	6	-	12	Wisner, Paul Durbin	3	27	-	30**										
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Zachary, J.S.Jones	13	17	-	30	Covington, R.C.Carter	14	31	-	45										
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Morgan City, J.H.Sewell	15	46	1	61	Metairie, J.W.Matthews	4	22	-	26										
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New Iberia, L.L.Booth	19	71	31	121	St. Claude Heights, J.C.Wallace	11	18	1	30**										

Preachers and Theologs at Ministers' Week, Feb. 4-7



BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING CHAIRMAN Luther Booth introduces guests at head table.



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GILBERT WADE, Ponchatoula, president of Louisiana student group expresses appreciation for dinner.



Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Bishop Walton, Mrs. Dawson, the Rev. Jack Cooke and Dr. Virgil Morris.



The Rev. Luman Douglas, Dr. Bentley Sloan and Bishop Walton.



Bishop Walton addresses dinner for theologs.



At the Wednesday evening reception table.

Bishop's Conference on the Ministry, Feb. 1-2, Alexandria



Registration . .



Bishop Walton



Dr. McCulloh



At the dinner table



Discussion



Consultation



THE REV. A DUDLEY WARD, right, has been named general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns effective July 31. He will succeed Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, left, when the latter retires on that date.

Ward To Succeed Hooton July 31

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Rev. A. Dudley Ward will become general secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns upon the July 31 retirement of the Rev. Caradine R. Hooton. The change was made by the board at its annual meeting here Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

The 48-year-old Ward is now asso-

ciate general secretary of the board. Earlier he was the first and only general secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations, one of three agencies merged into the present board in 1960. His successor as associate will be selected by the executive committee, according to Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, president.

EXCERPTS

(Excerpts from the report of Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary, General Board of Christian Social Concerns, to the board's annual meeting, Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 1963, at Washington, D. C.)

One of the most significant activities of the staff has been its struggle to understand its task and the responsibility of the Church in the current social scene. How to inspire creative movement from the cloistered walls of a comfortable religion into the cluttered life of a bewildered world has been our common burden.

Yet common purpose among Methodists is not enough for a purposeless world at struggle with itself. Only as denominations become functional units of the mighty Church of God will the kingdoms of each become the Kingdom of our Lord.

While the visible signs of our labors are noteworthy, the tasks which lie ahead are potentially greater.

While we have analyzed our task in social education, we still lack a verbalizable theory of social action which will pinpoint our activities and incite helpful responses.

While we have made headway in research, we still must develop an integrated approach to research, for which we need additional personnel skilled in this specialized field.

Although we have produced abundant resources for local use, we have yet to properly equip the growing body of local church social concern leaders.

While we have a well staffed office force with smoothly operating procedures, we have not yet adequately conveyed the motives and goals of Christian concern in a highly personalized way.

Although we have opened doors for conversation with national leaders in Washington, we have not yet adequately provided for citizenship training for the thousands of Methodists who should come here for that purpose.

There is no question but that the opportunities for a significant impact on the future of our church, our nation and our world is within the reasonable range of this agency.

To live in this kind of world requires a new quality and way of life, more important to the needs of this generation than youth itself. God has given us new life in Christ with its unlimited possibilities for the present and the future. Since God would transmit and entrust to us this new life, we may accept also from Him the power to share the task of reconciling the world unto Him.

To live out this privilege demands more than technical skills or knowledge of history. We must move now from a semi-defensive mood to an invading attitude.

We've too long reacted simply to the enemy's tactics. It is time now to present our Friend's testimony. This we can better understand and interpret if, and only, when, we look away from our existential speculations long enough to acquire a fresh Aldersgate experience.

We covet the matching of courageous preaching with gallant performance of our tenets by the consecrated laity of our church.

TRAFCO Votes Open Offices In Los Angeles, NY

DALLAS, TEX.—A plan for decentralizing its work to provide better service was adopted here by The Methodist Church's Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO). The 30-member commission held its annual meeting Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Sheraton-Dallas hotel.

National headquarters of TRAFCO are in Nashville, Tenn.

Acting upon a report from its executive committee, TRAFCO voted to keep its headquarters office in Nashville but to open branch offices in New York and Los Angeles.

A studio for filmstrip production will be maintained in the Nashville headquarters, but a motion picture production studio will not be built.

Executives of TRAFCO were authorized to shift their motion picture production unit from Nashville to Los Angeles between now and June 1, 1964. Plans were also authorized for transferring, wherever possible, the personnel of the Production Department from Nashville to the new TRAFCO production unit being established in Los Angeles.

All of these matters had undergone careful study by a special committee of the commission.

Two plans for headquarters and branch offices were presented by the executive committee. The one that was not accepted was that the headquarters be in New York and branch offices in Los Angeles and Nashville.

The following were elected to the Board of Managers of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches: Dr. Wesley Brashares, pastor of La Porte (Ind.) Methodist Church; Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*; and Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Dr. Howard E. Tower, Dr. Gene W. Carter, and Joe W. Davis, all of the TRAFCO staff in Nashville. Dr. Spencer is TRAFCO general secretary and Dr. Tower, associate secretary.

The commission authorized the staff to continue production of the second series of 13 BREAKTHRU children's television programs as soon as new pledges to the TV-Radio Ministry Fund can be secured. An increase of about \$138,000 in the fund is needed for 1962-63 to complete the programs.

The TRAFCO staff was charged by the commission with the responsibility of drawing up a "communications blueprint" for 1964 through 1968 based upon several studies by a firm of management consultants. The studies were presented at the annual meeting.

Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco, TRAFCO president, presided at the meeting.

The Rev. Dr. S. Franklin Mack, New York City, was the speaker for a banquet. He is executive director of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches.

TRAFCO's 1964 annual meeting will be held March 5-6 in Chicago.

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The smallest church in any conference will give the biggest preacher in the conference more than he can do.



DR. JAMES W. TURPIN, Methodist physician-clergyman, is shown in New York as he detailed his plans for refugee aid in Hong Kong. He was recently named one of the Ten 'Outstanding Young Men of the Year' by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, meeting in Little Rock, Ark.

Relations Group Plans For More Inclusive Church

ATLANTA, GA. — Two organizations of The Methodist Church which are working to bring about "a more inclusive church" had a joint meeting recently, and "a consensus was reached that a plan of progress is in the making," and it was felt that "the movement is in the right direction."

The two groups that met, Jan. 11 at the Robert Morris Hotel in Philadelphia, were the executive committee of the Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations and the Committee of Five of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction of the denomination.

At the meeting, the executive committee of the Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations made several recommendations, which have since been approved by the commission in a meeting Jan. 25 in Chicago with 28 of the 36 commission members present.

The actions of the executive committee were announced by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the commission.

He said the committee decided to request Methodist bishops to establish, in accordance with action of the Methodist General Conference, special committees "to cooperate concerning the preparation for transfer of" Methodist areas, conferences and churches of the Central Jurisdiction into regional jurisdictions and conferences.

A recommendation that committees be established from the members of the Conference of the Central Jurisdiction located in the bounds of the South Central Jurisdiction and members of the Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction and that they be given specific responsibility to work out the details involved in "the transfer of the Central Jurisdiction Conferences into the South Central Jurisdiction."

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Revolution and urgency are the two great words of this generation.

In Memoriam



Mrs. Edna Raines

Mrs. Edna Raines, 89, of Monticello, Ark., widow of J. M. Raines, died recently at a Star City nursing home.

The former Edna Cotner, she was born at Rock Springs, Ark., Jan. 3, 1874, the daughter of Daniel and Martha Cotner. She and Mr. Raines were married in 1908. He died in 1918.

Mrs. Raines was an active member of the church and of the W.C.T.U. as long as she was physically able.

Survivors include two step-daughters, Mrs. T. E. Rhine of Thornton, and Mrs. George B. Mosley of Camden; and a niece, Mrs. Merle Anderson of Monticello, Ark., with whom she made her home for several years.

The funeral was held in Monticello by the Rev. Harould Scott. Burial was in Fordyce.



Mrs. John Rankin

On January 26, 1963, Grandma Rankin, as she was lovingly known to all who knew her, went to her heavenly home from the Springdale (Ark.) Memorial hospital.

Her passing was the closing chapter in the eleven member Frances Temple family as she was the last surviving member.

Narcissus Irene Temple Rankin was born at Rudy, Ark. March 10, 1875. She confessed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Methodist Church. At the time of her death she was a charter member of Wesley Methodist Church, Springdale, Ark.

On Oct. 23, 1895, she was married by the Rev. A. H. Lark to John Rankin who preceded her in death May 21, 1948. To this union were born two sons and three daughters, Clyde E. Rankin and Wilbur Rankin of Springdale, Ark., Miss Gladys Rankin of the home, Mrs. Frances Cannon of Compton, Calif., and Mrs. Edna Luginbuel of Lincoln, Ark. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her life covered a span from the dim wagon trail roads and the log church to our modern era. Her house was home to the circuit rider and to all her pastors.

She was intensely loyal to her family, her church and her country. She had a joy in knowing that all her children confessed Christ and united with the Methodist Church. She was ever interested in civic and moral uplift and voted in every national election from Woman's Suffrage to her death.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Britt Cordell, her pastor, and Dr. Ethan Dodgen, pastor of First Church, Springdale, on Jan. 28 at Wesley church. The memories of a beautiful life will remain with us as a source of inspiration and strength.

—Clyde E. Rankin



According to the best estimates of the health authorities, of the 185 million people of the United States, the 10 million Methodists will need 78,000 hospital beds during the year 1963. The denominational hospitals provide 19,761 of that number.



THE CRUCIFIXION- This unusual painting of the Crucifixion, by Salvador Dali, more noted for surrealist spectacles, hangs in the Glasgow (Scotland) Museum. Like much of his work it created some controversy when first exhibited, but has since become recognized as a major painting of religious significance.

Mrs. Eva Cory

Mrs. Eva Cory was born July 14, 1873 in Boone County, Indiana. She departed this life on Nov. 26, 1962, at the age of 89 years. She was the daughter of John and Mary Hill. Early in life she professed faith in Christ and united the Presbyterian Church. She was first married to Mr. Elmer Mount, who preceded her in death. To this union one child was born, who is now Mrs. Florence Church, of Coatesville, Indiana. She was later married to Mr. Walter G. Cory. To this union five children were born. Four boys and one girl. Two of the boys and the girl died either in infancy or early childhood.

In Oct., 1916, she with her husband and two boys moved to Loranger, Louisiana. There being no Presbyterian Church in Loranger, the family soon united with the First Methodist Episcopal Church and became good work-

ers in that church. On July 4, 1956, Mr. Cory passed away, leaving Mrs. Cory to carry on. She gave some 46 years of service to the Loranger Church, working wherever she could. She was an active member of the W.S.C.S. For many years she was Sunday School secretary, and at the time of her "Home going" she was assistant Sunday School secretary. Her main job in this phase of the work, was to post the attendance record and the offering on the board. To her this was a most important job, and she did it perfectly. Although she lived some four or five miles from the church, she sel-

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Feb. 17—Sunday	Hosea 4:1-10
Feb. 18	Amos 5:18-24
Feb. 19	Amos 8:4-10
Feb. 20	Matthew 23:1-15
Feb. 21	Matthews 23:16-24
Feb. 22	Matthew 23:25-36
Feb. 23	Matthew 27:15-23
Feb. 24—Sunday	Romans 2:1-11

dom let weather or distance keep her from her church. She would attend Sunday School and church at Loranger in the morning, and at night she would go with some friends to Cooper's Chapel to church. In 1960 and in 1961 she won an Attendance Certificate for perfect attendance in our World Wide Church Attendance Campaign from January 1st, till Easter Sunday. Not many younger people have a record like that. From the time this writer first knew her she was faithful to her church, and did what ever she was called upon to do gladly. The last night she spent at home, she was in church service at the Cooper's Chapel Church.

At the age of 89 her steps had become some-what shortened and slower, but if you ask her, "How are you feeling" her answer was, "Well I'm still tracking." Always glad to be in church.

On August 18, 1962 she fell and broke a leg near a hip-joint, and was carried to the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, La. where a few days later she under went surgery. She had improved enough by the last of Oct. to be transferred to a Nursing Home in Pontchatoula, La., where she could be close to friends and her loved ones.

On the morning of Nov. 26, a heart attack claimed her as its victim, and her spirit soared away to be with God who gave it, and with loved ones who have gone before.

Her funeral service was conducted by her pastor on Nov. 28, in the church to which she had given 46 years of service. She leaves to mourn her passing, one twin sister, Mrs. Lizzie Brown of Lebanon, Indiana; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Church of Coatesville, Indiana; two sons, Edward Cory of Amite City, La., and Alex Cory of Hammond, La., some grand children and some great grand children, and a host of friends.

By her pastor,
The Rev. C. J. T. Cotten



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LARRY DOMINGUES was the speaker at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Jan. 27, in connection with the church's mission study. Mr. Domingues is the local Goodwill Industries Operations Director, and a native of Mexico. He served as lay leader of the Latin-American Conference.



DR. W. D. BEACHAM, president-elect of the American Medical Association, is a member of the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, and is chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Hospital medical staff. He was recently honored with a banquet attended by 1,200 persons.



PLAQUEMINE'S First Methodist Church Junior High MYF are shown gathered to count money received in their 'Meals for Millions' project. A total of \$110 has been raised. Mrs. A. W. Allemond is counselor, Mrs. V. C. Folse is chairman of Commission on Missions, and the Rev. James E. Christie is the pastor.

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Portraits

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Religion



W. M. SHELL and his sons stand with the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Chatham, the Rev. Leon Scott, and watch the church organist, Loy Baird, Jr., play on an organ given in memory of Mrs. Shell. From left are Venice, Mr. Shell, Benoit, Lagree, Thurman and Mr. Scott.



THE REV. JAMES E. CHRISTIE of Plaquemine, at right, chairman, stands with the vice-chairman the Rev. E. B. Cloutman of Lake Charles, left, and Dr. Grady Hardin, of Perkins, SMU, during a meeting of the Annual Conference Commission on Worship held recently at Bunkie.



LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH
PEYTON and McKELVY ARCHITECTS

CONSTRUCTION of the New Lakeview Methodist Church, Shreveport, to be located on South Lake Shore Drive, is now in progress. The first unit, which includes the Chapel and Educational wing, is under construction. The proposed sanctuary shown above will seat about 1,500 persons. This phase of construction is expected to begin within two years. The first phase contains a sanctuary with offices, educational facilities, quadruple carport. Phase two includes nursery, educational space, offices, kitchen, dining area and fellowship hall. The Rev. James L. Beasley is the pastor.



THE REV. LUTHER BOOTH, left, pastor of the New Iberia Methodist Church, stands with representatives from other denominations during an Ecumenical meeting held there recently. Others are the Rev. Robert Jackson, Episcopal; Auxiliary Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Catholic; and the Rev. C. B. Ellis, Baptist.

World Service Workshops

Alexandria, La.
February 16, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

During this week we have held five of the District Workshops on World Service. We began the series in New Orleans at First Church on last Monday evening. Tuesday evening we were at First Church, Baton Rouge; Wednesday evening at First Church, New Iberia; Thursday evening at First Church, Lake Charles; and last evening here at First Church in Alexandria. We will hold the other three workshops Monday through Wednesday of next week.

This week Dr. Guy Hicks, chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance has been with us explaining how the apportionments are decided upon and how a local church receives and accepts its askings. In the workshops next week the Reverend Luman Douglas, chairman of the Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation will make these explanations. We are grateful to these brethren for their valuable assistance.

Dr. R. Merrill Powers, Field Secretary of the General Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Evanston, Illinois, is making the entire round with us. Dr. Powers is speaking in the interest of both World Service and the Advance. He is giving to us much helpful information and is challenging us to greater efforts. We are glad that Mrs. Powers is making this trip with her husband.

At each workshop we are receiving reports from the churches regarding the World Service and Conference Benevolence collections for the first three-quarters of the year. Congratulations to the District Superintendents, pastors and lay people responsible for the excellent reports which are being made. Many of the churches have paid all benevolences in full for the entire year. With very few exceptions we are in good condition.

Tomorrow I am scheduled to preach at Jena in the morning, to break ground for a new church in Alexandria in the afternoon, and to preach at Trinity in the evening.

Sincerely,

Quincy S. Walton

Board of Evangelism Purchases Film

The Board of Evangelism of the Louisiana Conference has purchased a print of the outstanding motion picture film "Conversion Plus," which had its recent preview at the meeting of the National Council on Evangelism at Ocean City, N.J. The chairman of the board, the Rev. A. A. McKnight, pastor of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, has asked us to announce that orders may be sent to him at Box 6102, Shreveport, La. The cost of the film is a free will offering taken at the time of its showing and sent to Brother McKnight.

Those who have seen this film are high in their praise of its message, emphasizing the witness of laymen in helping other laymen to find meaning and purpose for their lives.

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Bob Lay Speaks In Evangelism Program

Robert P. Lay of Shreveport was guest speaker at the kickoff dinner for the spring evangelistic campaign of First Methodist Church, Waxahachie, Texas, Jan. 30. One hundred fifty persons attended the dinner.

This church has a schedule of events leading up to their spring revival the first week in April. Bishop Kenneth Copeland is the revival preacher this year.

The schedule beginning January 30 includes: Sunday night attendance emphasis, regular weekly visitation pro-

gram, spiritual life groups meeting weekly for study, use of daily devotional booklet written by members, children and youth membership classes, 24 hour prayer vigil, and church school class attendance sponsors for each night of the revival.

A Christian love that will not reach to the ends of the earth will hardly get to Heaven.



THE LOUISIANA METHODIST subscription campaign at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, went over its goal due much to the efforts of H. P. Wall, left, subscription chairman, shown here receiving a subscription envelope from H.M. Wadsworth, one of the 135 subscribers from that church.

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CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER'S CONFERENCE-

General Board Leaders To Lead Conferences

Three outstanding staff members of the Methodist Church's General Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, will lead Church Worker's conferences in each of the eight districts of the Louisiana Conference, March 4-12. They are Dr. Walter Towner, director of the department of general church work, and Dr. Wayne Lindecker, Jr., and Dr. Randle Dew of the same department. They will be assisted by the staff of the Louisiana Board of Education and selected leaders for the district staffs.

The conferences are for all general officers of the Church School, pastors, directors of Christian education, educational assistants, and chairmen of commissions on family life, in all size churches. Small churches may send all Church School teachers and officers.

Dr. Bentley Sloan, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education, said the aim of conferences is "To instruct the Church School workers in doing a team job." Dr. Sloane and two members of his staff—Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, conference director of youth work, and Miss Shiela Nuttall, conference director of children's work—will be among the lead-

ers in each of the meetings.

The district superintendents and district directors of General Church School work are in charge of local arrangements. Time of the conferences will be 7 to 9:30 p.m. in each district except Shreveport, which will be 2 to 5 p.m.

Dates of the district workshops are as follows: Alexandria district, Monday, March 4, First Methodist Church; Baton Rouge district, Tuesday, March 5, First Methodist Church; New Orleans district, Wednesday, March 6, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette district, Thursday, March 7, New Iberia Methodist Church; Lake Charles district, Friday, March 8, First Methodist Church; Shreveport district, Sunday, March 10, Broadmoor Methodist Church; Ruston district, Monday, March 11, Arcadia Methodist Church; Monroe District, Tuesday, March 12, First Methodist Church.

Family Chairman Of Local Church To Attend Workshop

Each local church is requested to send the chairman of the Family Life Committee to the District Church School Officers' Workshops, scheduled for March 4-12. Local churches not having a Family Life Committee, should send one person who might represent the Family Life program.

The schedule of District Workshops and the leaders of the Family Life Committee chairmen are as follows: (Most of the Workshops are scheduled for 7:00 p.m.)

March 4, Alexandria (First Church Alexandria) Leader, Rev. John Kilpatrick, chairman of the Conference Committee on Family Life

March 5, Baton Rouge (First Church, Baton Rouge) Rev. James W. Ailor, leader

March 6, New Orleans (Rayne Memorial Church) Rev. Clyde C. Frazier,

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Transfers Announced

Bishop Walton announces the following transfers and appointments in the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Allen O. Jernigan, Elder in Full Connection, transferred to the Texas Conference, effective November 1, 1962.

John J. Rasmussen, Jr., Deacon on Trial, transferred to the North Texas Conference, effective February 1, 1963.

Warren L. Livingston, Deacon on Trial, transferred in from the Idaho Conference, Associate, First Methodist Church, New Orleans, effective November 2, 1962.

Robert S. Barefield, Elder in Full Connection, transferred in from the North Carolina Conference, Director, Wesley Foundation, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, effective January 1, 1963.

Editorials

Teenage Drinking and Parents

RECENT EVENTS in the State of New York have called to our attention the grave and complicated problem of teenage drinking and the responsibility of parents in relation thereto. The New York legislators turned down an effort to increase the minimum age for drinking from 18—the lowest in the nation—and also refused to authorize identification cards for teenagers from other states where the minimum age for drinking is 21.

Shortly after this had been before that legislature we read a very fine column on the subject written by Dr. Joyce Brothers, whom many of you will remember from TV Quiz Show days. She said, "What the New York lawmakers were saying in effect was: Let the parents get at the reasons their youngsters drink, and the needs for state controls will be less acute."

Dr. Brothers was quick to admit something that has caused many of us growing concern. Namely that a great number of teenagers drink because their parents make it so easy for them to do so and in many instances even encourage them. She points out two factors in the home that are parts of this encouragement. Again we quote, "There is the influence of home environment. The more the parents indulge, the greater is the chance of their children following suit."

She goes on to tell us that two psychological factors are a part of the whole picture. The first of these is the child's tendency to copy the parents' example, and the second is that the adolescent may want to escape from the conflicts in the family which may be caused by drinking.

The statistics on teenage drinking are quite alarming. According to Dr. Marvin A. Block, chairman of the American Medical Association's committee on alcoholism, the average young person in this country starts experimenting with drink at about 17. The FBI tells us that more than 100,000 teenagers are arrested every year for drunkenness, driving while intoxicated and other violations of the liquor laws. Between 1950 and 1960 the FBI reports that arrests of young people under 18 for drunken driving skyrocketed an astonishing 65 per cent.

There is a great deal to be said about the indirect influence of the home on early drinking. Where there

is conflict in the home there are the factors that make for instability that may move directly to experimentation with alcohol.

What the teenager does about drinking is largely the result of pressures of his crowd and his parents. The parents can do a great deal for the child if his pressures are positively against drinking, even though this may involve the rethinking of some of his own habits.

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The Obligations of Privilege

IN THE HISTORY of the Old Testament one of the things the Hebrew people had to learn from their prophets was that every privilege which they enjoyed from God's leadership and protection carried with it a corresponding obligation. We of the Christian Church in America in the year 1963 need to hear prophetic voices which tell us the same thing.

Many times the Jewish people found that they were in disfavor with their God because they took for granted their position as a "chosen people." Sometimes God had to send word to them that their very religious rituals were obnoxious to him because the spirit which had first prompted their practice had been lost.

Jesus often clashed with the Pharisees during his ministry, not because he objected to their religious observances, but because he could not tolerate the attitude which they took toward their position of privilege. He saw that it made them proud and that they built walls around themselves and sought to shut themselves off from the rest of the world. This was what he could not tolerate, and this led Jesus to take such a position concerning them that the conflict continued until it led to his death. Through his death and resurrection it was his attitude that was elevated and theirs that was forever condemned.

Yet in every age we have seen this drama replayed. Whenever men and nations have become privileged, especially when they have linked the fact of their privilege with the idea that God had favored them, they have been tempted, just as the Pharisees were, to develop an arrogance in which they have dared to insinuate that God is pleased with their pride.

Most of our privileges are not of our earning. Take out of the present situation the sacrifices of the generations before we were born, the background of the nation, the contributions of our families and neighbors. See how little is actually left for which we can take credit. Then consider the attitude of stewardship which we ought to feel for the talents and the material things of which God is still the owner.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

It was your editor's pleasure to spend the week-end in Natchitoches, La., one of the most delightful small cities of that state and a spot where a great deal is being done by the Methodists.

Natchitoches dates back to 1714 and calls itself the "oldest city in the Louisiana Purchase." We discovered from Francis Pearce, the wife of the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor of First Church, that one of the most important organizations there bears the rather cumbersome title of the Association of Natchitoches Women for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches. They are at work encouraging some reconstruction work looking to the 250th anniversary in 1964.

The congregation of First Church is making remarkable progress toward the completion of their church, which was destroyed by fire last March. We preached to a large congregation in the auditorium of the high school and then went through the church building after noon. They expect to be back in their beautiful and enlarged structure the latter part of May. George says that the contractor keeps assuring them that he will have the building finished before they get the pews and other fixtures.

We met at 9:30 a.m. and again at the noon hour with some of the young people at the Wesley Foundation of Northwestern State College. Under the leadership of their director, Bob Tatum, they are moving ahead with plans to start a \$90,000 Wesley Foundation Building very soon. They will be located in a very strategic spot just across the street from the home of the president.

The congregation of First Church, Natchitoches, and the membership and leadership of the Wesley Foundation are working together in as fine a manner as any we have observed. Each complements the other in a way that is mutually strengthening. Bob Tatum, a former football star at the school, is giving fine leadership to the Foundation, and George Pearce is a wonderful leader for the local congregation. Together they are inspiring a great response among Methodists in historic Natchitoches.

ONE DAY -- A GOODBYE FOREVER?

"...THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT..."
— MATT. 24: 40, 41; LUKE 17: 34-36



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Church of England And British Methodists Take 'Giant Step' Toward Eventual Union

LAKELAND, Fla.—The established Church of England and the British Methodist Conference have taken a "giant step" toward eventual union, a member of the negotiating committee reported here.

The Rev. Dr. Eric W. Baker, secretary of the British Methodist Conference and a vice president of the World Methodist Council, described the proposed merger as "part of the strong ecumenical tide that is flowing throughout the world."

Dr. Baker was interviewed here at Florida Southern College, where he lectured during his three-month visit to the United States. He plans to leave in March for New Zealand and Australia.

He was a member of the joint committee which recently concluded eight years of "conversations" relative to the unification of England's two largest Protestant groups.

He said the committee's report of its findings and recommendations was due to have remained secret until published about March 1. However, since some of the report appeared in London newspapers, he no longer felt pledged to secrecy.

The report will be submitted this summer at the respective annual sessions of the British Methodist Conference and the Church of England. It recommends two years of consideration by the denominations' lower courts, Dr. Baker said, followed by negotiations beginning in 1965 to establish a trial period of full communion.

The plan calls for the trial period to be climaxed by a "service of reconciliation" when clergymen of each church would be formally received into the ministry of the other.

Then the British Methodists would name bishops, for the first time in their history, to supervise the work of the conference, which would remain the supreme authority on matters of Methodist doctrine.

"Later, perhaps in twenty to fifty years, we hope to achieve full organic communion (merger) as the result of gradually growing together," Dr. Baker said.

He stressed that the proposal calls for "union," not "reunion."

"It should be remembered that our eighteenth century Methodist societies were never a part of the Church of England," he observed. "So there was no breakaway, the societies just developed into a free church."

This action by the "mother" Church of England doubtless will influence

world-wide Anglican groups, including U. S. Episcopalians, in favor of uniting with other Protestant bodies, Dr. Baker predicted.

The Church of England initiated the conversations by an invitation to the British Methodist Conference, he said.

Both churches named 12 representatives each to the negotiating committee, composed of clergymen and laymen, including two women.

The Church of England members of the committee voted unanimously in favor of the final report, while the Methodists split eight to four, Dr. Baker

er voted with the Methodist majority.

The published report will include the views of the dissenting Methodist members, said to center on objection to the episcopacy.

Co-chairmen of the committee were the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, former president of the British Methodist Conference and of the World Methodist Council, and the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter of the Church of England.

A great deal that goes by the name of liberalism is little better than exhibitionism.



THE REV. LESLIE DAVIDSON, president of the Methodist General Conference of Great Britain, reviews the Vatican's Swiss Guard accompanied by Msgr. Igino Cardinale, Vatican chief of protocol. The British Methodist leader then spent more than a half hour with Pope John XXIII in a private audience. Last October the Pope gave an audience to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, president of the World Methodist Council, who was a delegate-observer at the Vatican Council's first session.

Good Financial Gains Being Shown In All But One Fund, Says Treas.

EVANSTON, Ill. — Two-thirds of the way through the current fiscal year, Methodists were showing good gains in all but one of the general benevolence and administrative funds, it was announced here Feb. 5.

In an eight-month summary, reporting on receipts for 11 general funds of The Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke said that only the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry was lagging behind the receipts for a similar eight-month period a year ago. Dr. Cooke is general secretary and treasurer of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston.

Although World Service, the largest and most basic general benevolence fund, was lagging considerably behind the two-thirds amount of its annual goal of \$15,000,000, the fund was 3.02 per cent ahead of where it stood at this time a year ago, and the last months of the fiscal year regularly bring in much larger receipts than the first months of the fiscal year.

Amounts received for the June-through-January period in the several categories and the percentage of gain over the same period of eight months in 1961-62 follow:

World Service, \$8,130,333.62—3.02%.
General Advance Specials
World Missions, \$3,537,391.21—5.3%; National Missions, \$755,919.14—9.87%.
Overseas Relief, \$555,840.00—31.6%.
One Great Hour of Sharing, \$124,001.14—25.5%.
Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$674,163.76—4.01%.
World Service Specials, \$89,556.03—113.56%.
Episcopal Fund, \$1,148,482.48—8.12%.
General Administration Fund, 489,325.99—3.71%.
The Television-Radio Ministry Fund, with \$140,670.73, was off 3.48%.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Feb. 24 - Sun. Romans 2:1-11
Feb. 25 1 Cor. 5:1-13
Feb. 26 James 2:14-26
Feb. 27 James 4:1-17
Feb. 28 1 John 3:4-18
March 1 Isaiah 9:2-7
March 2 Isaiah 11:1-19
March 3 - Sun. Isaiah 35:1-10

Building Plans For Washington Gains Two Steps

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Construction of a \$4,000,000 headquarters, the first building in the new Methodist center here, gained two steps toward final approval this week (Jan. 31- Feb. 4). Two hurdles still remain, but hope was expressed that ground might be broken this spring.

The Board of Christian Social Concerns unanimously authorized its Division of Temperance and General Welfare to complete plans and to contract for the building, and approved plans for financing of more than \$4,000,000 if necessary.

Then the Methodist Corporation, which controls the center site in Northwest Washington, approved the general plan for the building and authorized the division to proceed, subject to final clearance of plans.

The big steps still to be taken are amendment of zoning of the 16-acre site by the District of Columbia to allow an office building in a residential zone, and the approval of the Methodist Coordinating Council.

The building, primarily for a Methodist headquarters, would go on a 4 1/2-acre site owned by the division within the total 16-acre center. It would be adjacent to the Methodist-related American University, Wesley Theological Seminary, Sibley Memorial Hospital and Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church.

Present plans, as developed by A. Hensel Fink, Philadelphia architect, call for an eight-story administration building with 125,000 square feet of usable floor space. Actual construction cost is estimated at some \$3,000,000, according to Roger Burgess, division executive. The project will be self-liquidating.

The headquarters is expected to house Methodist national and area offices now in the Methodist Building on Capitol Hill, with rental space available for offices of other denominations and inter-church agencies. The present building probably will be sold or leased to the federal government eventually, said Bishop John Wesley Lord, president of both the corporation and the division, since there have been indications the government will want the property.

The corporation voted to ask the 1964 General Conference to provide for liquidation of the debt (expected to approximate a half-million dollars) during the following quadrennium and to provide funds.

Methodists Named To NCC Gen. Board

Forty Methodists who will represent The Methodist Church on the General Board of the National Council of Churches during the 1963-66 triennium have been announced.

The new members will take office at the conclusion of the Sixth Assembly which meets in Philadelphia, Dec. 1-7.



WESTLAKE METHODIST church young people here are wearing hats native to the countries on the 'Rim of East Asia'. Decorations were also made by the youth. The Rev. Garland Dean, Jr., is pastor.

Westlake Youth Study Missions

The Senior Hi Methodist Youth Fellowship of Westlake Methodist Church engaged in the study of the current theme: "Christian Mission On The Rim Of East Asia," both morning and evening during the month of January. The study was highlighted with guest speakers, filmstrips, and discription of artifacts. An average of 25 attended under the counseling of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fanta. The month's programs were supervised by Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., secretary of youth work, W.S.C.S.

A Fun and Festival Party was held

TRI-PARISH SUB-DISTRICT

The Monroe District M.Y.Fund Fellowship Team presented a program to the Tri-Parish Sub-District recently in the Waterproof Methodist Church.



THE REV. BOB BAREFIELD, is the new Wesley Foundation director at U.S.L., Lafayette. Mr. Barefield holds a B. D. degree from Duke, a degree in Engineering Physics from Auburn, Ala., and lacks only a few hours having a Masters degree in counselling. He served as Foundation director at Appalachian State Teachers College at Bloome N. C. and at the University in Raleigh, Missouri. He was serving as pastor of the Methodist Church at Kinley, North Carolina, prior to coming to Louisiana.

on Sunday night, January 27, as a concluding program of the study. Decorations were by Mrs. Sam Burch, assistant counselor and a group of young people. Mrs. Fanta and Mrs. Vernon LeDoux, assisted by various mothers planned food of chow mein, chop suey, fortune cookies and green tea. Hats were made by Mrs. Chester Fronzchek, adult advisor, and the youth games and music led by Robert R. Hart, another adult counselor.

The pastor is the Reverend Garland Dean, Jr.

The fellowship team consisted of Rev. George Deurson, Sherman Carroll, Lenora and Adella Dampier, and Pat Cupit.

Refreshments were served to the group and Ben Westerburg, Counselor of the Sub-District, led several games.

A committee consisting of Barbara Gilbert, Alice Ann, Lenora Dampier, and Ben Westerburg met and planned the part on the program the Sub-District will have at the District Conference to be held March 10th, at Delhi High School. They will present a panel discussion on: "The Youth in the Church and The Church in the Youth."

Lenora Dampier
Publicity Chairman
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Workshops

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Jr., leader
March 7, Lafayette (First Church, New Iberia) Rev. W. D. Boddie, leader
March 8, Lake Charles (First Church, Lake Charles) Dr. Leonard Cooke, leader

March 10, 2:30 P.M., Shreveport (First Church, Shreveport) Rev. John Kilpatrick, leader

March 11, Ruston (First Church, Arcadia) Rev. John Kilpatrick, leader
March 12, Monroe (First Church, Monroe) Rev. John Kilpatrick, leader

Christianity is not a doctrine but a life.

Missions Program at Hammond

On each of the four Sunday nights of January, the members of the First Methodist Church of Hammond, participated in a Church-Wide Study, under the direction of Neal Greer, chairman of the Commission on Missions. The study entitled "The Rim of East Asia" included information on the conditions and work of the church in Korea, Okinawa and the Ryukus, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

The program for the first Sunday evening of January was under the direction of the Commission on Missions with Mrs. Dan Durham, Jr., Miss Rose Wolf and Mr. Greer participating.

On Sunday, January 13, a panel of young people from the Young Married Couples Class presented the program which covered the area of Korea. Those who served on the panel were John Andre, moderator, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Steedley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. C. D. Alford and H. C. Vickers.

The third session on Sunday, January 20, was presented by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. For their part on the program, the drama "No Certain Harbour" by Hilda Benson Powicke was presented.

The final session on Sunday, January 27 was a showing of slides taken by Dr. W. B. Trice, on his recent trip to Hong Kong. Mrs. Trice presented these slides to the Hammond congregation.

Each Sunday, the evening began with a covered-dish supper in the educational building for the entire congregation. Average attendance for the four sessions was approximately 135. After the fellowship supper, the actual Mission Study Program was presented. There were special study classes for each age group, Primary, Juniors, Junior High, High School and Adults. The children's group was under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Sledge. The Junior High students were led by Dr. & Mrs. C. O. Henneman. The High School group had as their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Settoon. Following the Mission Study Program, services were continued in the sanctuary where Rev. Edward R. Thomas, Pastor, continued with a message in conjunction with the thoughts of the study.

At the final session, Centenary College Choir was also guests for supper. After the Mission Study they presented their Music Concert for the resi-



NEAL GREER, JR., is chairman of the Commission on Missions and leader of the church-wide study, 'Rim of East Asia'.



MRS. DAN DURHAM, JR., one of the program chairmen.

dents of Hammond at the Music Auditorium at Southeastern Louisiana College. Each year the Methodist Church sponsors the Centenary Choir in Hammond.

As an outgrowth of the study, the Study and Action Committee presented to the congregation the story of "Angel's Haven" in Korea, which is a school for orphan boys. The congregation will sponsor sending one or more of these boys to school for a year.

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MEMBERS OF THE PANEL from the young adult class were, from left, Joe Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, John Andre, moderator, Mrs. C. D. Alford, and J. C. Steedley.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR presented a concert in the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR presented a concert in the auditorium of Lee High School, Baton Rouge, on Feb. 9.

AT THE FEB. 18 MEETING of the Methodist Men of the Westlake Methodist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Garland Dean, was the moderator for a round table discussion on the subject "Christianity's Answer to Communism."

THE MARDI GRAS AND SWEETHEART BANQUET at Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was held at the church on Feb. 8. Their pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

GUEST PREACHER at Slidell Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Feb. 3 was the Rev. John C. Rousseaux, retired member of the Louisiana Conference. The pastor is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

THE CHOIR OF SAGER BROWN SCHOOL presented a service of music and meditation at the evening worship hour, Feb. 10 at First Methodist Church, Franklin. The pastor is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

MR. DAVID MAXWELL, professor of economics at Tulane University, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, at their Feb. 4 meeting. The pastor is the Rev. E. J. Barksdale.

MISS LOUISE SHARP, conference director of Children's Work, was the leader for a training course for parents and Church School workers with youth at the Kenner Methodist Church, Jan. 29-31. The pastor of the Kenner Church is the Rev. Marvin H. Corley.

AN ASIAN SUPPER and entertainment time were held at the Haynesville Methodist Church, Friday, Feb. 8, by the Junior High Department to close out their foreign mission study "Rim of East Asia." Their pastor is the Rev. K. G. Rorie.

THE CONGREGATION OF Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, began a study of The Book of Romans on Sunday evening, Feb. 3. The study was continued on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week. Their pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

MISS ALICE ALSUP, retired missionary in China and Japan, was guest speaker at First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday evening, Feb. 3, as a part of their mission study on "The Rim of East Asia." The pastor is the Rev. Merlin Merrill.

THE LULING WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service is taking the study course, "Dimensions of Prayer," during the month of February. Mrs. G. W. Eldridge is the teacher for the course. The Rev. James L. Adams is the pastor.

BISHOP W. KENNETH POPE, resident bishop of the Arkansas Area, was the guest speaker at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday evening, Feb. 10. He spoke on his recent trip to Latin America. The pastor at Noel is the Rev. Sam Nader.

LEADERS FOR THE WSCS study of "Dimensions of Prayer" at First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Feb. 20-March 1, will be Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton of Lake Charles; the Rev. Ronald Devillier; Mrs. George H. Thomas and the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir. The pastor is the Rev. R. R. Branton.



IN OBSERVATION of National Scout Week these boys attended the morning services in uniform on Sunday, Feb. 10, 1963 at the First Methodist Church, Jennings: (l to r) Scouts Artie Berry and Val Miller, Cubs Allen and Mark Morgan, and Scouts Frederick Stolzle and Dusty Miller.

LAKE VISTA METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, has announced that the guest speaker for their Preaching Mission, March 3-6, will be Dr. Stuart Henry, professor in the Graduate School of Religion, Duke University. The pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier.

DA. ROBERT W. GOODLOE of the faculty of Centenary College was the first guest minister in the new Sunday Evening Revival Hour series at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Feb. 3. The subject of his message was "Repentance." The pastor is Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

DR. FRANK STAGG, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, Feb. 3, in that church's series of services on "Getting to Know Our Religious Neighbors." The pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

AT THE REGULAR MEETING of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Welch, Jan. 21, the following new officers were elected: Emmett Carson, president; W. H. Patterson, vice-president; Norman Robinson, secretary; and Frank Notestine, treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

THE REV. ROBERT H. JAMIESON, pastor of First Methodist Church, DeRidder, is teaching the adult group in the church-wide mission study "On the Rim of East Asia," which began Jan. 20 in his church. All age groups are taking part in the study.

AT THE FEB. 12 MEETING of the Methodist Men of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Boy Scout Troop 10, sponsored by the church, presented a program of their well known Indian dances. The troop was honored in the first morning worship service on this church on Feb. 10. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY was observed at DeQuincy Methodist Church with the following scouts, all of whom are working on the God and Country Award, taking part in the services: Paul Carlson, Edward Lee Hines, Winfred Martin, Joe Renfrow and Sammy Snider. Their pastor is the Rev. Winfred Martin.

MR. GERALD GALLINGHOUSE, president of the New Orleans Levee Board, will be the guest speaker for the Feb. 27 meeting of the Methodist Men of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church. He will speak on "Our Part in Improving and Beautifying the Waterfront Area of Greater New Orleans. The pastor is the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr.

LEADERS FOR THE MISSION-STUDY "The Arm of Compassion" at Rayville Methodist Church, Feb. 3-24, are the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walton; the Rev. E. D. Haug, Monroe District Superintendent; the Rev. L. D. Haughton, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital; and the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home.

A RECENT ISSUE OF the Elysian Fields Advocate, parish paper of Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, carried the announcement of the birth of a daughter, Lorenda Rhea to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Holmes, missionaries who work at Lodhipur Institute at Shahjahanpur, India. The eight pound two ounce daughter was born January 23.

THE OLD PARSONAGE AT Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, was recently remodeled to include four bedrooms, two baths, a modern kitchen, living room, family room and a utility room work area. The building is fully air-conditioned and equipped with central heat. The Rev. Ned L. Stout is the pastor.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, and Mr. Frank Bailey, superintendent of Children's House, were guest speakers for the Feb. 3 session of the MYF study of the book "Fracture Zone" at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, where the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is the pastor.

JAMES CHATHAM, a student at Centenary College, has become youth director at North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport. He replaces Gordon Talk, who graduated from Centenary at mid-term and has gone on to Perkins School of Theology. The pastor at North Highlands is the Rev. George Harkins.

THE FEB. 1 ISSUE of the parish paper of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, carried a message of congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mares, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 9. We are happy to add our words of congratulations to this couple. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

MR. ROSS GOLSON, senior counselor in the office of Vocational Rehabilitation, was the leader for the adult discussion on "Rehabilitation" as a part of the Sunday evening fellowship at First Methodist Church, Monroe, Feb. 10. During the session a film "Goodwill Industries" was shown by the Rev. Don McBride of Shreveport. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

AT THE REGULAR GENERAL MEETING of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Feb. 5, Mrs. Ross Cahal, president of the New Orleans District, and Mrs. Max Clayton, district secretary of promotion, presented a program on the Assembly at Atlantic City and showed slides of this meeting. Their pastor is the Rev. B. A. Galloway.

THE REV. ROLAND FRIEDERICH, associate pastor at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, participated on a panel which discussed "The Church and Segregation" on television station KALB-TV, Feb. 9. Others taking part on the panel discussion were Dr. Troy Wheeler of Calvary Baptist Church; and the Rev. James Carpenter of St. Timothy Episcopal Church. The moderator for the program was Dr. Forrest Hawkins of Central Louisiana Hospital.

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The Sunday School Lesson

DR. E. T. WAYLAND



Lesson For March 3, 1963: WORSHIP AND WORK

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-50. Printed Text: Mark 9:2-8, 35-41.

MEMORY SELECTION: Jesus said unto them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work.' John 4:34.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To stress the importance of Christian character that is well balanced between reverential worship and unselfish service.

We will have a better understanding of the reason for the events of today's lesson if we review briefly some of the events described in last Sunday's lesson. That lesson recorded Peter's 'great confession.' After about two and a half years of close association with his disciples, Jesus apparently wanted an open declaration from them of what they thought about him.

Hence it was that one day, without giving them time to 'cram for such an examination,' Jesus asked them what people in general thought about him. The answer was that some thought he was John the Baptist, others Elijah or Jeremiah or some other of the Jewish prophets. Let us keep in mind that all of these opinions were very complimentary. Although complimentary, they were not satisfactory to Jesus.

The Lord then turned to the disciples with a very direct, personal question, 'But who do you say that I am?' In other words Jesus asked, 'What do you think about me?' This would be a rather daring question for one of us to ask of a group of acquaintances if the group contained one or more as frank and outspoken as Peter. Nevertheless, Jesus received his reply. Peter speaking for himself and the group said, 'Thou art the Christ.'

This was the high point in the development of the faith of the apostles. Furthermore it was an essential pre-requisite to the startling announcement Jesus was about to make. It appears that Jesus began almost immediately after this declaration of their faith in him as the Christ to tell the disciples that he was to be rejected by Jewish leaders and would be killed. This announcement of a violent death at the hands of his enemies was so unthinkable to the apostles that Peter rebuked him with the words, 'God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you (RSV).'

The fact is that this surprising, unexpected announcement about his death was the greatest shock and most severe test of the faith of the disciples in Christ's divinity that they ever experienced aside from the actual crucifixion itself. Knowing this, Jesus knew how badly they needed a great spiritual experience to strengthen and undergird their faith in him as the Christ. It was just such an experience which he provided for the three leaders of the group a few days later as they were eyewitnesses of the transfiguration of Jesus.

THE TRANSFIGURATION — ITS MEANING

In the opening verse of our lesson text Mark says that 'after six days' Jesus took Peter, James and John with him into a high mountain. Luke adds that he 'went up into a mountain to pray. The 'six days' Mark mentions was the short time that elapsed between the great confession and the transfiguration.

There are some things taught in the New Testament which we cannot explain or even understand. We find examples of this in the doctrine of the Trinity and in the doctrine of the incarnation. The 'how' of the transfiguration also falls in this class. The transfiguration was a mysterious, awe-inspiring experience of Jesus and the Three disciples, recorded in all of the synoptic gospels, which teaches many lessons. Nevertheless, like a beautiful sunset, it is

difficult to analyze it or describe it without marring something of its beauty.

The facts of the transfiguration, however, are clearly stated. Jesus took Peter, James and John apart with him into a high mountain to pray. While we are not told the name of the mountain, many scholars think it was Mt. Hermon. There, while praying Jesus was transfigured before the disciples. 'His face did shine as the sun and his raiment was white as the light.' There appeared with him in this supernatural light Moses the lawgiver and Elijah the prophet. In the presence of the disciples these talked with Jesus about his coming death in Jerusalem.

Peter, together with James and John, was so bewildered and astounded by the indescribable scene that 'he did not know what to say.' However, we can trust Peter, in almost any situation, to say something. Hence we have Peter making the impractical, almost foolish suggestion that they build there on the mountain three tabernacles, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Apparently, while Peter was speaking, the scene was overshadowed by a cloud. Out of the cloud came the voice of God saying, 'This is my beloved son; listen to him (RSV).'

Suddenly the whole scene passed and the disciples found themselves again with 'Jesus only.'

The transfiguration had special meaning for Jesus, for his disciple and for us. (1) For Jesus it meant a return, for the time, to something of the association and glory that he had before coming to earth. It also meant the approval of the Father, in the presence of his disciples, of what he had been doing and what he planned to do, even his death on the cross. (2) For the disciples the transfiguration was an unforgettable demonstration of the fact that Jesus was the Christ the divine Son of God. It meant new faith, new courage, new commitment at a time of great spiritual need in their lives. (3) For us, among other things, the transfiguration is clear proof of the survival of human personality after death. At the time Moses had been dead 1500 years. Elijah had been dead about 850 years. Yet both of them appeared here with Jesus in a recognizable form and talked with Jesus as friend to friend.

MOUNTAIN TOPS AND VALLEYS

Verses 14-29 of the chapter from which our lesson text is taken are recommended reading in the study of today's lesson. They record an incident which gives meaning to our lesson. They show, in vivid contrast with the wonderful, worshipful experience of Jesus and the three disciples on the mountain top, the desperate need for help at the foot of the mountain in the valley below.

A man brought an afflicted son to the other nine disciples at the foot of the mountain for healing. They were unable to heal him. When Jesus and the three disciples came down from the mountain, the father turned to Jesus for help. Jesus healed his son. Mountaintop experiences are important since without them there is likely to be confusion and failure in the valley of love.

We have exemplified in this incident two basic elements in Christian living - worship and work. Mountaintop experiences are important in Christian living. Nevertheless, we should always remember that vital religion is more than hearing great sermons or beautifully sung anthems or the wonderful feeling of togetherness in congregational worship. Such worship experiences are not ends in themselves. To make them so may be evidence of pure selfishness. If our mountaintop experiences of worship do

not inspire us to go down into the valley of consecrated service we should test the reality and sincerity of our worship.

Worship alone is not enough. Neither are good works alone enough. We should worship and we should work. We should also be ever trying to keep a proper balance between the spiritual infilling that comes to us through worship and the out going of ourselves to others in helpful service.

THE FRUITS OF SELFISHNESS

After the healing of the afflicted boy, Jesus and his disciples began a journey through Galilee to Capernaum. On the way Jesus again told the disciples that he was to be killed by his enemies. Apparently what he said did not impress the disciples. Rather, on the way, they disputed about who of them would be greatest in Christ's kingdom.

At Capernaum Jesus asked them what they were disputing about on the way. They did not reply because they were ashamed for Jesus to know about their selfish ambitions. If it was evidence of light-hearted folly for Nero to 'fiddle' while Rome burned, what shall we say of these short-sighted disciples who disputed about political ambitions while Jesus was trying to help them to understand something of the cross and the glories of the resurrection?

This desire for the highest place in Christ's kingdom indicates that the disciples, as yet, had no real conception of the character of the kingdom Christ was to establish. Furthermore it indicates, because of their selfishness, they were not yet ready for helpful leadership in any position of responsibility.

A CHILD IN THE MIDST

In view of this unholy ambition for places of greatness, Jesus then stood in the midst of the disciples with a child in his arms. He told them, in effect, that a proper, sincere ministry even to a little child was an act of true greatness both in his sight and in the sight of God.

In doing this Jesus was not condemning ambition as such. He was only trying to inspire the disciples to substitute an ambition to serve for their growing ambition to be great. No child or adult should be criticized for being ambitious. Our concern for ourselves and for others should be that all ambitions be directed toward worthy goals.

INTOLERANCE IS NOT THE ANSWER

John told Jesus that the disciples had seen a man 'casting out devils' in the name of Jesus. John said, in effect, that because the man did not belong to their crowd they tried to stop him. Jesus promptly rebuked such a narrow viewpoint.

This spirit of jealous intolerance between church groups has survived through the centuries and has been one of the greatest hindrances to Christian progress that the Christian church has had to face.

Few, if any of us would like to see all branches of the Christian church united in one world-wide organization. Past church history would not justify such a desire. During the 'dark ages' the Christian church reached an all-time low in vital religion, spiritual power and effectiveness, although, at the time, practically all professed Christian forces were united in one church.

Let it be said, however, that today all groups of Christian people could and should unite in a spirit of Christian tolerance and be whole-hearted in a common purpose and endeavor to win the world for Christ. The millions of unchurched people about us know little and care less about the theological difference that divide us. This great mass of people will never be truly impressed by the church until it presents a common front in a common cause.

REWARDS OF SINCERE SERVICE

In the closing verse of our lesson text Jesus tells the disciples and us that the smallest act of service done sincerely in his name will be rewarded.

Judging from the words of Jesus in Matt. 25:31-46, the big question in the final judgment will not be regarding the high station or position we attained in the service of the church. Rather the questions will be regarding our reaction to those about us who are sick, or hungry, or thirsty, or in need of clothes, or in prison, or merely the lonely stranger in our midst. The greatest asset we will have in the final test will be the service we have rendered to those in spiritual and physical need.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A world membership of 393,970 has been reported by the Church of the Nazarene from its headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. The report said that the total includes 335,005 members in 4,803 congregations in the United States and the British Commonwealth, and 58,965 in 921 congregations in 43 other countries.

What most of us grow a bit envious of in Nazarene Church statistics is their giving for world missions, which has increased by 143 per cent, from \$1,750,000 in 1949 to \$4,250,000 in 1962. Nazarenes attribute this gain to their "tithe the tithe plan" under which ten cents of every dollar given to the local church goes for overseas missions.

Baptists recently sponsored a service in historic First Baptist Meeting House in Providence, R.I. to mark the 300th anniversary of Rhode Island's Royal Charter of 1663. The service, attended by some 1400 persons, also paid tribute to the memory of Dr. John Clarke, a Baptist minister who founded Newport, R.I., and worked 12 years in England to secure the charter with its novel guarantee of religious freedom in a century of religious conflict.

We may not always be able to travel all the way back to the River Jordan with our Baptist friends in some of their claims, but we have no difficulty traveling back to Rhode Island with them and being grateful for all they did to pioneer in religious liberty.

A payroll deduction plan at a company in Pawtucket, R.I. is designed to help the churches and synagogues of participating employees. While the routine deductions for income tax, Social Security and other government-dictated withholdings bring payday gripes, "church withholding" has brought nothing but smiles of approval from participating employees of the J. C. Hall Co.

We don't think this plan is here to stay, but it is indeed an unusual approach to the matter of church giving.

A retired Anglican archdeacon in Toronto, Ont. is living happily and industriously with a "power-driven" heart. Archdeacon A. C. McCollum, 75, is one of 12 Ontario residents who have been fitted with "pacemakers," silver dollar-sized discs, powered by transistor batteries. Two wires connect the device to the heart muscle and keep the heart pumping at a steady 73 beats per minute.

It is something like this that we are talking about in the Aldersgate commemoration. It was another Anglican clergyman, named John Wesley, with a "power driven heart" that turned England and the eighteenth century world in a new direction.

The Pittsburgh Catholic, official publication of that Roman Catholic Diocese, has cautioned against the trading stamp further infecting the American mentality. The paper says that the trading stamp is of itself harmless, but that it "becomes corruptive to culture and values when it achieves commercial canonization and is made a motivational or behavioral tool."

There was something especially catchy about the closing line of the news release which told of this position. It quoted the Catholic paper as saying the trading stamp would soon go the way "of yo-yos and hoola-hoops." It then added, "The problem is that they may leave in their wake a nation of people afflicted with halitosis from licking the stamps."

A Hungarian church's "leaning tower" will lean no more—the government has stepped in and ordered repairs guaranteed to keep it erect. At Salvi, an agricultural town in East Hungary, the Reformed Church's tower, 120 feet high and close to the building, became a matter of concern when it was discovered that it had deviated more than three feet from the perpendicular. When local authorities ruled it a public menace, members of the congregation shored it up with huge slabs of concrete below and above the ground.



THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY of the heroic death of four chaplains who perished after giving up their lifebelts in the sinking of the U.S.S. *Dorchester* was commemorated at a dinner in Washington, D.C., attended by leaders of the military chaplaincy and the American Legion. Principal speaker was Dr. Daniel A. Poling (right), father of one of the chaplains, shown with Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Ivan L. Bennett, former chief of Army chaplains. The other three immortal chaplains were the Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist) of Cambridge, Vt.; Father John P. Washington (Catholic) of Newark, N.J. and Rabbi Alexander D. Goode of Washington, D. C.

We only hope that governments don't take it upon themselves to use a plumb line on some of the theological positions of some of us which might be judged as "leaning towers" by others. On second thought, it might be a good idea if we all "shored up" our positions with something as solid as concrete.

Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Jeremiah F. Minihan of Boston said there recently that journalism is a profession which provides "extraordinary opportunities for the betterment of man." Speaking at the 10th annual Mass for the Press sponsored by the St. Francis de Sales Society, he stressed that journalism is a profession of "unique disciplines" commanding of its members a "creative effort in favor of a better future for the human family."

A month-long state-wide evangelistic cam-

paign by the Episcopal South Florida diocese had a total attendance of some 84,000 persons, with some 10,000 signing "Rule of Life" cards pledging to deepen their spiritual activities. The "Crusade of Faith," which included a series of five night preaching missions in 12 cities of the diocese, marked the Protestant Episcopal Church's first large venture in mass evangelism in this country.

Charles C. Parlin, prominent Methodist layman and one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches, said recently in San Francisco that the U.S. Treasury Department had asked him to "help quiet the fears" of persons who are worried about the effects of President Kennedy's tax proposals on church giving. A tax attorney, Mr. Parlin said he had not yet studied in detail the program as it affects church contributions. "But I can tell you," he said, "it is going to be extremely difficult to explain it to the public."

Dore Schary, noted playwright and producer, was recently elected president of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In an acceptance address at the league's 50th anniversary convention in Washington, Mr. Schary called for a "common ground of understanding—for the affirmation of American freedom and ideals" in the fight against bigotry and discrimination.

Dr. Martin Niemoeller, West German church leader and one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, will speak at Drew University in Madison, N.J. on Feb. 28. Dr. Niemoeller has been a controversial figure in West Germany because of his opposition to the rearmament policies of the Bonn government.

Dr. Rainhold Niebuhr, professor emeritus of Union Theological Seminary, will be a visiting professor at Barnard College during the Spring Semester. He will give a lecture course on the "encounter between democracy and communism." Along with his wife, Prof. Ursula Niebuhr, he also will offer a seminar on problems in contemporary ethics. Mrs. Niebuhr has been a member of the Barnard religion department since 1940.

New motion picture ventures are being considered by Lutheran Film Associates, an agency representing the major Lutheran bodies in America. A script committee is currently considering themes for possible future films. The film organization is the one which produced "Question 7," which won so many awards in the U.S. and abroad, and also the popular "Martin Luther." Both these films were produced for the group by Louis de Rochemont Associates.

Former Minnesota Congressman Walter Judd recently said in Miami, Fla. that military and economic force can resist communism, but they cannot overcome it. Speaking before the National Sunday School Association, the onetime medical missionary said that only a matching zeal and knowledge of an opposing faith can defeat the Red menace.

A Soviet writer in Moscow has claimed that during the past three years 50 church delegations have visited the U.S.S.R. and none has found any evidence of religious persecution there. Petr Kolonystsky, chief editor of the magazine, Science and Religion, a major atheistic publication, further claimed that "real freedom of conscience" exists in Russia. Several European and American leaders who had visited Russia were rather loosely misquoted in the article.

Mrs. Lillie Randall

Mrs. Lillie Thompson Randall, wife of the late J. B. Randall, lives in Bayou Chicot and is the eldest living member of the Old Bayou Chicot Methodist Church, having joined in 1895.

Lillie, as she is called by her relatives and friends, suffered a stroke two weeks after her husband died suddenly in 1959, and she has been confined to her bed or a wheel chair ever since. She never complains about being so confined, but is an inspiration to all of those who visit her in her home where she was born and where she has lived all of her life. It is the old home where Griffith Thompson brought his bride, Alice Ann Scott and where Lillie was born in 1882. She had a sister Myra (later Mrs. Eugene Griffith) and a brother Bruce, both long since dead.

Lillie and her husband Jim, attended Sunday School and Church regularly until Jim's death, and she sorely misses going to church and Sunday School at the Little White Church by the side of the road and her thoughts were constantly on this part of her life she had to give up. It was on her mind so much that while lying in bed one night that the words to the following poem came to her, and when her pastor, Mrs. Leila Hickman, came to visit her that she recited the poem to Mrs. Hickman and she copied it down.

'The Little Church by the Side of the Road'

Come to the Little White Church
by the side of the road;
Its tenets are easy, its teachings are broad

Its spire points a finger at heaven all day,
saying there lies the goal,
Jesus the Way.

Jesus lives in the Little White Church
by the side of the road;

To enhance all of your pleasure, and
to lighten your load,

Its pastures are green, its waters are still

There is no evil to fear if you follow
His will,

The little soul that reads from
book of the years

And admonishes her children with
heartche and tears,

Has won for herself a crown above;
By teaching them always charity
and love,

On its Altar my heart lay beating and
torn



Mrs. Randall

Till Jesus said gently, I know what
you've borne.

And I promise you child, that never
again,

Shall you walk down that pathway
of darkness and pain.

I too walked that path from garden
to hill,

Not of my zeal alone, but because of
His will.

Then He bade me come higher, my
beloved Son,

The agony is finished the victory is
won.

So come to the Little White Church
by the side of the road,

And take up your cross, it's never a
load,

But an emblem of faith He would
have you bear,

Till you come into His Kingdom,
His Glories to share.



Lake Charles Training School

A City-Wide Training School for the churches of Lake Charles will be held at University Methodist Church, Feb. 25-27, according to Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, district superintendent.

Courses to be taught in the school are: 'The Work of the Local Church,' Dr. Henry Bowdon; 'How to Read and Study the Bible,' the Rev. Don Risinger; and 'Teaching Children,' Miss Sheila Nutall.

The children's course will be offered at two separate times during the



Dr. Corly

Centenary's Drama, 'Book of Job', Hit On New York Stage

Shreveport — Centenary College's amazing contribution to the field of religious drama, "The Book of Job", has just completed another conquest of New York City in the face of a newspaper strike that proved to be the death of nine other dramatic productions there.

Orlin Corey, creator of "Job" and head of Centenary's department of speech and drama, took his collegiate cast into the big city immediately after the holidays for its second long run at Christ Church Methodist. The choice drama had drawn excellent reviews on its first stand there a year ago, but this time it was forced to brave a news blackout that had been too much for many a professional company.

But Corey and his troupe showed the kind of ingenuity it takes to crack such a situation. No sooner had the company moved into town than small "task forces" hit the street, contacting television and radio people, magazines and weekly newspaper editors, even parading the sidewalks in costume and carrying placards.

school. From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day the class will be for beginning teachers. From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening the course will be available for experienced teachers, who will take a look at the new Children's Division curriculum for 1964.



THE REV. J.C. SKINNER, pastor of St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette, will be the song leader at the revivals for First Methodist Church, Crowley, Feb. 24, Mar. 1, which will be led by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

The first big break came when "Life" Magazine's special New York edition carried a large picture and favorable review. The Christian Science Monitor's New York special did the same, and although no daily newspaper was publishing, a few drama critics gave it a plug on the air. One TV station devoted ten minutes to it.

By those methods, and by an effective grapevine among Gotham clergymen, the word did finally get around pretty generally. The play opened on Jan. 2 with a respectable advance sale of tickets, did even better as word-of-mouth took effect and enjoyed a 70 per cent increase in attendance from the second week to the third.

Again the play attracted a fantastic amount of attention from many quarters. From Coventry Cathedral in England came an invitation to perform there if the company ever makes another European trip. The Daily Express and Daily Mail of London sent correspondents to cover the play with picture and story, and the "Reader's Digest" laid groundwork for a magazine piece in the near future.

Already in the works was an extensive picture story about the Coreys and the Centenary Playhouse in the next issue of the hardcover magazine "Horizon".



CONVERSE METHODIST CHURCH is in the Shreveport District. The church, already in bad shape, was hit by a storm last year. It appeared the end. But an enthusiastic group of people are on the



verge of rebuilding. Shown here at the left is the Rev. John Johns, pastor, breaking ground for a new building while the Dist. Supt., Jolly B. Harper, and some of the members look on. In the center is Con-



verse Church, which would cost more to repair than the building is worth. And at the right is that ancient Methodist institution, "dinner on the ground."



WOMAN'S PAGE



Louisiana & Arkansas Delegates Attended Tulsa Meeting



THE MAGNIFICENT Boston Avenue Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the scene of the jurisdiction meeting of the Diaconess Association, February 10-11, and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, February 12-14.



BISHOP PAUL GALLOWAY, one of the principal speakers, greets two former parishoners, Mrs. L.D. Crenshaw (left) and Mrs. Edgar Dixon of Winfield Church, Little Rock.



LOUISIANA DELEGATES who attended the jurisdiction meetings in Tulsa are, 1st row, left: Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Wideman Watson; 2nd row: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Helen Harris; Back row: Mrs. R. Haller Jackson, and Carl Brunson.



THE WOMAN'S PAGE EDITOR was snapped in the process of snapping the N. Ark. delegation. Pictured from the right are: Mrs. Bels Narnett, alternate for Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Harold Womack, Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. S. B. Wilford, and Mrs. William Womack.



A DISTINGUISHED ARRAY of promoters of the World Federation of Methodist Women are, seated right: Mrs. Raymond Latham of Australia, world president of the federation and a principal speaker in Tulsa; seated left, Mrs. Leonard Perryman of Kansas City, vice president of the Woman's Division; back row, left: Mrs. R. M. McKinney, Mrs. M. R. Tatum, and Mrs. S. B. Wilford, vice presidents of L. R., La., and N. Ark. conferences, respectively.



TWO HOME MISSIONARIES, who work in Woman's Division projects, visit in the dining room. They are (left) Carl Brunson of Dulac Community Center, Louisiana, and Ray Tribble, Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock.



MRS. LEE TIDWELL of Shreveport had a prominent part on the program as she presented facts and figures for the jurisdiction. Another Louisianian who had a prominent part on the program was Mrs. Glenn Laskey of Ruston. We took a picture of her, but in the 'let me see' session it got into the wrong portfolio.

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MRS. PAUL GALLOWAY stands with Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth Copeland of Nebraska when distinguished guests were introduced.



THE WORSHIP HOUR was enhanced by the Bell Choir.



A GROUP OF DELEGATES are being briefed on the symbolism of the church as they begin a tour. La. and Ark. delegates are on the second row.

Coming Events

Friday, March 1—World Day of Prayer (inter-church meetings in many communities)
March 12-15—Louisiana Conf. W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Monroe, First Church
March 16-17—Louisiana Conf. W.S.G. Annual Meeting, Monroe, First Church

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Opening The Eyes Of The World

X-RAYING THE HEART -- Suppose that you were to visit your doctor in order to have your eyes tested for glasses. He would tell you to look at a wall chart on which there were lines of letters varying in size. He would ask about certain letters, 'Can you see that one?' And you may say, 'I see.' That is physical vision.

Or suppose you go to consult a lawyer about your income tax. He tries to explain the intricacies of the tax laws. After a while you say, 'I see.' That might be a slight exaggeration! But to the extent that you do see the points of the law, that is mental vision.

But now suppose your young daughter comes home to dinner tomorrow night. She goes through the meal with what she thinks is her usual composure. She tries to keep herself under control. But you, as her mother, detect a suppressed emotion in your daughter. After a time you say, 'Mary, out with it. I see there's something up.' That is more than physical or mental vision. That is seeing with the eyes of the heart.

We do not discover all the facts and values of the world unless we use the eyes of the body, the eyes of the mind and the eyes of the heart. Saint Paul recognizes this truth when he writes to the Ephesians. In the first chapter of his letter he tells them that he is praying God to give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Then he uses these words: 'Having the eyes of your heart enlightened.' It is about the eyes of the heart that we would think today.

Pause a moment to consider how the eyes of our bodies have been enlarged and enlightened by man's inventions. By means of the telescope we have lengthened man's eyesight until we have multiplied almost to infinitude the stars seen by the naked eye. With the aid of the microscope we can see a minature world in a drop of water. By television we can penetrate stone walls and inky darkness to behold scenes long distances away.

George Orwell has stabbed us awake with some futuristic pictures of man's inability to see into other minds. In his stark novel '1984,' he sketched a world in which man will have no privacy at all. Even his most intimate thoughts in darkened rooms will be detected by devices controlled from a central bureau of dictators. It is a fanciful picture, but with enough possible realism to make it a bit terrifying.

What will the world of tomorrow become if we keep improving our mechanisms for lengthening the eyes of the body and the mind but do not 'have the eyes of our hearts enlightened?'

For one thing, we need the eyes of our hearts to be enlightened in order to see ourselves. The old greek motto, 'know thyself' is still sound wisdom. We say, 'Of course, I know my own mind.' Well, we may know what we think. But what we think is by no means always the truth about ourselves.

Do we know why we think what we think? Sometimes we become obsessed with ideas which we cannot get rid of and we call in a psychiatrist to explain them. He delves below our conscious mind and digs up some earlier experience which gave an emotional twist to our thinking.

The heart, as the Bible refers to it, is the seat of the emotions. And the Bible writers repeatedly pray for God to search their hearts. 'Search me and know me and see if there by any wicked way in me.' The heart, wrote Jeremiah, is 'deceitful above all things.'

Familiar is Jesus' Beatitude, 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' Professor James Moffatt once said to his students in class that 'the pure in heart' are 'those who are not double-minded.' They think and speak sincerely with an eye single to truth.

Surely we need the eyes of our hearts opened in these days of narrowing prejudices and blinding passions if we are to know our real selves.

Also we should keep asking God to enlighten the eyes of our heart in order to understand our neighbors. A late great business and civic leader said that a chief obstacle in international relations is that we judge ourselves by our intentions and other people by their actions.

How much hope it would give us to learn that Khrushchev was praying each night for the wisdom and insight to judge America as he would that America should judge Russia! Yes, and how heartening it would be if we were to pray in the same spirit.

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A WEEK OF PRAYER for Christian Unity at Methodist-related Boston University brings together Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen in an inter-religious program, first of its kind at the school. Participants included, from left, Dr. William A. Overholt, the university's Protestant chaplain and a Methodist who is director of the Student Christian Association; Father Joseph Gallagher, member of the Boston Paulist Information Center staff; Father Lawrence McDonnell, the university's Catholic chaplain; and the Rev. John F. Smith, Protestant Episcopal minister who is assistant Protestant chaplain. Students attended prayer meetings, lectures on the 'laymen's role in Christian unity,' and three Catholic Masses. A greek Orthodox priest also participated.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

'GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...'

My Young friend Hubert Mashburn and I were driving to a Conference on Discipleship which was to be held in Western Kentucky. We had crossed the Mississippi River at Cairo and headed east. At Wycliffe Kentucky we stopped at a red traffic light.

A shabby, weather-beaten man walked right up to the car. This was unusual. He asked for a ride to the next town. Why did I ever let him open the rear door? But I did, and there he was. He was wolfing a sandwich as if he had not eaten for days. Very soon the car was almost filled with the odor of whiskey. He was getting over a binge, we thought. Both of us almost resented his presence. But the spirit who caused me to open the door for him was speaking again. 'Talk to him,' I seemed to hear. What do you say to a common drunk? Yet somehow the words came. Hubert and I began asking him questions. He answered them all.

He had not been to church in years. He was not a professing Christian. He even said that he could not be forgiven of his sins. He was too evil, he said, for even the Lord to care about him. We both told him about our Lord who loves everybody, no matter how low. We took turns telling him about how Jesus died on a cross even for him, this common alcoholic.

My Bible was on the front seat, so Hubert read the 103rd. Psalm to him. Then he read from I John:

'If we confess our sins He is faith-

ful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

Then Hubert told him about how much Jesus Christ meant to him. We asked that he pray with us. He prayed silently, then Hubert prayed audibly. I prayed as I drove. We asked him if he did not want to take a chance on the unlimited grace of God. He told us that he wanted to take Christ.

What do you do in a case like that? Believe him? Dismiss it as the meaningless words of a common sot? But Jesus took the word of sinners when they turned to Him. So did we. As he opened the door to step out, tears came into his eyes and he said, 'Boys you don't have any idea how long an uphill pull I have. 'We said we would continue to pray for him. Then he said to Hubert, 'Take down this name.' And he gave us his mother's name and address. 'Please write to her and tell her that you saw me.' We almost had tears in our own eyes as we promised to write her. We both have written.

Yes, God so loved the world. And the world includes Audie Burge, an alcoholic who felt the urge of Christ in his heart that February day. Audie thanked us again for talking with him, then disappeared in the gloom of a late winter afternoon. And I am certain that God went beside him in love just as he goes beside you and me and every other person in the world. Because Jesus said that God loves the world. And I believe it with my whole heart.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

How Can I Discover God's Will?

Dr. Carl F. Lueg Sr.
District Superintendent, New Orleans

Psalm 73:24 'Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel.'

A young man in speaking to his minister asks 'Dr., ask God to make it plain to me what He wants me to do with my life. If he wants me to be a doctor, I'll go into medicine. If He wants me to be a lawyer, I'll do that. If he wants me to be a preacher, I'll go into the ministry. But just ask God to make it plain to me what He wants me to do with my life and I'll do it.'

Or, here is a woman in the hospital. She is to have major surgery. The minister has called and before leaving he suggests prayer. The woman replies 'By all means.' 'But she says, 'don't ask God to save me from pain, because in this instance, that isn't possible. Just ask God to show me what He is trying to make out of my life in this experience and I'll cooperate with Him.'

Or, here is a man facing a very difficult decision and he says 'If I could go to a slot-machine, put in a dime, pull a lever, and get a little card telling what God wants me to do in this particular situation, I'd do it.'

We have all felt that way one time or another. There is no question upon which people come more often to their minister than this: 'What is God's will for my life? In this particular situation I am facing, what is God's will.'

Let this be said in the beginning; we recognize the importance of God's will. We often pray 'Thy will be done.' In every act of worship we are committed to the belief that there is a God and He has a plan, a purpose, a will for our lives. So it is not surprising that we often ask 'How do I find out what that will is?' That is what matters most to us as followers of One who made the doing of God's will the most important thing in his life. So having accepted God's right to direct your life you are already breathing a different atmosphere, living on a different plane, drawing on resources of strength that one does not have for whom life is either the pursuit of self-will or rudderless drifting.

This is what religion is all about; knowing and doing the will of God.

The first and most important way to know God's will, then, is by way of knowing God Himself better! The better you know God, the more you love Him, the more likely you are to know and choose His way when any particular decision must be made, whether it be one of many daily decisions or the decisions we must make as we face the crises of life. It is at such a point that worship and prayer come into their own.

For it is through prayer, worship and the use of God's Words that we come to know God better. We develop what has been called a 'sanctified common sense' through which God speaks and directs.

This leads me to say this second thing: we always discover God's will in action. Even when no direct word of guidance is forthcoming on some difficult question, we must go ahead and make our best decision in faith. And, usually, the next step, at least, is seen by faith. So very often all that is needed is to take just this one step by faith for the light of God to fall across our way. One step at a time, then the next, and another, then one day we discover that God has led us all the way, but one step at a time.

The man said, 'If I could go to a slot-machine, put in a dime, pull a lever, and get a little card telling me just what God wanted me to do, I'd do it!' But God doesn't treat us that way. He has shown us the kind of men and women He wants us to be. He has promised us his guidance, given us His love, and He has given us minds to think with and Christian loved ones and friends to advise with us. Best of all He has given us the Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, history and the privilege of prayer and worship. Having given us all this He awaits our response.

But wait! Suppose you could get a little card, telling you precisely what God wanted you to do in a specific situation, especially the one that is bothering you right now and about which you have an uneasy conscience, would you do it? Would you?



Build A Devotional

'PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE'
'How happy are the humble-minded, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs! Matthew 5:3

She stormed out of the office, face red with indignation, stopped at the door and said with anger, 'You can be sure that I'll not play second fiddle to anyone, much less---' Most of us may have said something like this at one time or another; to say the least, we

are prone to be sympathetic with her feeling. There just seems to be something about us that makes us want to play 'first fiddle', or even to lead the band!

A fine minister was conducting a funeral service. In his message he made a striking statement which needs to be underscored with a red pencil. He said, 'When Paul and Barnabas started their work together, it was Barnabas and Paul. As time went on it became Paul and Barnabas. Barnabas did not let this interfere with his zeal and devotion.' It is so easy for us to pass over this mark of greatness in a person's life and so hard for us to find the necessity for it in our own.

A sincere spirit of humility is a pearl of great price, but it is easy to spot a 'phony' a mile away. Matthew places this sentence at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Could it be that in this characteristic he saw the foundation of true spiritual greatness? Perhaps we could say that this is the golden text for the Sermon on the Mount.

Humility is a primary Christian virtue; but it is just as essential in every endeavor for truth. Arrogance closes the door to new insight. Humility throws wide the door of mind and heart and the light of truth shines in. In, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST, this sentence appears to give us cause for thought, 'Who is so wise that he can fully know all things? Truly none. Therefore, trust not much to thine own wit but hear gladly the counsel of others.'

It is hard to play second fiddle, but if it is done in a true spirit of hum-

Let The Children Come

Just a few short weeks ago we were thinking of the Baby Jesus because we celebrate his birthday at Christmas time. During the Spring most of children will be studying about Jesus in their Sunday School lessons. So let us think about the growing years of Jesus--the land in which he lived, the people He grew up with, the things He learned as a boy and later passed on to us through His teachings.

The story of Bethelhem is one of the most familiar ones to us. We read about the little town that is located on a high hill just about fifteen miles from Jerusalem. We have seen pictures of the flat-topped houses that today look much like they did in Jesus day. People who have traveled there recently show pictures of the beautiful church that stands over the spot where some think that Jesus was born. These pictures show Arab children playing in the streets in their long flowing robes. The customs remain much the same. When a tourist enters a shop, before he is asked to buy anything, he is always served a refreshing drink. This is the kind of hospitality these people have always had. They are mindful of the traveler's comfort.

The Christmas story has also told us about the journey into Egypt to keep the baby from harm during the reign of a bad king. The journey was long and hard, over rough, rocky hillsides and into desert country.

Then we read about the most interesting years of Jesus life is just a few short verses. The most familiar one is: 'And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.' Luke: 2:52

What are the things that Jesus did daily that helped him grow in wisdom? Like all boys there had to be some plan for his learning. To find out about these things, for the next two weeks we will think about the little town of Nazareth where He grew up.

-----Aunt Feather

ility it is most rewarding - a window toward heaven is left open and God's light shines in. Blessed is that man who 'feels his own spiritual need!' RB

The way to avoid this real and serious danger is to make it clear to ourselves and to others that what we seek to save is not a culture, but men--

Little Words

'Yes, you did, too!'
'I did not!'
Thus the little quarrel started,
Thus by unkind little words,
Two fond friends were parted.

'I am sorry.'
'So am I.'
Thus the little quarrel ended
Thus by loving little words
Two fond hearts were mended.

--Benjamin Keech
POEMS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

Baton Rouge Dist. Guilds Citizenship Brunch Held at Amite

The annual Citizenship Brunch of the Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild was held in Amite on Sunday, January 27th at 1:00 p.m. with 102 Guilders and their guests present. The brunch is sponsored by the District Chairman of Christian Social Relations who serves as director with the Christian Social Relations Chairmen of all Guilds of the District assisting in the preparations and programming. Receiving guests were Mesdames Frank Haight, Emma Mainous, Margaret Owen and G. N. Weisner of Baton Rouge, Virgie Jenkins of

Jackson and Emily Harris of Ponchatoula. Mrs. Vivian Babington of Franklinton presided at the registrar.

The program was opened by singing of the National Anthem followed by the invocation presented by Mrs. Vesta Rownd of Hammond. Following lunch, greetings were extended by Miss Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. America, The Beautiful, was sung by Mrs. Myrtle Kilpatrick and her son, John, who are members of the choir of Amite Methodist Church. Mrs. Mabel Finch of Amite served as chairman of advance registration, Mrs. Dot Huckabee of Baton Rouge as publicity chairman and Mrs. Corbett Mitchell of Bogalusa was program chairman.

Dean Arden O. French, Dean of Men at Louisiana State University, was introduced as guest speaker by Mrs. Flora Tauzin, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations. His address was entitled "Christian Citizenship." Dean French is a well known civic leader and is very active as a member of First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge where he now teaches in the church school.

Mrs. Mary Batte of Amite as Decorations Chairman centered the speaker's table with a red, white and blue floral arrangement.

Special guests included Mrs. T. L. James, President of the Baton Rouge District Women's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. A. O. French.

Guilds represented at the brunch were: Amite, Bogalusa, Denham Springs First Church, Franklinton, Hammond, Ingleside, Istrouma, Jackson, Jefferson, Kentwood, North Baton Rouge, Ponchatoula, University and Winbourne.

Bogalusa ESM Church Completes

'Rim of Asia' Study

Dr. B. G. Sitton, Chairman of Commission on Missions stated the purpose of the study "Rim of East Asia" to the 160 persons attending the opening Oriental styled supper which led off a four week presentation at the E. S. M. Methodist Church, Bogalusa cooperatively sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service and the two Wesleyan Service Guilds.

The Rev. Paul Gallespy of the Memorial Baptist Church of Bogalusa, a son of missionary parents and who spent childhood days in China, was the featured speaker of the first two hour session of the Sunday Evening Fellowship.

Decorations for the supper followed the Oriental theme. The Fellowship Hall was ablaze with colored lanterns, some were hung from the ceiling, others placed about the room and upon the supper tables.



PLANNING THE STUDY for E.S.M. Church, Bogalusa, were: Dr. B. G. Sitton (right) chairman Commission on Missions; Diane Cooper, Outreach chairman, Senior MYF; Mrs. H. E. Rinehart, missionary education secretary, W.S.C.S.; the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, pastor.

Members of the Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild marked their observance of Guild Month with a Fellowship Banquet, Friday, January 18. Hostesses to the 140 guests were the ladies of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport, where the banquet was held.

Other committees and workers include: Adult — Mrs. Allen Singleton; Tea Table, Mrs. J. L. Kellum; Posters, youth; Table Decorations, Mrs. J. Q. James; Worship Center, Mrs. B. G. Sitton; Play Director, Mr. Jim Henderson; Publicity, Mrs. E. J. Villarrubia; Telephone Committee, Mrs. H. T. Hill; Devotional, Rev. Robert B. Crichlow; Map Expert, Mr. Jim Keaton; Action from Study, Rev. Crichlow, Telephone Committee for meal, Mrs. N. J. Gaston; Chairman of meal, Mrs. J. E. Foil; Co-chairman for meal, Mesdames: H. V. Patten, Mac, Givens, Earl, Gates, Lesie Buckalew, E. F. Gatlin, Earl Crowe, J. H. Sheridan, E. J. Lacorix; Assignments Mrs. Joe Verdel.

Workers to assist in the fulfilling of the youth study are: Mrs. Fred McCants, Mrs. H. M. Richardson, Miss Jean Talley, Miss Janet Gaston, Miss Cheryl Henderson, Miss Rosemary Campbell, Miss Francis Adams, Miss Cindy Lee, Miss Sherry Hutchinson, Miss MayBeth Rinehart, Miss Sandra Veck, Bob Crichlow, Mike Wilson, and Morris Talley.

Children workers are: Mrs. E. J. Villarrubia, Mesdames T. H. Rogers, W. A. Page, Delos Knight, Jr., M. L. Breland, Hilda Lee, Leverette Smith, Robert Mitchell, Lester Duncan, Coleman Knight, T. H. Hosey.

'GUILD TIMES' winners are shown with Miss Jerry Beck (second from right), District Secretary, who presided. Winners were -- Many, first place; Mangum, second; Plain Dealing, third.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Jolly Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent. Miss Jerry Beck, District Guild Secretary, presided at the after-dinner ceremonies. Following recognition of the guests and members, Miss Beck presented Miss Sybil Kelly, Shreveport District Chairman of Publicity, who recognized the following Guild Units as winners in the Guild Times contest: First Place—Many, Louisiana, for 100% subscription; Second place—Mangum Unit 1, Shreveport; and Third place—Plain Dealing.

The Reverend Sam Nader, pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, then spoke to the group, highlighting events and observations on his recent stay in the Soviet Union.



THE REV. SAM NADER, pastor of Noel Memorial Church, was speaker at the Shreveport District Guild Banquet.



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	New	Renewal	Not Due	Total		New	Renewal	Not Due	Total		New	Renewal	Not Due	Total		
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT					LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT											
Alexandria: First Church, Guy M. Hicks	51	114	6	171	DeRidder: Wesley, Raymond Crofoot	4	55	-	59****							
Belah-Eden, J.C.Rousseaux	19	10	-	29**	Lake Charles: Fairview, H.A.Gibbs	2	40	1	44**							
Bunkie, Haas Mem., W.Spencer Wren	6	58	-	64**	Oak Park, D.M.Risinger	23	9	-	32	Pearl River, W.C.Worthy	-	6	1	7		
Mt. Zion, H.B.Cramer	3	6	-	9	Simpson, C.W. Quaid	13	19	-	32	Sun-Bush, F.W.Campbell	2	4	-	6		
Natchitoches, First, G.F.Pearce	32	52	3	87	University, J.L.Stovall	35	44	2	81							
Oakdale, Clark W. Bell	16	36	-	52	Raymond, Dan Tohline	2	29	1	32**							
					Sulphur: Henning Mem., J.H.Bowdon	5	68	-	73	RUSTON DISTRICT						
					Vinton, J.M.Poole	46	25	-	71	Bienville, Finis Corie	7	34	1	42**		
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT										Ruston: Grace-Wesley, G. Ross	18	68	-	86*		
Baton Rouge: Istrouma, Ira Flowers	28	38	-	66	MONROE DISTRICT											
Reiley Mem., Univ., Wm. E. Trice	20	37	6	63	Bastrop: First Church, R.L.Peyton	9	106	-	115	SHEREVPORT DISTRICT						
Winbourne Ave., Tom Lancaster	6	9	-	15	Bonita-Jones	2	4	-	6	Shreveport: First, D.L.Dykes	26	24	15	65		
Denham Springs, T.T.Howes	10	15	2	27	Columbis, F. Robertson	2	50	1	53**	Mangum Mem., J. Kilpatrick	74	106	-	162		
Franklinton, M.D.Felder	11	57	-	68**	Delhi, W.V.Sirman	17	21	5	43	Vivian, G.D. York	5	21	2	28		
Jackson-Ethel, J.B.Shearer	6	50	1	57**	Mer Rouge, W.B.Shaw	25	41	1	67**	Shreveport: Trinity, R.B.Holladay	6	12	-	18		
Kentwood, Robert Collie	2	12	-	14	Pioneer Ct., R.R.Meek	1	13	-	14							
Livingston Ct., Robert Townsend	6	9	-	15	Crew Lake, Roger M. White	21	10	-	31**							
Zachary, J.J.Jones	14	17	-	31	West Monroe: First, E.B.Emmerich	27	68	-	95							
					McGuire, Don Wineinger	9	32	-	41							
					Winnsboro, F.W.Schwendimann	29	140	7	176***							
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT										Districts	Quotas	New	Renewal	Not Due	Totals	%
Crowley-Wesley, Frank Lankford	5	13	-	18	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT											
Ebenezer=Esterwood, E. Brouillette	5	25	-	29	Covington, R.C.Carter	14	36	-	50**	RUSTON	1723	386	1890	40	2316	135
Franklin, Albert Hurley	16	56	7	79	New Orleans: Aurora Gardens, L.R.Branton	5	1	-	6	ALEXANDRIA	1473	380	1051	21	1452	98
Houma: First, Henry Rickey	40	118	2	160**	Carrollton Ave., J.Cooke	41	94	-	135*	LAFAYETTE	1471	372	1001	47	1420	96
Lafayette: First, R.R.Branton	43	100	-	143	First Church, Clyde Clark	8	58	1	67	MONROE	2058	385	1361	36	1782	86
Opelousas, Henry Blount	33	69	3	105	Gentilly, J.B.Koelemay	24	40	4	63	LAKE CHARLES	1666	326	890	17	1233	74
										NEW ORLEANS	2258	389	958	20	1367	62
										BATON ROUGE	3195	559	1225	36	1820	57
										SHREVEPORT	3379	548	1206	48	1802	54
										Totals	3345	9582	265	13192		



Dr. White

Social Concerns Executive Visits MSM State Units

Dr. Dale White, an associate secretary in the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, visited the Methodist Student Movement units at Northeast Louisiana State College, Centenary College, Northwestern State College, and Louisiana Tech on February 10-14.

The purpose of Dr. White's Louisiana itinerary was to engage students in discussion concerning the Christian approach to sex and alcohol.

Topics with which Dr. White confronted the student included: "The Role of Sex in Daily Living," "Sane Attitudes About Sex," "Alcohol and Personality," "Cultural Attitudes and Drinking," "Social Drinking and the College Scene," and "Alcoholism and Your Responsibility."

On each campus Dr. White spoke to a general assembly of the MSM, in addition to holding private conferences with individual students who wished to discuss personal concerns in these general areas.

Three Attend UN-Washington Annual Seminar

The Louisiana MSM was represented by three students at the 14th annual Christian Citizenship Seminar, held February 3-9 in New York City and Washington, D. C. They were: L. Edward Sizemore, senior at McNeese State College from Hialeah, Florida; Miss Merry Fife, LSU sophomore from Baton Rouge; and Ronald Lewis, Tulane sophomore from Lake Charles.

Both Mr. Sizemore and Mr. Lewis are members of University Methodist Church in Lake Charles. Miss Fife is a member of Istrouma Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

This year's seminar focused on current United States relations with Latin America. Participants spent three days in New York City where study centered on the United Nations. The remainder of the week was spent in the nation's capital.

All three students will report on their experiences at the seminar to the MSM State Conference on March 16-17.

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT

and its Wesley Foundations

Delton Pickering, Editor

Spring Seminars Set By LSU Wesley Group

The examination of Christianity will be the dominant theme of the spring series of Seminars in Religion which began February 12 at the LSU Wesley Foundation. The topics of the three seminars are "Christianity and Communism," "The Message of Contemporary Theologians," and "Comparative Religions." Study and discussion of these subjects offer LSU students and Baton Rouge laymen an opportunity to deepen their religious understanding.

Each seminar will meet seven weekly sessions, and lectures and groups discussion will be conducted during the one to one and a half hour meetings. Participants will be charged a registration fee of \$1.00 and may be requested to obtain a paperbound source book to supplement the lectures.

"Christianity and Communism" is a study of the nature of communism and the main issues between Christianity and communism. This seminar dealt also with the relation of Christianity to economic systems and to democracy. It was conducted by the Reverend Delton Pickering, director of the LSU Wesley Foundation, and began February 13.

The Reverend Edwin E. Sylvest, Jr., instructed the seminar on "The Message of Contemporary Theologians," with the first session on February 14. This is a study of the contributions made by the major contemporary theologians to Christian theology. Mr. Sylvest is associate pastor of the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church.

The seminar on "Comparative Religions," a study and comparison of major world religions, was conducted by several lecturers and began February 12.

Open to LSU students and laymen of the Baton Rouge area, regardless of church affiliation, the seminars are not a part of the university curriculum, and participation does not earn college credit.

FOUR AUTHORS AND ONE ARTIST-

Contributions To Motive Magazine

Four authors and an artist from Louisiana have contributed essays, poems, and art work to recent issues of motive, the magazine of the Methodist Student Movement.

The contributors are: the Reverend C. Ebb Munden, III, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church in New Orleans; Dr. Joseph R. Washington, Jr., Dean of the Chapel at Methodist-related Dillard University in New Orleans; John William Corrington, instructor in English at Louisiana State University; Miss Kay Johnson, of New Orleans; and the Reverend Jim McLean, until last year a member of the Louisiana Conference and formerly Methodist Student Movement advisor at Centenary College.

The opening essay in the January, 1963, issue was written by Mr. Munden. Entitled "Renewal of the Church," it is a commentary on the study papers prepared for the Methodist Student Movement in connection with the current MSM study theme, "The Word, the World, and the Sacrament." Mr. Munden also has contributed his work to motive in past volumes.

Another essay, entitled "Where Do We Go From Here in Campus Integration?" was written by Dr. Washington for the January issue.

In the February motive Corrington's poem "Surreal for Garcia Lorca" and Miss Johnson's poem "Quick, Someone's Coming" were published.

The artwork of Mr. McLean has

appeared in the magazine. He has drawn the cover for several issues of motive, and he has been the featured artist in two issues.

Christ gave the kind of message that is wholly incompatible with the very notion of a hierarchy---



THE MOST REVEREND Robert E. Tracy, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, spoke on the LSU Wesley Foundation Forum January 6 on 'The Meaning and Significance of the Ecumenical Council.' Picutred from left are: Tolbert Greenwood, DeQuincy; Rosemary Fleming, Dallas; Tish Poe, Monroe; Barney Kornegay, Cameron; Bishop Tracy; Linda Rhodes; Baton Rouge and Merry fife, Baton Rouge.

Eighteen Attend Annual Retreat

The annual Campus Ministers Retreat, sponsored by Louisiana Wesley Foundation directors, was held January 21-23 at Lake Mil-Mar in Pineville. Sixteen Methodist ministers, in addition to two resource persons, participated in the retreat.

Dr. Fred Gealy, professor of New Testament at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, was the retreat's study leader and lecturer on the theme "Making the Christian Sacraments Relevant to College Communities."

Dr. William E. Clark, director of Church Public Relations in the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education, was the resource person for a discussion and examination of the organization and financial structure of Louisiana's Wesley Foundations.

In addition to study and discussion, the retreat provided opportunities for worship and fellowship among the campus ministers and college community pastors. Attendance at this year's retreat was the largest since it was initiated four years ago.

Participating in the retreat were: The Reverend Tom Babington, St. John's Church, Baton Rouge; the Reverend Bob Barefield, director at USL; the Reverend Howard Daughenbaugh, director at Tulane; the Reverend Lamar Davis, director at McNeese; the Reverend Ron Devillier, associate at First Church, Lafayette; the Reverend George Duerson, director at Northeast; the Reverend Lawrence Gilbert, Conference Youth Director; and the Reverend George Hess, director at Southeastern.

Also participating were: The Reverend Jim McCullough, St. Luke's Church, Baton Rouge; the Reverend Doug McLean, staff assistant at LSU; the Reverend Delton Pickering, director at LSU; the Reverend Bill Stokes, director at Louisiana Tech; the Reverend James Stovall, University Church, Lake Charles; the Reverend Bob Tatum, director at Northwestern; and the Reverend Robert Ed Taylor, Minister to the Campus Centenary.

The Reverend Howard Daughenbaugh served as chairman.



THOUSANDS OF PERSONS read the Bible from cover to cover in 1962, but few had the obstacle that Roy Manley, 9, of St. Petersburg, Fla., had to overcome. Roy is blind and he completed the task in eight months. He did his reading from an 18-volume Braille Bible (shown above) given to him through his local church by the American Bible Society.

Missions Board Calls For 90 Missionaries

The Methodist Board of Missions is once again seeking 90 of its outstanding young men and women for service on the missionary frontiers of Christianity in the United States and around the world. As in every year since 1948, the Board needs to find 40 persons to serve at home and 15 men and 35 women to serve overseas.

In issuing its annual challenge and invitation to young persons for special-term missionary service, the Board through its office of Missionary Personnel, 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y., said:

"The special-term mission program of the Methodist Church is a sort of 'Peace Corps plus'—it offers unlimited opportunities to do constructive and varied work for the uplift of fellow human beings. But the whole motivation for the work is that the Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed."

For service in the United States and Puerto Rico, the call is for 40 persons, both men and women. These persons are called "U.S.-2's," and the opportunities include work in community centers, homes for children and youth, mission schools, mission hospitals, and town-and-country church work. Among the types of service needed are teachers; social group and case-workers, nurses, dietitians, directors of Christian education, recreation and camp leaders, and medical technicians.

Home mission workers serve two years each under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

In overseas areas, special-term missionaries are called "3's." The varied job opportunities open to them include teachers on all levels and in many fields, agriculturists, student workers, business managers, literature and audio-visual specialists, social workers, medical technicians, directors of Christian education, librarians, secretaries and nurses. Men will serve under the Division of World Missions and women under the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

In 1963 "3's" are needed in Liberia, Southern Rhodesia, the Congo, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Burma,

Sarawak (Borneo), the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Uruguay, Brazil, Panama, Costa Rica, Peru, Bolivia, Algeria, Chile and Mexico.

The standards for service both at home and overseas are high, and the motivation must be Christian, the Board said. The qualifications for special-term missionary service listed by the Board are:

Religious experience and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ; a conviction of the world's need for Christ and a desire to share one's faith and to minister to the needs of others; college graduation; age between 21 and 28; good health and emotional stability, checked by medical examination and psychological appraisal; agreement to remain single during the term of service; membership in the Methodist Church.

Persons interested may write: Office of Missionary Personnel, 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

Commenting on the need for special-term missionaries, the Board said: "As far as is known, very few qualified young people have chosen the Peace Corps rather than special-term missionary service. We fear that what began for the Methodist Church as a crusade has become an accepted routine. We must find ways to revitalize the special-term program."

One former "3", Miss Jackie Skiles of St. Louis, Mo., who taught in Brazil, says of her work: "Government programs can never replace the Christian mission, no matter how efficient those programs may be."

15 Conferences Give Half Of World Advance

The 15 Methodist annual (regional) conferences which gave the most to world missions Advance Specials last year provided almost one-half of the income from the Advance for the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The World Division received \$6,611,485 from the Advance, with the 15 highest-giving conferences providing \$3,215,965. This means that just 15 conferences out of 100 gave the World Division almost one-half of its Advance income, while the other 85 provided the remainder.

The 15 conferences represented four of the six jurisdictions of the Methodist Church — Southeastern Jurisdiction (seven conferences), North Central Jurisdiction (five conferences), South Central Jurisdiction (two conferences) and Western Jurisdiction (one conference). The 15 conferences represented 13 states — Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia, California, Arizona, Indiana, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia and Texas.

As in past years, the Florida Conference gave the highest amount to World Division Advance Specials—\$364,690. One other conference, the Virginia Conference, also gave more than \$300,000, its Advance gifts totaling \$322,309.

The information on Advance Special giving to world missions in fiscal 1962 (the 12 months ending May 31, 1962) were reported by the Rev. Dr. Ashton

MAKE A WILL



THAT REMEMBERS THE CHURCH

A. Almand, New York, treasurer of the Division of World Missions.

(Advance Specials are voluntary gifts to home and overseas missions by churches, groups and individuals over and above the giving by a local church to World Service, the basic Methodist general benevolence fund to which churches pay on apportionment. In Advance Specials, the donor designates the project to which his gift is to go, and 100 per cent of the money goes to the project, with nothing being taken out for overhead.)

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Our fundamental insight is that the main job of the Church is not to enjoy itself or bask in its own goodness, but to evangelize, and this necessitates lay religion by consequence, inasmuch as the job is manifestly too large by the ministers working along---

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Re: South Central Hospitals and Homes Workshop
Oklahoma City—April 16, 1963
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

A one day Methodist Hospitals and Homes Workshop
Under the joint sponsorship of
The General Board of Hospitals and Homes
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The South Central Jurisdiction Board
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The Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel in Oklahoma City
Tuesday, April 16, 1963, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For

1. Members Jurisdictional Board of Hospitals and Homes
2. Administrators Methodist Hospitals and Homes
3. Chairmen of Institution Boards
4. Public Relations Personnel and/or Chaplains
5. Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of Annual Conference Boards
6. Local Church Hospitals and Homes Stewards

LEADERSHIP FOR THE WORKSHOP will include institutional administrators and other leaders from within the Jurisdiction — including Dr. Bolton Boone, Mr. Howard Washburn, Mr. David Bell, and Dr. John Hoon—along with Dr. D. Cloyd Taggart, Director of Cultivation for the General Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Chairman

S. C. J. Board of Hospitals and Homes

P.S. All expenses while in Oklahoma City (one night's hotel and three meals) will be paid by the Jurisdictional Board for the first 100 registering with the Jurisdiction Office by March 31st!!!

In Memoriam



Miss Gwen Boyett

Miss Gwen Boyett was born January 17, 1927, at Groveton, Texas. She was the daughter of Wm. E. and Evelyn Beeson Boyett. She died August 18, 1962, at Alexandria, La. Miss Boyett was a graduate of Pollock High School and Louisiana College of Pineville, La.

After teaching one year in the DeSota Parish School, Mansfield, she taught in the Oakdale Elementary School until the time of her passing. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Winifred McMillin of Pineville, La., one niece and one nephew besides her parents, one aunt, Mrs. E. B. (Kate) Hammack, Denham Springs, La., two uncles, Dr. J. L. Boyett, Jacksonville, Texas, and Mr. F. G. Cook, Mobile, Ala.

Gwen united with the Palestine Methodist Church in the early years of her life and was a true and faithful member. She joined the Oakdale Methodist Church in 1949 and continued her activity and devotion to her church. Wherever you met Gwen she always had a smile and a hearty handshake, and you knew it was from her heart.

Funeral Services were conducted by Dr. Guy M. Hicks, and the Reverends Clark W. Bell, Richard Hoffpauir, and J. B. McCann.



Iowa Administrator Heads Hospitals - Homes Group

Donald W. Cordes, administrator of the Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, Ia., was elected president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes last week in Cincinnati. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. F. Reid Isaac of Baltimore, Md., executive director of the Board of Child Care of the Baltimore Conference.

The association, which represents 255 Methodist-related hospitals, homes for the aging, and homes for children, held its annual convention here Feb. 12-14.

Cordes will serve a one-year term and will preside at the association's 1964 convention, to be held in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 28-30.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Palmer of West Allis, Wis., was named president-elect for 1964. He is executive director of Methodist Manor, Inc., a home for older persons.

M. T. Lambeth, administrator of the Winston-Salem (N. C.) Children's Home, was elected vice president of the association.

New secretary of the association is the Rev. Dr. Clarence R. Wagner, administrator of Claremont Manor, Claremont, Calif.

The Rev. Dr. William A. Hammitt, executive director of the Baby Fold, Normal, Ill., was reelected treasurer.



Methodist Briefs

Staff changes made at the recent Board of Missions meeting include: Election of Rev. Harry Komuro, Hon-



OUTSIDE THE DAMSACUS GATE in the wall of Old Jerusalem is this skull-like hill, known as Golgotha because it answers so well the discription in the Bible of the true place of Christ's Crucifixion. 'And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha; where they crucified Him...'



THIS IS BETHLEHEM today. The little town where Christ was born now has tall structures and some apartment houses, as this build-up of a hilly area shows.

olulu, to be a director of church extension in the Division of National Missions. Naming of the Rev. P. Glen Trembath, Royal Oak, Mich., as a director of church extension. He has been a financial crusade director in the board's Department of Finance. Frank A. Morrison, formerly an employee in the treasurer's office, elected chief accountant of the Division of World Missions. The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Wilson, promoted from associate director to director of the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions, and the Rev. Dr. Alan K. Waltz, formerly assistant director, moving up to associate director of that department. Howard M. Cordell, formerly chief accountant, elected field accountant of the Division of World Missions. The Rev. Theodore Runyan, former assistant secretary for

general administration, named associate director for research of the World Division.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore (retired) has been appointed by Bishop John Owen Smith to serve as interim pastor of Saint Mark Church, Atlanta, Ga., until the next session of the North Georgia Conference. At that time, Bishop Moore will resume his series of evangelistic crusades in which he has been busily engaged since his retirement in 1960.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

(Revised February 10, 1963)

Authorized by the Area Council

February

February 18-20—Vacation Church School Coaching Conference, Bunkie
February 21, 22—Louisiana Fellowship of Methodist Musicians
Annual Church Music Institute, First Church, Alexandria
February 23—Conference M.Y.F. Council, Bunkie
February 24—Cornerstone Laying Service, Centenary College Library

March

March 4—Luncheons in each District for St. Paul's School of Theology
Begin in Shreveport (Bishop Dawson and Walton)
March 10—Official Beginning Date of Every Member Visitation
March 4-12—District Workshops in Christian Education
(Using Team for Staff of General Board of Education)
March 4 Alexandria District (First Church)
5 Baton Rouge District (First Church)
6 New Orleans District (Rayne Memorial)
7 Lafayette District (New Iberia)
8 Lake Charles District (First Church, Lake Charles)
10 Shreveport District (First Church)
11 Ruston District (Arcadia)
12 Monroe District (First Church, Monroe)
March 10-12—New Orleans District Bible Conference, Rayne Memorial
March 11, 12—Louisiana Conference Deaconess Board, St. Paul's, Monroe
March 11-13—New Orleans District Church School Workshop for Teachers
of Children
March 12—Area Council, First Church, Alexandria
March 13-15—W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, First Church, Monroe
March 16-17—Wesleyan Service Guild, Monroe
March 16, 17—State Student Conference
March 19-21—Willson Lectures, Centenary College (Bishop Eugene Frank)
March 24—One Great Hour of Sharing
March 24-30—Simultaneous Revival Meetings: Alexandria, Lake Charles,
Monroe, Shreveport Districts
March 31-April 6—Simultaneous Revival Meetings: Baton Rouge, Lafayette,
New Orleans, Ruston Districts

April

April 7—Palm Sunday (Children Received in Church)
April 14—Easter Sunday (Children's Home)
April 16, 19—Council of Bishops, San Francisco
April 16-26—Annual District Meetings of W.S.C.S.
April 22-27—Jurisdictional Recreation Workshop, Camp Egan, Oklahoma

May

Aldersgate Anniversary Celebration (Evangelism)
May 1, 2—W.S.C.S. District Officers' Training, Alexandria
May 5—Children's Day
May 5-12—National Family Week
May 17, 18—Camp Leaders' Training Conference, Caney Lake
(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport Districts)
May 18—Camp Leaders' Training Conference, Sam Houston State Park
(Lake Charles District)
May 19—Ministry Sunday
Rural Life Sunday
May 19-26—Aldersgate Week
May 24—Aldersgate Day (225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate
Experience)

May 24, 25—Camp Leaders' Training Conference (Baton Rouge & New
Orleans Districts)
May 25—Camp Leaders' Training Conference (Lafayette District)

June

June 1—Camp Leaders' Training Conference, Camp Brewer
Alexandria District)
June 2—Pentecost Sunday (Evangelism)
June 4-7—Annual Conference
June 9—Methodist Student Day
June 10-July 5—Supply Pastors' School, S.M.U. (I)
June 12-16—Baton Rouge District Laboratory School
June 24-28—M.Y.F. Assembly, Centenary College
June 24-29—Mt. Sequoyah W.S.C.S. School of Missions

July

July 5-7—Mt. Sequoyah Laymen's Workshop
July 8-13—Mt. Sequoyah Directors' Workshop
July 9-12—National Town and Country Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 12-14—Mt. Sequoyah Church School Superintendents' Conference
July 15-26—Mt. Sequoyah Leadership-Laboratory School
July 15-August 9—Supply Pastors' School, S.M.U. (II)
July 21-27—Conference M.Y.F. Officers' Workshop, Istrouma
July 29-August 2—Pastors' School, Centenary College

August

August 2-9—Mt. Sequoyah M.Y.F. Regional
August 3, 4—Lay Retreat, Centenary College
August 4-9—NAAFOM Conference, Baldwin, Kansas
August 5-9—Conference W.S.C.S. School of Missions, Centenary College
August 11-16—Youth School of Moral Concerns
August 13-16—Mt. Sequoyah Missionary Conference
August 16-18—Local Church Missions Workshop
August 18-24—National Conference of the M.Y.F., Evansville College,
Evansville, Indiana
August 19-22—Mt. Sequoyah Conference on Evangelism
August 26-30—Conference on Human Relations, Chicago, Illinois

September

September 4-14—National Camp, Martinsville, Indiana

November

November 5-10—Methodist Conference on Christian Education

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Words of Appreciation

New Orleans, Louisiana
February 23, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

We have just completed a series of eight District Workshops on World Service and Advance Specials. The purpose of these meetings was to explain World Service and the Advance to our leaders—so that, in turn, they may do a better job of promoting these causes in the local church. Dr. R. Merrill Powers, Field Secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church, was with us in all the meetings. Dr. Powers seemed to know exactly how to present the program in each situation. He made a valuable contribution to all of us who heard him. We are indebted also to Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and to the Reverend Luman E. Douglas, Chairman of the Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, for the important work which they did in connection with the workshops.

We had good attendance and much interest in each district. The reports for the first three quarters are good. We are about 68 per cent paid on the annual askings at the end of the third quarter. Thanks to the District Superintendents, the pastors, and the members of our churches who have made this record in each of the districts.

The fourth and I suppose final report on The Louisiana Methodist subscription campaign reveals that this year we have secured approximately 800 more subscriptions to our church paper than we had last year. Thank you again for your fine support.

I leave today for Crowley where I will be in a series of services tomorrow though Friday with Brother Boddie and his people. I am looking forward to this fellowship.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

St. Paul's Theological Seminary To Be Interpreted Next Week

St. Paul's Theological Seminary (Methodist), Kansas City, Mo., will be featured in a series of visitations in the districts of the Louisiana Conference the week of March 3-10. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Bishop Dana Dawson, Dr. Don Holter, president of the school, and others will be interpreting the work of the school, which is now in its fourth year of operation.

On Sunday, March 3, the emphases will be made from pulpits in the Shreveport District, and on the following Sunday, March 10, Methodist congregations in the New Orleans District will be hearing of the work of the seminary.

On next Sunday, Bishop Walton will preach at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport; Bishop Dawson will fill the pulpit at First Methodist Church; Dr. Holter will be the guest minister at Broadmoor Methodist Church; and Dr. Jolly B. Harper will speak in the interest of the school at First Methodist Church, Bossier City.

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La. Methodists In Denver Meet

Eleven Louisiana Methodists attended a Regional Study Conference on the quadrennial emphasis of "Our Mission Today" in Denver, Colorado, February 18-21. Members of the Louisiana team were: the Reverend D. W. Poole, team leader; the Reverend A. M. Brown; the Reverend Jack Cooke; the Reverend Douglas McGuire; the Reverend Delton Pickering; the Reverend Henry Rickey; Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., Conference Lay Leader; Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Conference W.S.C.S.

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Simultaneous Revival Periods Planned by Evangelism Board

Simultaneous revival services will be held in almost every church in Louisiana during a conference-wide united Evangelistic Mission March 24-April 6. Half of the churches in the state (four districts) will hold revival services the first week, March 24-29, and churches in the other four districts will participate the following week, March 31-April 5.

Districts Make Good Reports On World Service

District superintendents of the Louisiana Conference reported during the recent World Service Workshops that the churches of their districts have paid three-fourths of the total acceptances for the year on World Service and conference benevolences, according to Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, who spoke at each of the eight meetings. He said, "These are excellent reports on our benevolent budgets. We are in good shape."

Teaming up with Bishop Walton for the workshops were Dr. R. Merrill Powers, field secretary of the general Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; Dr. Guy Hicks, chairman of the conference Commission on World Service and Finance; and the Rev. Luman Douglas, chairman of the conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

These revivals will be a high point for Louisiana Methodists in their observance of "Aldersgate Year." 1963 has been designated "Aldersgate Year" for Methodists throughout the world in observance of the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's heart-warming experience of "spiritual renewal." While a young man, Mr. Wesley attended a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, May 24, 1738, where someone was reading Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. It was during this time that Mr. Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed." "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine . . ." John Wesley was the founder of Methodism.

Plans for these simultaneous revival services have been under the direction of Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, head of the Louisiana Area; and the Conference Board of Evangelism: Dr. James T. Harris, secretary, and the Rev. A. A. McKnight, chairman. Each local pastor will have assigned as his guest preacher for the six-day revival some other Lou-

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At The World Service Workshops



THE REV. LUMAN DOUGLAS, conference chairman of Promotion and Cultivation.



Dr. Guy Hicks, Bishop Walton, Dr. Carl Lueg and Dr. Merrill Powers.



Dr. Jolly B. Harper, and Dr. and Mrs. Merrill Powers of Evanston, Ill.



BISHOP WALTON addresses the workshop in the Shreveport District.

Editorials

The Coming of Lent

LAST TUESDAY EVENING just before midnight the courts of the leading monarchs of the Mardi Gras met as the pre-Lenten revelry reached its climax and together they decreed that the moment was coming that marked the beginning of Lent. Then with a mighty flourish the carnival period ended and many of the revelers prepared to go to Ash Wednesday services before they found their ways home and the quiet of the Lenten period had settled over the city of New Orleans.

Others were introduced to the Lenten period in ways that were quieter and more serene. Still others were unaware that the traditional period of preparation for Easter had begun. Mardi Gras and its method of announcing the coming of Lent is a traditional pattern in the lives of many sections where our readers are located. To others Lent itself is hardly noted.

By whatever means we make our entrance into this time we ought to take careful note of what it can mean to us. After a long period of shying away from such an adherence to the traditional calendar of the church because of a desire to be more informal and less "Romish" about its worship, a great portion of Protestantism has in recent years rediscovered the values in a spiritual preparation for Easter and has thereby exalted Easter. It has become the climax of the church year for most of us.

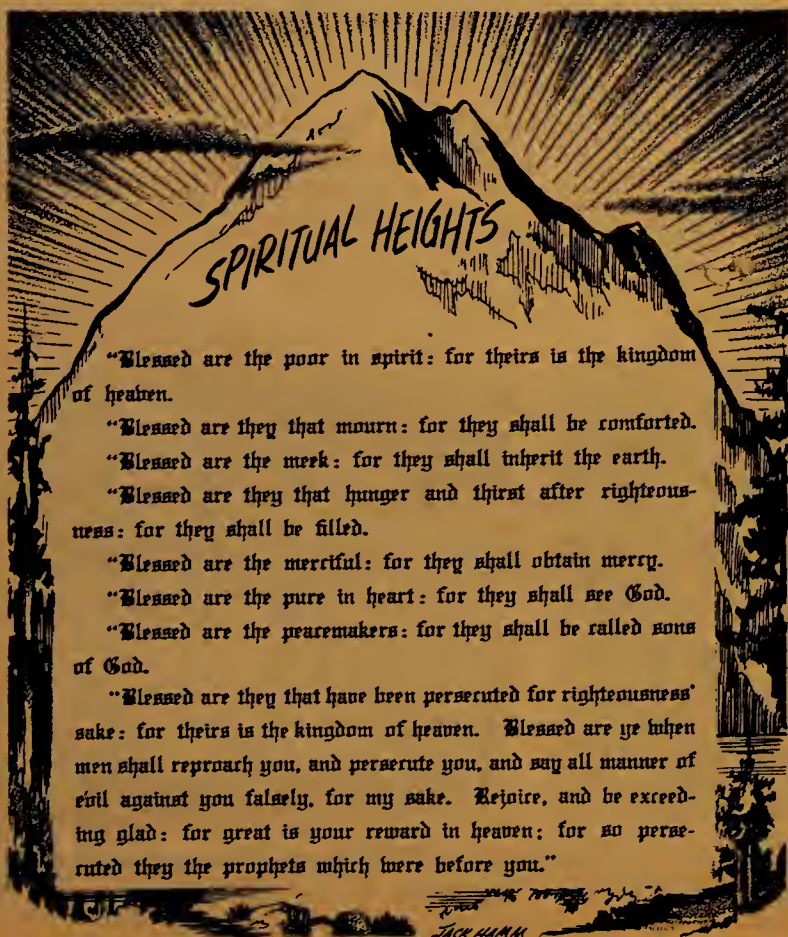
What we are most concerned about is that you develop an awareness of Lent and let it take hold of you in such a way that this six weeks of the year can do for you what it is doing for many others.

From Here to Where

HERE IMPLIES THE PRESENT and includes people, culture, disciplines, and the United States of America in which we live. "Where" implies future time and includes people, other ideas, other culture, other disciplines, and the countries in which people live. Communism and democracy are opposing idealogies, and one of these is the WHERE to which we are going.

Our destination depends on our weaknesses and our strengths. By some standards these are out of

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balance in favor of the weakness. What forces are hurrying us from here to the where of communism? Probably the greatest of these is complacency. A prime example of our complacent attitude is the acceptance of corruption in government, industry, and labor. A close second to this attitude is the "hatreds" in our way of life which blind us to the possibilities of resolving many political, social, and economic issues in our country, our state, and even in our communities.

Political leadership's grab for power is not a healthy force for our democracy but our complacency has permitted it to "snow ball" on us. Our attitude toward constituted authority and the attitude of constituted authority toward those governed is not to our liking. Our inability to cope with these conditions leaves us frustrated. Another major catastrophe is the failure of parents, citizens, and leaders to indoctrinate themselves with and maintain a high degree of patriotism. Our weaknesses and frustrations are due to a great measure to the appalling lag of spiritual ideals within our population. To put "In God We Trust" in our hearts is far more important than on the coins we spend.

Our strengths which could lead us to a strong democracy are many. We enjoy the highest standards of living in the world. Our cultural level is second to none in history. Our philosophy which includes an optimum education for each person is unique. And our system of education to attain this goal is totally American. If guarded jealously and judiciously by all citizens, our educational strength may speed us to a better America. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of decision, and freedom to govern in accordance to the laws of the governed are essential to a democracy. However, these freedoms have limits which must be represented by each and all persons. Freedom is a reversible reaction and is a privilege until it imposes on the freedom of others. These are the ideals of a government by the governed.

We have three allies in the journey to the where of democracy. Our churches lift before us the ideals of doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly before God and our fellow man. Our schools can do much to educate children and youth in the ideas of democracy but schools must be supported by citizens—not governments. The third ally, our homes, must reflect religious ideals, personal honesty and integrity, hard-core patriotism, and the strengths of our heritage upon which democracy was founded.

When we swing the balance to the side of our strengths, then and only then, will we know where we are going from here.

—J. B. Kelly
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 Broadmoor Methodist Church
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the EDITOR'S CORNER

A VISIT TO THE LEGISLATURE

We visited the gallery of the Arkansas House of Representatives last Wednesday for what we thought was to be a discussion and possible disposition of HB 116, supported by the Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation as a possible means of better implementing the state's laws against gambling.

What we saw was the rough treatment that can be given such legislation by experienced law-makers who, during the process of amending a bill to death, can make the appearance of being conscientious about the whole thing. It can be that HB 116 will still come before the Legislature and be passed, but it will never be the same again and many of us who supported the bill may never quite be sure what hit us. Of this we can be sure, the administration sent word along that it ought not to pass.

The thing that disturbed us more than the treatment received by HB 116 was the atmosphere and attitude that seemed to prevail about the efforts of good people to see that the law is enforced in their state. Underneath a great number of things that were said, and in some instances not so far underneath, was the implication that only one simply ought not to be caught trying to work for the right and the good.

The Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation has made progress in representing its program among the members of the Legislature. The Rev. Lee Dance has served this organization well as its legislative secretary. We have no apology to make for the fact that this organization is engaged in this kind of activity. This is what the churches expected it to do when it was started. Naturally there are those more friendly to the entrenched interested which we oppose who will belittle and downgrade all such efforts. This is becoming more difficult for them to do successfully.

Whatever should be the fate of HB 116 we feel that much good will come from the efforts centering about it, and that in the end the voices of the people will be heard as they ask simply for law enforcement.



NEWLY ELECTED general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns is the Rev. A. Dudley Ward (center). On July 31 he will succeed Fr. Caradine R. Hooton (right), retiring from the position after 14 years. They are shown with Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, board president.

Social Concerns Awards Two From Mississippi

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The activity in brotherhood and other Christian concerns of two Methodists from Mississippi was recognized in awards given here (Jan. 31) by the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The recipients are Mrs. Martin L. Harvey of Jackson and Joseph E. Wroten of Greenville. She is secretary of the board, and he is a member of the executive committee.

The citations, as signed by Bishop T. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, board president, read as follows:

For Mrs. Harvey: "who has ably served as a leader and representative of Methodist youth in the life of the church; who pursues a distinguished



THE CLERICAL GARB of Pennsylvania State Rep. Earl S. Walker often causes his fellow representatives to mistake him for the chaplain of the House. Actually, Mr. Walker is a Lutheran clergyman as well as a freshman legislator.

business career in her native city of Jackson; who demonstrated her continuing devotion to peace by her journeys abroad and her services at home; who gives generously of her time, talents and energy to the cause of Christian social concerns; and who witnesses faithfully and effectively to the ideals of justice and brotherhood where she lives and works."

For Mr. Wroten: "who, as a lawyer, fulfills his vocation in Greenville; who, as a churchman, vigorously leads his annual conference Board of Christian Social Concerns; who, as a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, courageously stands for human rights and Christian brotherhood; and whose responsible statesmanship during the Oxford crisis merits the appreciation and commendation of Christians everywhere."

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We want our doctor to know the latest science, and object when our preacher knows the latest scholarship.

No man ever makes a poor deal who accepts the will of God.

Pre-Ministerial

LAKELAND, Fla.—A \$10,900 gift to Florida Southern College here by a Fort Lauderdale couple, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Merrell, will be used to start a special scholarship fund for pre-ministerial students.

The program is designed to assist able but needy Methodist pre-ministerial students complete their undergraduate work at Florida Southern, it was announced by Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of the college.

Forty-five pre-ministerial students are now enrolled at Florida Southern, where Dr. Charles M. Laymon is head of the religion department.

Hospital-Homes Recognized For Social Workers

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Thirty-three Methodist-affiliated hospitals and homes which have one or more staff persons who are members of the Academy of Certified Social Workers were recognized here Feb. 14 at the closing session of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes annual convention in the Sheraton-Gibson hotel.

This marks the first time the association has publicly commended its institutions who have staff personnel in the recently-created Academy of Certified Social Workers.

Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, paid tribute to the institutions with staff members who have attained the honor of membership in the Academy and explained that it is "to facilitate and encourage the highest possible standards of professional performance."

The Rev. Dr. F. Reid Isaac of Baltimore, Md., accepted the recognition on behalf of all the institutions and agencies. Dr. Isaac, who has served during the past year as president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, is executive director of the Baltimore Conference Board of Child Care—one of the agencies receiving the honor.

Twenty-five institutions and agencies serving children and youth were recognized as having reported the employment of one or more persons who are members of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. They include:

The Methodist Home-Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Blessed are the patient, for they shall win eventually.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

March 3—Sunday	Isaiah 35:1-10
March 4	Isaiah 40:1-11
March 5	Isaiah 42:1-7
March 6	Isaiah 53:1-9
March 7	Isaiah 53:10-12
March 8	Isaiah 53:1-11
March 9	Matthew 4:1-11
March 10—Sunday	Mark 1:16-28

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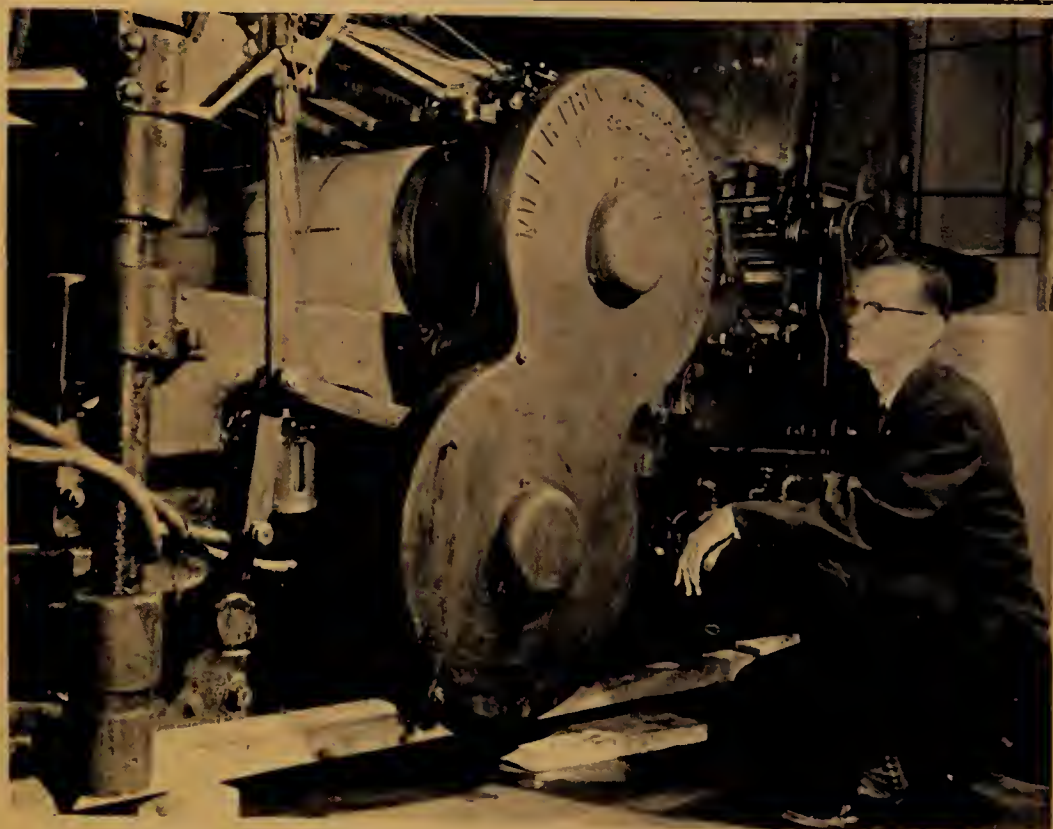
British Pastors To Help Nation's Rebirth Emphasis

NASHVILLE, TENN.—At least 25 Methodist ministers will come from "the land of Wesley" in April and May for a series of Aldersgate Missions in Methodist churches in the United States.

In so doing, they will assist American Methodists in commemorating the Aldersgate "spiritual rebirth" experience of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Wesley, who lived in England, said he felt his heart "strangely warmed" in a meeting on Aldersgate Street in London, May 24, 1738.

Methodists have designated 1963 as Aldersgate Year and are observing the 225th anniversary of Aldersgate with a 12-month emphasis on Christian experience and evangelism.

The British ministers will be in the United States from April 16 through May 19. They are coming at the request of 55 American Methodist ministers who participated in a Mission to British Methodism last April and May.



THE REV. JOEL D. ROBBINS examines a printing press which he will use in his work with the African Christian Literature Advance in Johannesburg, South Africa. A printing company executive donated the press to be used for printing Christian literature to counter Communist propaganda in Africa. Mr. Robbins, who was a partner in a printing firm in Kansas City, Mo., before going into the ministry, said Africans are hungry for reading material and that Communists have been taking advantage of this situation.

Esprit de Corps Stiffened With 'Book-Walking'

Got a student morale problem on your college campus? Need your esprit de corps stiffened?

Officials of Centenary College believe they have a prescription that can be tailored to fit nearly any college's needs at some time or other: mass participation in a memorable event.

In Centenary's particular case the event was the moving Feb. 8 of the college library, from its ancient and outdated quarters in Jackson Hall to the spacious new million-dollar building recently completed.

The books could have been moved via conventional methods of transportation without wrecking the college budget. But someone—nobody seems quite sure who—had the happy idea that it would be an excellent opportunity for the students to make a solid contribution in a way that would make the new library uniquely "theirs".

Right then Centenary's "book-walk" began snowballing. Assistant Librarian Charles Harrington, who was in overall charge of the move, got a willing assist from Malcolm Patterson and Mary Frances Estes of the physical education faculty, who volunteered to organize the "book-walk" itself.

By moving days, these individuals had organized virtually the entire student body and faculty into ten-man teams—some assigned to remove books from the old shelves in the proper sequence, others to walk them to the new building and hand them to still other teams, who placed them on the new shelves in the same sequence.

It was an operation that could easily have gone wildly astray, all preliminary organization notwithstanding. But it didn't. With only minor exceptions, all the books showed up in their proper places and in jig time—the whole move required less than five hours, with breaks for free coffee and doughnuts included.

Which left Head Librarian Mrs. Alice Alben the rest of the working day to shake her head in happy disbelief.

But if the efficiency of the "book-walk" was a marvel, its even happier side effects are still the talk of the campus.

"It was a truly heartening experience to see how those students took over the whole project for their very own, and made it work," declared President Joe J. Mickle. "It did as much as anything in my years at Centenary to bind the whole college together, and I don't believe anyone who took part in the 'book-walk' will ever forget it."

Dr. Mickle helped set the pattern by carrying some heavy bound volumes of minutes of the Board of Trustees, then spent the rest of the morning shooting color film of the operation.

An essential factor in the "book-walk's" success was the competition that sprang up among the various teams. Some gave themselves names such as "Eager Beavers", "Pate's Tigers", "The Sweethearts", "Zippy Ze-



DEAN BOND FLEMING receives his share of the "book-walk" load at the old library. Dean Fleming told the student body "none of you will ever have any difficulty remembering 'the day we moved the books'".

bras" and "Running's Rabbits". Some invented marching songs like "We've Been Working on the Book-walk All the Live-Long Day", "When the Books Come Marching In", "Take Me Out to the Book-Walk" and "Gonna Lay Down My Burden, Down in the Li-bra-ree".

Targets for everyone's gibes were the "Eager Beavers", who had tele-

vision cameras trained on them throughout their first trip from the old library to the new—and made the most of it.

Said Mrs. Alben later, "No one could have convinced me that so much work could have been done in so short a time, and that everyone would have so much fun doing it."



A SEGMENT OF CENTENARY'S BOOK-WALK approaches the new library after a chilly but cherry jaunt from Jackson Hall. Those in the foreground are (left to right) Randy Tallman, Patt Byrd, Ruthanne Cozine, Virginia Bobbitt and Charles Looney—all Speech and Drama majors at Centenary.

At the Children's Home

WEST MONROE GUEST

The Rev. Harry Ezell, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, was guest minister at the evening service of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, February 10. Following the service a panel discussion on the compassionate ministry of the church was led by Mrs. W. W. Watson. Participating in the panel were Rev. Earl Emmerick, Pastor of the Church and Chairman of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Mr. Ewell D. Singleton, Superintendent of Glenwood Hospital, West Monroe, and Rev. Ezell.

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STUDENT TEACHER'S FROM HOME

Three girls and one boy from the Methodist Children's Home were elected to teach classes at a recent Student Teacher Day in Ruston High School. Student teachers were elected by their classmates with teacher approval and were expected to prepare lesson plans and to conduct one session of the class.

The Home is proud of the fact that out of a total student body of 745 in the High School, four of the student teachers were our boys and girls. Our student teachers conducted classes in French, Industrial Arts, English 9 and English 10.

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ATTEND CONVENTION HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Attending the annual Convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes held February 12-14, in Cincinnati, Ohio, were the Rev. Earl Emmerick, Chairman of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Mr. Ewell D. Singleton, Superintendent of Methodist operated Glenwood Hospital, West Monroe, and Rev. Harry Ezell, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston.

The National Association lists 255 affiliated institutions, including 77 hospitals, 125 Homes for Older Persons, 8 Homes for Business Women, and 48 Agencies for Children.

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Students Attend Seminar In Dallas

Four Louisiana college students represented the Louisiana MSM at a Human Relations Seminar on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas on February 1-3. Sponsored by the South Central Region of the Methodist Student Movement, the seminar was concerned primarily with the future of race relations in this area of the United States.

Dr. Douglas Jackson, member of the Louisiana Conference and professor of sociology of religion at Perkins School of Theology, was resource leader for the seminar.

Louisiana students in attendance were: Edwin Augustat, L.S.U.; Doug Davis, Centenary; Betty Ann Gunther, Newcomb; and Tish Poe, L.S.U. Miss Poe acted as the representative of the Louisiana MSM State Council.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE TRINITY SUB-DISTRICT MYF held a Sweet-heart Banquet at the Rayne Methodist Church, Saturday, Feb. 23. The Rev. Karl D. Wood is the pastor at Rayne.

THE REV. JACK WILLIAMS, Missionary from Malaya, was the speaker for the MYF Sub-District Meeting at Cotton Valley, Feb. 24.

THE REV. E.W. SANDEL, pastor of the Trout-Urania Charge, was the speaker for morning devotions over Radio Station KWCJ, Jena. Jan. 5-9.

MRS. D. B. BODDIE was hospitalized recently in the Jena Clinic, after a fall in which she suffered a fractured bone. The Rev. and Mrs. Boddie make their home in Jena.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, was guest minister for the morning worship service of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, Feb. 17. The Rev. Jack Midyett is the pastor.

DR. ROBERTA PEDRAZA, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas, was the guest minister for the morning worship service, Feb. 10, at Harmony Chapel, where the Rev. Eddie Morgan is the pastor.

DR. R. LEONARD COOKE, Lake Charles District Superintendent, was the preacher at Prospect Methodist Church, Feb. 3. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. The Rev. Don Thrash is the pastor.

A VALENTINE BANQUET was held for the Senior and Junior High youth of the Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, on Feb. 14. Mrs. Eddie Dezendorf is the Youth Counselor and the Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Alexandria, sponsored a Family Night on Feb. 12. The film 'The Will of Augustus Nash,' was shown at that time. The pastor is the Rev. George Dameron.

THE METHODIST MEN OF the Farmerville Methodist Church met Feb. 13 for a Father and Son Banquet, and had as their guest speaker James O. Lancaster of Northeastern State College, Monroe, who is in charge of scholarships. The pastor is the Rev. David Corley.

DR. BEN KAPLAN, outstanding teacher and speaker, presented the program on the family at Family Night at Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, on Feb. 12. The Rev. C. Robert McCammon is the pastor.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will be the speaker for the Mar. 19 Family Night Supper at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, where the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is the pastor.

ON SUNDAY, FEB. 24, IN OBSERVANCE of Brotherhood Week, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Shreveport, had as their guest preacher, Rabbi David Leftkowitz on the B'nai Zion Congregation, a neighboring church to St. Luke's, whose pastor is the Rev. Tracey Arnold.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR held a concert at Bolton High School, Alexandria, Feb. 16 at 8:00 p.m. under the sponsorship of the MYF of the Palestine Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir is the pastor.

MARILYN HOPPMAYER DAVIDSON, choir director of St. Andrew Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the soprano soloist with the Baton Rouge Civic

Symphony Orchestra when they recently presented Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under the direction of Dr. Peter Paul Fuchs.

A WESLEY FOUNDATION DEPUTATION TEAM from Louisiana Tech visited the Bethel Methodist Church for the morning worship service, Feb. 17. The Rev. Jack Cooke is the present pastor at Carrollton.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, Feb. 9, the Senior MYF of First Methodist Church, New Iberia, gave a party for the New Iberia High School basketball team. The coach and members of the team were honored guests. Cakes with inscriptions honoring the team, sandwiches and punch were served. The pastor is the Rev. Luther L. Booth.

ON JANUARY 26 the Gilliam Methodist Church and the parsonage home of the Rev. and Mrs. C.B. Krumnow were the setting for the marriage of Miss Clarice Krumnow and Mr. Gordon Talk III, with the father of the bride officiating. Gordon and Clarice are headed for Dallas next fall where he will enter Perkins School of Theology and she will teach in the elementary schools.

A FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER was held at the Iota Church on Jan. 30. Chaplain William G. Wilson, a member of the Louisiana Conference and Chaplain at the Naval Auxiliary Air Base in New Iberia, spoke to the group concerning the work of the chaplaincy in the armed forces. Accompanying Chaplain Wilson was his wife and four daughters. The Rev. Calvin Lapuyade is the Iota pastor.

AT WINBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, Mrs. Tom Lancaster's Junior High MYF group has been studying 'The Rim of East Asia' and had as their guest speaker, Jan. 27, Mr. Billy Abernathy, who spend about 14 months on Taiwan and gave an interesting account of the people and the area. Of special interest was the Bible written in Chinese which he brought to show the group. The Rev. Tom Lancaster is the pastor.

THE FELLOWSHIP CLASS of Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, has had a series of outstanding teachers for their Sunday School lessons. During the month of January, Mr. Bob Lay was the teacher, and during the month of February, the class was led by the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor. For the month of March Miss Ann Fox is to teach. This church has named a planning Committee to study the feasibility of a new educational building. Their pastor is the Rev. Robert Holaday.

DR. R. MERRILL POWERS, Field Secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, was the guest preacher for the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Feb. 17. Dr. Powers was in the conference for the district workshops on World Service. Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastors of the church and chairman of the Conference World Service and Finance Commission, and Bishop Aubrey Walton also participated in these workshops.

KENNER METHODIST CHURCH was host to the Neighbor Study on 'Understanding and Guiding Youth,' taught by Miss Louise Sharpe, director of Christian Education at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans. The churches participating were Munholland Memorial, Metairie, LePlace and Kenner. The school was most informative and those attending felt quite rewarded. Kenner was quite happy to have ten workers who received certificates in the school. Their pastor is the Rev. Marvin H. Corley.

MR L. K. HERLONG, JR. was the speaker at a recent Ladies Night program of the Methodist Men's Club of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria. He spoke on the important part that scouting plays in the lives of the young people of the community. He commended Mr. Evan Butterfield, Scoutmaster, on the good work he has been doing with the Methodist Men's Club-sponsored Troop No. 75. Officers installed at this meeting were: Col. George Weego, president; George Ray Lee, vice-president; and Lynn Beck, secretary-treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Louis Coppage.

DR. CHARLES E. PALMER, associate professor

in the field of Special Education at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, and author of the book 'The Church and the Exceptional Person,' was the guest speaker at McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, Feb. 17. His talk brought to a climax the six-weeks church-wide mission study 'The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need.' Mrs. W. W. Halbert was chairman of the Missions Commission and Mrs. A. H. Valentine is Missionary Education Secretary of the WSCS. The Rev. Don Wineinger is the pastor.

THE BELCHER-GILLIAM METHODIST Churches have completed the church-wide school of missions studying 'Persons of Special Need,' the groups meeting alternately between the two churches heard Mmes. R. C. Hamilton, Bob Davis, R. P. Aust, Ray Valentine, F.H. Hearn Katherine Stinson, J.R. Kavanaugh, W.E. Noel, Gertrude Krumnow and Miss Margaret Byers present various topics of the program to all ages of the church membership. A highlight of the study was 'Men's Night' at which time W.E. Ferguson, W.A. Sawyer, W.F. Almond, Milton Trichell and the Rev. W.R. Irving brought reports on homes and institutions serving people of special need. The Rev. C. B. Krumnow is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, met Feb. 4 for a reorganizational meeting. The meeting was conducted by V.J. French, district. Officers elected were: Hubert Thompson, president; James Martin, vice-president; Ed Bass, secretary; and Don Maxwell, treasurer. Ike Robertson was elected director of subscriptions for the Methodist Layman magazine. The following were elected committee chairmen: Ellis Dawson, program; Bill Davis, membership and attendance; Kenneth Brieght, publicity; V.J. French, projects; J.E. Cammack, meals; and Warren Phillips, devotions. The Rev. A.G. Taylor is the pastor.



ON SUNDAY, JAN. 27, 25 youth of the Blanchard Methodist Church were awarded the "Star of Light" pin for perfect attendance at Church School for three months. They are shown here with some of their teachers. Their pastor is the Rev. Harold McClung.



THE REV. RICHARD Waggoner, minister of music at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, is shown at the console of the new Aeolian-Skinner Organ recently installed and dedicated at that church.

The Sunday School Lesson

DR. E. T. WAYLAND



Lesson for March 10, 1963: TO BE SERVED OR TO SERVE

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 10; Printed Text for the Lesson: Mark 10: 35-45.

MEMORY SELECTION: The Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10-45.

AIM OF LESSON: To show the importance of unselfish, consecrated service in the development of Christian character and in the building of Christ's kingdom.

The series of fifteen lessons from the Gospel of Mark which we are now studying should give us a very good idea of the message of the book since we are having one or more lessons from every chapter of the book except three. For this reason we would like each time to fill in, briefly, the short gap between lessons.

At the close of our last lesson Jesus and the disciples were in Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. In the opening verse of chapter ten from which our lesson text is taken, Mark tells us that Jesus and the disciples left Capernaum and went down the east side of the river Jordan and crossed over the river into Judea.

On this journey Jesus discusses the matter of divorce with a Pharisee and made some very meaningful pronouncements on the subject of divorce. It was on this journey also that Mothers brought their children to Jesus for his blessings. This was the time that the rich young ruler came to Jesus seeking eternal life. When he faced the cost of discipleship for him, he 'went away grieved: for he had great possessions.'

ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

The opening verse of our lesson text says of Jesus and the disciples that 'They were on the road to Jerusalem.' In Luke 9:51, Luke says of this journey of Jesus, 'And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.' In today's lesson, when Jesus and the disciples crossed the Jordan river into Judea, he was only about twenty miles from Jerusalem.

Throughout his ministry, up to this time, Jesus had studiously avoided direct, open conflict with his enemies of Jerusalem. When a crisis would develop, repeatedly it was said of Jesus, 'He departed.' His explanation of such action was, 'My time is not come.' In the quotation above, Luke says of this determination now to go to Jerusalem, 'The time was come.'

In the excitement of battle, with bugles blowing, colors flying and comrades charging, many people have sacrificed their lives for a cause. There was nothing like this in the deliberate decision of Jesus to go to Jerusalem. He knew, as he repeatedly told his disciples, that enemies would kill him there. Nevertheless, through the many days of the journey from Capernaum to Jerusalem he must courageously hold his purpose because 'the time was come' for him to sacrifice his life for the success of the cause to which he had given his life. Consequently, throwing caution to the wind and reversing his former policy Jesus 'steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.' He did this knowing that there he would suffer indescribable tortures at the hands of his enemies and be nailed to a cross and left to die. This example of prolonged courage, holy purposefulness and sac-

ificial love has no equal in the annals of history.

AHEAD OF HIS DISCIPLES

In the first verse of our lesson text, Mark says of this journey to Jerusalem the 'Jesus was walking ahead of the.' Jesus was always far ahead of his plans for kingdom building.

We hear much of 'going back to the Bible,' or 'going back to the Golden Rule' or 'going back to the Christian way of life.' If we ever catch step with the Bible or the Golden Rule or the Christian way of life, it will not be because we have gone back anywhere but because we have taken a big step forward in our personal lives. After these many years we only beginning to approach the ideal Christian character Jesus set before the world two thousand years ago. That ideal is still far out ahead of us.

Jesus was certainly far ahead of his disciples in his understanding of the character of kingdom he was to establish. The disciples were dreaming of a time when Christ, the Messiah, would lead a movement that would overthrow all opposition and would make Jerusalem their religious and political center of the world. They were sure that they would have high positions in this new government. The only question was, 'Who would be greatest?'

DO WHATEVER WE DESIRE

Verse thirty-five of our lesson text tells us that James and John 'came forward to him (RSV)' and said, 'Teacher we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you (RSV).' In this action they were presenting to Jesus a blank prayer-check made out to themselves and asking him to sign it.

There was something so unusual in the demeanor of Jesus as he approached Jerusalem that all of the disciples sensed it and Mark says 'They were amazed, and as they followed, they were afraid.' The whole group was surcharged with the feeling that something big was about to happen. To the disciples it could only mean that Jesus was about to establish the earthly kingdom of which they dreamed.

In this tense situation, James and John left even Peter behind and went forward to where Jesus was. They made there a very strange request. Without even telling Jesus what they wanted, they asked him to promise to do for them whatever they asked.

While we call this a strange request, it is quite possible that it is a form of prayer we follow more frequently in our praying than the spirit of the Lord's Prayer. Like James and John we too often substitute the words, 'My will be done' for 'Thy will be done.' Christ does not answer selfish prayers whether they come from the inner circle of his disciples or from individuals in the great mass of his followers today.

BLINDED BY SELFISHNESS

The only satisfactory explanation we can imagine for this action of James and John is that they, like the rest of the disciples, were blinded by their own selfish ambitions.

These two disciples had, with Peter, witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. They had heard him on three different occasions since that time tell them plainly that he would be killed by his enemies. Apparently it had been only a short time since Jesus made the third announcement of his impending death. It is found in the two verses just preceding our les-

son text. This time Jesus gave many of the gruesome details of his death at Jerusalem.

After these recent experiences, for James and John to ask Jesus to appoint them to the highest positions in his coming kingdom indicated that they were so blinded by their personal ambitions for greatness that they refused to take Christ's statements seriously or they disbelieved him or their obsession for high positions had seriously impaired their judgment. The anger of the rest of the disciples was not because they thought James and John had done something so wrong but because they thought they were using underhand methods in their effort to outdistance other members of the group in the race for positions of greatness.

Because they were all equally guilty in this race for political position and power, Jesus called them all together to discuss with them the meaning of Christian discipleship.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The innate selfishness of the human race has become almost a proverb. It is expressed in the saying we frequently hear, 'Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost.' There is a law of life, formulated by science, which says, 'Self-preservation is the first law of nature.' While that law may hold good in natural life we believe it is just as true that 'Self-sacrifice is the first law of Christian living.' It was Jesus who seemed to place self-sacrifice at the very gate of entry into the Christian life when he said, 'Whosoever will come after me let him deny himself.'

In order to be truly Christian, we must dethrone self and enthrone Christ at the center of our lives in order that our lives may revolve around him and be an expression of his plans and purposes for us.

REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTION OF GREATNESS

In our lesson Christ gives to the world, for the first time, a new, revolutionary conception of true greatness. Jesus reminded his disciples that among the Gentiles the supposed great ones exercised lordship and authority over their subjects.

In the day of Jesus practically all claims for greatness were measured by one of three standards: (1) How many people does one rule or command? (2) How high is the position one holds in government or army? (3) How much wealth does he possess? All of these standards are but different phases of the one standard of measurement - how many people can one command as ruler or high officer in government or as a wealthy owner of many slaves. The standard for greatness was in effect, how many people serve the individual?

Jesus called to the attention of his disciples the world's standard for greatness. Then he specifically said, 'But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever would be great among you must be your servant and whosoever would be first among you must be slave of all.' This was an entirely new standard for greatness and, so far as the Record goes, it stopped the argument among the disciples about first places.

This standard for greatness does not exclude the possibility of one being considered great, even in the sight of the world. The apostles, many of them unlettered, unknown fishermen become immortal in the world's life because they followed this philosophy of life. Saul, one of many now forgotten Pharisees who were attempting to destroy the Christian church, became Paul the Apostle and through the service he rendered had a greater influence on the world's life than any man that has lived since Christ.

JESUS OUR EXAMPLE OF THIS TRUTH

After this pronouncement of Jesus, which gave such a revolutionary conception of true greatness, Jesus pointed to himself as an example of the truth he had taught. He said, as is found in our memory verse, 'For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.'

In doing God's will, if it was always necessary for Christ to be more concerned about others than he was about himself, we may be sure that, in following Christ there must be something of that self-giving spirit in our lives if we are truly Christian.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

The average American misplaces more money annually than the per member contributions to a majority of church denominations in the U.S. Dr. Arthur R. McKay, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, told some 400 stewardship and promotion personnel that the cash lost in the U.S. averages \$75 per person annually. They were attending the 1963 Stewardship and Mission Conference of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Meeting in Atlantic City.

We've heard lots of comparisons between what people give and what they spend for certain luxuries, but this is the first time we've heard this explanation. We can't quite see what it proves.

Europe's extremely long and cold winter enabled German and Swiss Roman Catholics, for the first time in 133 years, to stage an ice procession across Lake Constance between Germany and Switzerland. Unlike most religious observances, the procession is not connected with a specific date, but depends on the weather. It can take place only when cold weather lasts long enough to freeze the lake, and this happens at most only about once in a century.

We had some ice on a Sunday morning in Little Rock recently, but we didn't notice a very long religious procession in observance of it.

The crime wave which has struck the nation's capital has affected its churches; Washington church buildings are being locked for the first time in history. Stringent security regulations have been made necessary by a series of holdups, lootings and muggings. First Baptist Church announced that prior notice must be given to the custodian before any Sunday School room or church parlor is used.

All of us across the nation are growing increasingly alarmed because of the direction delinquency is taking in our nation's capital. Certainly there is something that authorities can do about this and it seems the time has come for some attention to be focused on this problem by Federal Authorities.

Dr. Homer R. Lane, associate secretary of the United Church of Canada's Board of Evangelism and Social Service, in his annual report said that because many people are frightened by the word 'evangelism' because they believe it is synonymous with revivalism or a rigid formula of salvation. He told his board that it is futile to approach a man with 'wornout phrases' that 'have about as much appeal to the mind as cold porridge has to the taste.'

We agree in part with what Dr. Lane is saying, and yet we believe there is still a place for revivalism and a 'rigid formula of salvation,' as he puts it. Too often we find leaders of the church explaining why evangelism will not work rather than pouring their energies into its implementation. New approaches are needed, but there are still values in many old approaches.

Dr. John C. Bennett, dean of Union Theological Seminary, recently said that communism has forced government leaders in many countries to take social justice and welfare seriously. Participating in an annual lecture series at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, he pointed out that 'it took the threat of Castroism to make the U.S. realize the need for revolutionary change in most Latin-American countries.'

The pressures that come from the threat of communism are causing many countries to reexamine their own needs in an effort to re-

move the weaknesses against which Communism always moves.

Most mental patients lack religious faith, a psychiatrist recently said in Philadelphia. Dr. James R. Harris, director of psychiatry at Philadelphia General Hospital, recently participating in a panel discussion of 'The Citizen's Share in the Ultimate Recovery of the Mentally Ill,' explained that there is a difference between faith and 'large number who go to church as a social function.'

Protestants may find in the new form of worship eventually to come out of the Second Vatican Council 'a stronger Biblical emphasis, as well as more stress on the homily,' Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul J. Hallihan of Atlanta said in Atlanta recently speaking before the local branch of the American Jewish Committee.

Israel's first Samaritan synagogue has been opened at Holon, near Tel Aviv, where most of the country's 140 members of the ancient Israelite community live. President Yitzhak Ben Zvi, long time friend of the Samaritans and an expert on their history, participated in the ceremony.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY and Vice President Johnson addressed more than 700 men, including members of the House and Senate Prayer Breakfast groups, during the 19th annual convention of International Christian Leadership. Seated with the President is Senator Frank Carlson, (R.-Kan.) and at the rostrum is Dr. Abraham Vereide.

The Communist Iron Curtain was raised unexpectedly recently, on Moscow's orders, to let pass through it into freedom from a Siberian prison, a haggard, 71-year-old prelate who had come to be known as 'the greatest living martyr' of the Roman Catholic Church. A red prisoner for 18 years, Archbishop Josyf Slipyi of Lwow, Metropolitan of Catholics in Western Ukraine, was received in private audience by Pope John XXIII, after he had completed an unheralded journey to Rome, where he will live in a religious community.

Joseph Cardinal Ritter, Roman Catholic Archbishop of St. Louis, was recently conducted on an impromptu tour of a Bible exhibit in that city by J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches. Cardinal Ritter, who had a speaking engagement in the same hotel where the NCC's Division of Christian Education was being held, paid a short, informal visit to the exhibit.

Some 30 interdenominational seminars to train Christian educators in audio-visual methods are planned by the National Council of Churches between 1963 and 1965 as a result of

two successful pilot projects held last year, it was reported to the NCC's Division of Christian Education at its recent meeting in St. Louis.

Presented with a million dollars through a bequest, a Southern Presbyterian congregation in Winston-Salem, N.C. has decided to give \$600,000 away to worthy projects. The congregation of First Presbyterian Church voted to retain only \$400,000 of the funds left by Mrs. F. J. Deamble, a childless widow who died in November, 1961. That amount will be devoted to capital improvements over a period of time.

Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles was recently cited by the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles for his efforts to improve understanding between Christians and Jews and for supporting church social action programs in human liberty and welfare. The federation presented Bishop Kennedy with its Judge Harry Hollzer Memorial award.

A new three-story building was recently dedicated for Concordia Theological Seminary in Yao Yat Chuen, Kowloon, Hong Kong, started in 1956 by missionaries of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the U. S. The seminary, formerly housed in a rented building, will have facilities for 30 native students.

Australia's Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches have completed preliminary negotiations for merger into what would be known as the United Church in Australia. The proposed merger would be the third largest denomination in Australia, after the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches.

Ten Protestant churches in Spain have been reopened recently with the permission of Spanish authorities it has been reported in Madrid by Jose Cardona Gregori, executive secretary of the Commission for Protestant Defense. There are still a number of Protestant churches and agencies that remain closed and 'sealed' by the government.

Church World Service shipped overseas food, clothing, blankets, and medical supplies valued at a record \$34,650,000 in 1962, it was reported to the relief agency's Board of Managers at its recent annual meeting in Atlantic City. Last year's total represents an increase of nearly \$7 million over 1961.

The American Protestant Hospital Association, in its recent convention in Cincinnati, urged its member institutions not to 'downgrade' their denominational affiliation and to regard their services as a demonstration of Protestantism in action. The group said that many denominational hospitals do not consider themselves to be church-affiliated, but regard themselves as community hospitals.

A statement read recently in Roman Catholic and Protestant churches of Boston's Charlestown district urged all residents to support a \$20,000,000 urban renewal plan for the "rebirth" of the historic area which includes the famed Bunker Hill monument. The statement was issued by Catholic and Protestant ministers after a conference with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, whose chairman is Msgr. Francis J. Lally, editor of the Pilot, Boston archdiocesan newsweekly.

Missionaries of the Sudan Interior Mission will stay on in that country "although severely hampered" by Sudan's Missionary Societies Act of 1962, according to a report published by the organization headquarters in New York. The report said, "The door in Sudan seems nearly shut, but not quite. There are still opportunities, and as long as they exist we will continue, by God's grace, to represent Him there."

Constitutional amendments to permit recitation of prayers in public schools were opposed by the New York State Council of Churches at its recent annual assembly in Albany.

Society Newly Organized at Blanchard



THE WOMEN of the Blanchard Methodist Church met to organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service on Sunday, January 27. They were assisted by the district officers pictured from the left: Mrs. J. W. Murray, Jr., secretary of promotion, and Mrs. W. D. Snelling, president. Second from right is the newly elected president at Blanchard, Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, and the new vice-president, Mrs. John Hicks (right).

Report from North Baton Rouge Society

"The Biblical Foundation of Missions"—a Bible study—was presented at the monthly session of the North Baton Rouge Woman's Society by Mrs. Roy Mouser.

The worship setting, a world globe, open Bible, and lighted candle, was prepared by Mrs. Johnny Ross, to call everyone's attention to world missions.

Mrs. O. R. McRight played a Mission Hymn while the group engaged in silent meditation.

Mrs. G. W. Duff and Mrs. T. D. Lipscomb presented the purpose of the study. Mrs. Fred Stout led in prayer after the group sang "Heralds of Christ."

Mrs. R. L. Luther challenged the members in a meditation, to the need for missions.

Mrs. J. O. Foil and Mrs. Lloyd Leger introduced the Biblical concept of missions. The following women lifted Scriptures and thoughts from the Old

Testament: Mrs. John Bourke, Mrs. Warren Humphreys, Mrs. Reeves Stephenson, Mrs. Alex Booker, Mrs. O. W. Marrs, and Mrs. Johnny Ross.

The following women presented Scriptures and a progress revelation of missions in the New Testament: Mrs. Chester Harris, Mrs. H. V. McGill, Mrs. T. D. Lipscomb, and Mrs. Roy Mouser.

Mrs. P. W. Howard closed the program with prayer.

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THE MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMISSION of the North Highlands Methodist Church has formed a group called the "twelve ladies", for the purpose of daytime visitation. These twelve ladies visit regularly every 3rd Wednesday morning and upon call at other times. They go out from the church in pairs to call upon prospective church members. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Mrs. Wm. A. Cameron, Mrs. A. B. Chapman, Mrs. Carl R. Corley, Mrs. G.P. McGowen, Mrs. Sheryl G. Lawton, Mrs. George Harkins, Mrs. Hollis Sumrall, and seated on floor, Mrs. L.M. Barnard. Not shown in picture: Mrs. A. F. Moore, Mrs. J. F. Brock, Mrs. G. D. Middleton, and Mr. W. M. McCutcheon.

Wesleyan Guild at Park Ave. Church



The Wesleyan Service Guild of park Ave., Church Shreveport

News In Brief

MANGUM MEMORIAL WOMAN'S SOCIETY in Shreveport honored all past-presidents in January at a coffee. Honored guests present were Mrs. R. H. Nelson, Mrs. Mae Price, Mrs. L. B. Thomas, Sr., Mrs. Clifton Hayes, Mrs. Harry Lee, Mrs. Joe Bond, and Mrs. Homie Ballard. Presidents who could not attend are Mrs. R. E. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Lilly Carter, and Mrs. J. E. Thompson. Mrs. Courtney L. Durrett is the current president. The original "Ladies Aid" was formed in 1908.

SUMMER GROVE Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society held their annual meeting on January 22nd. The speaker for the evening was Miss Jerry Beck, Shreveport District Secretary of Guilds.

THE IOTA AND MAXIE Woman's Societies met together in December at the parsonage in Iota, Mrs. Calvin Lapuyade hostess. Mrs. Wm. Winchester is president of the Maxie group and Mrs. Dodds Raspberry is president at Iota.

THE INDIAN BAYOU WOMAN'S SOCIETY reports many accomplishments under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Leon R. Foreman, and vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Perry. In addition to the regular monthly program and business meetings, a study of "Dimensions of Prayer" was held with Mrs. Richmond Perry as teacher. From the proceeds of a Gumbo, some furniture was purchased for the parsonage and church. Another Gumbo was planned for February 19.

THE WOMEN OF BLANCHARD METHODIST Church sponsored a spaghetti supper on Saturday night, February 23, the proceeds to go for the improvement of the sanctuary. Entertainment was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McInnis.

THE WESLEYAN GUILD OF PARKER MEMORIAL Church in New Orleans reports various activities. An invitational church sign was erected near the church; hundreds of magazines are collected and given to Charity Hospital; contributions were made to the building fund; the MYF was entertained with a square dance; six members helped in the Every-Member canvass; Christmas gifts were given to a girl and boy at McDonnell Children's Home, Houma; they served refreshments for the church school Christmas party. On Tuesday, April 23, the group will be host to the annual District Meeting.

IN THE WINBOURNE CHURCH AT Baton Rouge, the study of "Rim of East Asia" was recently completed. Among the leaders were: for Korea, Mrs. Bates Collins was assisted by her husband who told of conditions 18 months ago, showing souvenirs and snapshots taken in Seoul; Mrs. Glen Nordyke, of First Methodist, gave an informative talk on Taiwan; Mrs. Tom Lancaster's Junior High group, also studying East Asia, gave the devotional, followed by slides shown by Miss Lillian Kennedy, also of First Church; Mrs. W. W. Courtney gave the study on Okinawa. The final session on Hong Kong was conducted by Mrs. Brinsfield King. Mrs. Jones Austin prepared an exhibit of mementos of the East.

A MEMBER OF WESLEY CHURCH IN Alexandria, Mrs. T. C. Young, was elected first vice-president of the United Church Women of Alexandria-Pineville at the Annual Meeting of the group in January.

MRS. GUY HICKS will teach the course "Dimensions of Prayer" for the Wesleyan Service Guild of Alexandria First Church on four consecutive Wednesday nights, closing March 6. The Guilds from Trinity Church and Pineville are also participating. Each session begins at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with Dr. Guy Hicks and the Rev. Roland Friedrich, pastors, using the study devotionals for the regular Wednesday evening prayer service.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Park Avenue, in Shreveport, met the last of January in the home of Mrs. J. T. Tadlock, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, for a joint meeting and buffet supper as a climax to Guild Month. Four granddaughters of Mrs. H. M. Jolly, recording secretary of the Woman's Society, entertained with music and tunes ranging from "Five Feet Two" to "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Following the program Miss Mildred Kee, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was presented to conduct the business session. Special guests were Mrs. Edward Jolly, mother of the singers, and the Rev. James L. Beasley, Pastor.



Donna, Kay, Celeste, and Lisa Jolly, Shreveport

YOUTH DINNER

There will be a youth dinner, sponsored by the Woman's Society, March 14, 1963, at 6:00 P.M. in the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Louisiana.

University Society, Lake Charles

The Violet Knispel Circle was in charge of the February meeting of the Woman's Society at University Methodist Church in Lake Charles. Mrs. W. W. Paxton, assistant director of Christian education at Lake Charles First Church, spoke on influences that lead to Christian vocations. She also pointed out the positive compensation of being a missionary or choosing a church related vocation. Mrs. Paxton was formerly Julia Reed, missionary to Cuba.

The society voted to send Mrs. Jessie Porter, president, to the Annual Meeting of the conference Woman's Society in Monroe, March 13-15.

The Alma Wynn Circle gave a coffee honoring Mrs. Isabel Verduzco on her ninetieth birthday, February 7, in the church parlor following the general meeting of the Woman's Society. Mrs. Jessie Porter, president of the society, poured. Mrs. Lamarr Davis cut the cake decorated with a large red heart.

World Day of Prayer observance, sponsored by Lake Charles United Church Women, will be held in the University Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 1.

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WOMAN'S PAGE



ANNUAL MEETING WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana March 12 - 15, 1963



DR. DOW KIRKPATRICK

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois, received his A.B. degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, his B.D. degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, his Ph.D. degree from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, and studied one year at Oxford University, England, on a Theological Fellowship from Drew.

He has served appointments in the Conferences of Illinois, New Jersey, and Georgia. In 1962 he transferred from St. Mark's Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, to First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. Kirkpatrick has served as a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conferences and also to the World Methodist Conferences of 1951, 1956, and 1961. He is a member of the World Methodist Council and was Co-Chairman of the Oxford Institute on Methodist Theological Studies, 1958 and 1962.

As a member of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, Dr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the African Consultation in 1961 and the Latin American Consultation in 1962.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is a past president of the Georgia Council of Churches, past chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches, and a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is a member of the General Commission on

Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel of the United States, a member of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, and a trustee of Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia.

In 1955, Dr. Kirkpatrick made a Round-the-World Tour to participate in the Centennial Evangelistic Mission to Japan. He visited Russia in 1958.

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick will speak on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.



MISS CAROLINE A. PORTER

Miss Caroline A. Porter, Methodist Deaconess and Social Worker, is a native of Louisiana and a graduate of colleges in Mississippi and Tennessee. Upon graduation, Miss Porter went with her missionary sister to Mexico to teach in Institute MacDonell, Durango. One of the many revolutions closed the school, and all Americans were ordered to return to the United States.

After training for Christian Service in Chicago, Miss Porter was appointed to Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Florida. Later she served in Settlement Houses and Community Centers in San Antonio and El Paso, Texas before going to Toberman Settlement House, then in Los Angeles. The following year, she was instrumental in relocating Toberman in San Pedro, California where she served as its director for 19 years. Her Sabbaticals were spent in studying at Scarritt College and

the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, together with travel, primarily in Latin America and Hawaii.

Since her retirement in 1955, Miss Porter has visited Alaska, attended the Methodist Centennial in India as a part of a trip around the world visiting Methodist work, served eight months in South America studying Methodist Social Centers for the Board of Missions, and visited Puerto Rico enroute home.

For the past several months, she has been serving as Settlement Consultant for the Board of Missions in the work that is being done in Africa, south of the Sahara and during 1962, itinerated for the Western Jurisdiction in the interest of Deaconess recruitment.

Miss Porter now makes her home in Tujunga, California.



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will bring the Aldersgate Message on Thursday afternoon.

Bishop Walton was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. He was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from both these

institutions.

Bishop Walton represents the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church as Official Visitor to Latin America. From September 1961 until March 1962 he served as presiding bishop of the Costa Rica and Panama Provisional Annual Conferences due to the death of Bishop B. Foster Stockwell.



MISS ALLENE M. FORD

Miss Allene Ford will bring the noon-day meditations and will be the speaker at the Youth Dinner at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, on Thursday evening.

Miss Allene May Ford was one of four children born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo W. Ford, Dayton, Texas. After graduating from Dayton High School, she attended Lon Morris Junior College, Jacksonville, Texas, and from there went to Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where she majored in elementary education. She taught second grade in Liberty, Texas, for two years, during which time she served as President of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In 1943 she participated in the Church School Extension Corps. After three months study at Scarritt College, she was appointed to serve in Houston, Texas, where, for five and one-half years, she assumed the role of Director of Christian Education at Grace Methodist Church. This was followed by four years as Director



MRS. C. R. McCAMMON
MRS. McCAMMON is program chairman for the Annual Meeting. She also serves as conference secretary of missionary personnel, and is the wife of the pastor of Asbury Church in Lafayette.

It is with a spirit of expectancy that we approach our Annual Meeting.

Two important Methodist commemorations will provide the program emphases: the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Deaconess Movement, and the two hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. These special emphases, as well as other program features, will contribute to the interpretation of the theme: "Called To Be Disciples—Sent To Be Apostles."

of Youth Work at First Methodist Church and five and one-half years as Director of Christian Education at Bethany Methodist Church.

In the spring of 1959, Miss Ford came to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions as Secretary of Youth Work and served for two and one-half years. In June 1961 she was transferred to the Office of Missionary Personnel where she now corresponds and counsels with persons seeking to serve The Methodist Church as deaconesses, home missionaries, US-2's, and employed workers in projects related to the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division.

ANNUAL MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana

March 12 - 15, 1963

THEME:

"CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES, SENT TO BE APOSTLES"

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00-11:30 A.M.—Registration of Executive Committee, First Methodist Church
10:00-11:30 A.M.—Coffee, Courtesy Woman's Society, Gordon Avenue Methodist Church
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, Courtesy Woman's Societies of Gordon Avenue, Stone Avenue, Southside, and St. Mark's Methodist Churches.
6:30 P.M.—Executive Committee Dinner, St. Paul's Methodist Church; Courtesy of St. Paul's Woman's Society and Executive Committee of the Monroe District.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

10:00 A.M.- 1:45 P.M.—Registration of Delegates, First Methodist Church, Jackson and Wood.
10:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.—Coffee Corner, Courtesy Woman's Societies of McGuire and Claiborne Methodist Churches.
11:00 A.M.- 1:30 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon, Courtesy Zone III and V of the Monroe District.
12:00 Noon—Executive Committee Luncheon, Bayou Desiard Country Club, Courtesy of Mrs. E. N. Jackson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 P.M.—Organ Prelude—"Meditation"—Olroyd
Mrs. Dorothy Zeagler
4:00 P.M.—Convening of the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President.

2:30 P.M.

3:00 P.M.

3:30 P.M.

4:15 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

7:45 P.M.

Opening Worship — Mrs. S. A. Seegers

Welcome — Mrs. D. V. Loflin

President, Woman's Society,

First Methodist Church

Introduction of Committee Chairmen by General Chairman — Mrs. C. J. Turpin

—Order of Business:

Presentation of Program — Mrs. C. R. McCammon

Report of Recording Secretary — Mrs. G. H. Thomas

Report of Treasurer — Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Announcements — Mrs. G. W. Dameron

—"We Heed, O Lord, Thy Summons"—Recognition of 75th Anniversary of Deaconess Movement — Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke

—Benediction — Miss Fae Daves

—Fellowship Dinner — Francis Hotel

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

—Organ Prelude

"Adagio from Oratorio"—Handel

Scripture and Prayer

Offertory—"Elegy"—Reverend G. W. Harbuck

Address — Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick

Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.—Coffee Corner, Courtesy Woman's Societies of Memorial and St. Mark's Methodist Churches.

—Organ Prelude: "When Thou Art Near"—Bach

Scripture and Prayer — Mrs. Helen Harris

—Balloting - Nominees for Membership - Board of Missions.

—"Send Us Upon Thine Errands"—Conference Officers.

—Address — Miss Caroline Porter

11:45 A.M.

12:00 Noon

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8:00-12:00 Noon

8:45 A.M.

9:30 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

11:15 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

12:45 P.M.

—Courtesies — Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

—Noon Day Meditation — Miss Allene Ford

—Benediction

—Aldersgate Luncheon — Francis Hotel

Mrs. T. H. Jackson, Presiding

AFTERNOON SESSION

—Organ Prelude: "Choral Prelude"—Rowley

Prayer — Miss Patricia Gibson

Aldersgate Address Bishop Aubrey G. Walton

—Presentation of Projects by the Workers.

—Benediction — Miss Wilma Snare

—Citizenship Dinner — Francis Hotel

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Presiding

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Speaker

—Youth Dinner — First Methodist Church, West Monroe

Mrs. Charles Giessen, Presiding

Miss Allene Ford, Speaker

EVENING SESSION

—Organ Prelude: "Communion"—Purvis

Scripture and Prayer — Reverend E. R. Haug

District Superintendent, Monroe District

Address — Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick

Pledge Service — Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING

—Coffee, courtesy of Woman's Societies of Southside and Stone Avenue Methodist Churches.

—Organ Prelude: "Largo"—Tartini

Scripture and Prayer — Miss Rosie Ann Cobb

Order of Business

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—District Reports

—"Teach Us Thy Will and Way"—Young People

—Wesleyan Service Guild Report

Miss Arline Tyler

—Noon-Day Meditation — Miss Allene Ford

Holy Communion

Benediction

—Buffet Luncheon, Courtesy Zone II and IV



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Standards of Action Stem From Early Practice

THE NEED FOR PRACTICE — Our Professional league baseball players are now practicing in preparation for the grueling months ahead. However, most of them have "kept in practice" since the end of last season and wisely so because their playing days in a highly competitive sport are all too brief.

Eternal effort is the price of skill and co-ordination of eye and hand. "Practice makes perfect" is the old maxim which I had to copy over and over in school. My own handwriting is proof that practice does not always produce perfection. Nevertheless, without practice, we cannot hope for more than mediocrity.

A once-a-month golfer is stymied when he attempts to compete with a once-a-week player. He sees his friend swinging with rhythmic grace and envies him. But worse than his own discomfort is the fact that he wastes the time of the better players who have to cool their heels and heat their heads while he flounders in the sandtraps.

The small boy who totes his violin case for his weekly lesson is pitying himself. He seems so out of things, especially when his friends are playing baseball over there in the lot.

And the little girl taking piano lessons when her companions are consuming ice-cream around the corner turns against the dull monotonous voice calling "One-two-three-four, let's try it again." She would like to toss the music sheet out the window and the instructor with it.

There is no glamor in practice. But without practice we would have no master musicians or great symphonies.

One of the world's greatest pianists once said that if he neglected his practice for one day, he could detect the difference in his playing; if for two days, his critics noticed it; if for three days, the public knew it.

When we keep practicing, there comes a point at which we pass from the drudgery of it to the joy of it.

The beginner in music would like to forego those finger exercises, but if she perseveres in trying to get the hang of those lessons, the day will come when the music "gets" her.

Simple little tunes we can pick up without much practice if we have an ear for music, but great symphonies require much living with to be enjoyed. Is it not true that our liking for the best things is usually an acquired taste? And acquired, mind you, by much practice.

Not only our own pleasure but the very safety of society is at stake in this matter of keeping in practice. Who would feel safe on a ship if the crew did no drilling and waited only for the storm or fire to break? Life-belts under the berth and printed rules on the walls are not enough. We trust our lives and our property to sailors and soldiers and firemen who are trained by long practice to do the right thing in an emergency.

These times call for citizens to put their ideals into practice, and then keep practicing them until they carry their virtues with such easy grace that they make goodness attractive to others.

My belief is that the high school youth of today have better social ideals than in my boyhood. They have more knowledge and concern in matters of world peace, race relations and industrial cooperation. Yet we are bedeviled by juvenile delinquency, crippling strikes, war perils and other ills too numerous to mention.

One basic trouble is that we are not bringing our ideals down to earth as standards of action. An ideal is a goal toward which we look; a standard is a rule by which we walk. We preach about them. But we do not try hard enough to practice them.

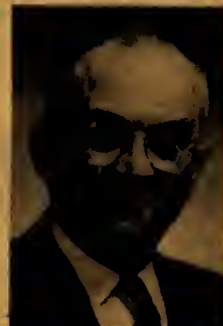
If I listened just to forums on our social problems, I would fall into despair. But what bucks up my spirit is to see what good things some local church or Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. or Boy Scout troop is doing in a community situation. Thomas Carlyle said that if we do the duty next to us, and then the duty next to that, it is surprising how the light begins to break on the distant problem.

We must preserve and improve our local community drill-grounds where we can develop our ideals into standards of action through practice. America's health and strength depend on our community practice even more than on our Congressional appropriations and presidential pronouncements.

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MRS. FRANKLIN STEBBING cuts out pieces for one of the stained glass panels she is making for her husband's study door in the First Presbyterian church of Nowata, Okla. For each of the churches which her husband has served as minister, Mrs. Stebbing has made at least one piece of stained glass. She recently received her largest commission to date -- 24 windows for a Presbyterian church in Amarillo, Texas. Mrs. Stebbing designs the pieces of stained glass and then carries out all the complicated steps of cutting and fitting together which are necessary for the finished product.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

OUR OWN PEACE CORPS

The first teams of the Peace Corps will be coming home this summer, according to President Kennedy. Then we can learn if our money and effort have been spent wisely. Of course some backbiters will call it a useless waste of money. Some partisan politicians will try to draw our attention to every weakness that has developed in the program. Others who don't believe in any kind of "foreign aid" will point out the cost of the project. And suggest that we save money by scrapping the whole idea.

The basic idea behind the creation of the Peace Corps seems to be a very sound one. Today's young people are learning that this is a very complex world. The Peace Corps has given them an opportunity to actually see some of the problems that face other peoples of the world. They have had to come to grips with some social ideas that don't agree exactly with ours. In these first hand experiences they have learned one fundamental rule for dealing with other races. We must appreciate other peoples and other cultures for what they are. Then we can talk about building friendly relations that will endure.

Another thing. We must not overlook the fact that The Methodist Church has had a "peace corps" of its own for well over a hundred years.

Only ours has not stopped at the educational and economic level. For several generations our spiritual forefathers have been interested in these fields. But they went a step further. They added the priceless ingredient of the Gospel of Christ. Putting it all together we call it the mission program of our church. Educational and economic development are needed in most of the world. But if we stop there we are little more than "dogooders". After all, good deeds without Christian motivation become little more than a kindly paganism.

This is written to challenge Methodist Youth to consider our own mission program as an opportunity for service to others, combined with growth in Christian grace. If you are interested in this sort of human relations, then consider the possibilities in our own mission program. You can work in World (or overseas) Missions on a three-year trial basis. Then if you do not want to go farther with it, you may resign with honor. If you wish to continue your work, you may become a full-term missionary by re-enlisting. In the United States (national missions) you may serve a two-year term under the same conditions.

If you are interested in exploring this idea, please write to me in care of THE METHODIST at Little Rock.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

How Surprising of God

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr.
District Superintendent, New Orleans

Psalms 139

There is no more important question for your life and mine than this: "Where can I find God?" And in the light of man's widespread need there isn't any one subject upon which more religious books are written than in answer to this question. There is just one serious thing wrong with such a question. That is, it is assumed that man must do all the searching. And nothing

could be further from the truth. St. Paul confirms this when in speaking to the Greeks in Athens he said one of the most profound and incisive things he ever said, "God is not far from any one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being". Centuries later Tennyson composes in a similar vein when in speaking of God he says, "Closer is He than breathing and nearer than hands and feet." And long before either St. Paul or Tennyson the psalmist grasped his tremendous truth about God. Listen to him; "Whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

All of which is to say, the initiative is with God in His quest for your soul and mine. The Bible confirms such a conviction. From the beginning to the end it is the story of God's search for the heart of man. It begins with God in a garden calling, "Adam where art thou?" and ends with that unforgettable picture of the Christ standing at the door of the human heart, knocking and saying "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in."

One cannot overlook the matchless parables of Jesus in this connection. To me one of the most thrilling and gripping stories of Jesus is the one we call "The Parable of the Good Shepherd". In it Jesus reveals the relentless, unrelenting love of God that searches for the least and the lost until found. Here is a love that brooks no defeat. The good shepherd looked for the lost sheep until it was found. "God" Jesus seems to say "is like that good shepherd. He follows this story with the story of the Prodigal Son. Once again he reveals the longing, loving search of our heavenly Father. For when the father sees the returning prodigal he ran to meet him. "God" Jesus says "is like that father." Enough to say that God is ever seeking to get into

your life and mine through every circumstance of life. If we love God it is because He first loved us. The initiative is with God.

With this important truth in mind, let it be stated that no one is more than four steps away from God. There is no man or woman anywhere in all the world who is more than just four steps away from God. While the initiative is with God each of us must make these four steps if we would be found of God; if God is to become the most real fact in our lives. Consider these steps. They are psychologically sound and spiritually rewarding.

First; if God is to become real to you and to me we must admit our need of him. It was what the evangelist of an earlier day called "conviction." Alcoholics Anonymous provides an apt illustration at this point. There is little this splendid group can do with an alcoholic until he is willing to admit that he can't save himself; that he needs the help of a power beyond himself. Not one of us will ever come one bit closer to God than he is right now until he is willing to admit to himself that he needs God. All spiritual progress begins with this basic proposition; we must be convinced of our need of God.

The second step every one must make if he would be found of God, logically follows; he not only admits his need of God, which our fathers called "conviction," but he must then go on to do something about his situation on his own account. Our fathers called it "penitence." A man convinced of his need of God determines to do something about it on his own account. There come those moments in every person's life when he does something on his own behalf by way of working out his own salvation. I think this is the genius of the parable of the Prodigal Son. There comes that great moment when he says "I will arise." For the first time in his undisciplined life he was ready to make a step on his own in the right direction. God is utterly helpless in the case of that man or woman who will not say "I will do

something in my own behalf." And, that "something" becomes quite clear. Within the life of every person there is, I dare say, one thing upon his mind, one thing about which he needs to make up his mind, one thing about which he needs to do something. Some friendship that needs to be repaired, some duty half-done, some obligations unmet, some sin with which he has come to terms and with which he is trying to live amiably. He will never come one bit closer to God than he is until he is willing to do something about that thing in his life about which God and he are disagreed.

The third step is suggested by the evangelist of another day when he speaks of consecration. By this he had a simple principle in mind; a person convinced of his need for God and who is determined to do something in his own behalf comes to the place where he is willing to do anything, anything, that seems to him to be necessary in order to get his relationship with God straightened out. Something must become anything! And the thing one must do comes to the forefront of his consciousness and remains there until it has been disposed of. If religion is worth anything, it is worth everything. If God's forgiveness is worth anything, it is worth everything. As a contemporary author has put it "Religion must come first in a person's life or it is just pious talk." Something must be translated into anything. Not one step closer to God than you are right now until you are willing to say about that point of disagreement between God and yourself "Lord, anything!"

One final step. Just as our fathers were acquainted with words like conviction, penitence and consecration, so they often spoke of Trust. It is simply the willingness to believe that God will meet us at that place where we have gone as far as we can. There is the youth who once said "I've settled everything with God; I can trust Him now. I can trust Him."

If with all your heart, you truly seek God you shall surely be found of Him!

Let The Children Come

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature . . . "Luke 2:52. Most of Jesus' growing days were spent in and around the little town of Nazareth, with an occasional trip to Jerusalem to visit the Temple, or perhaps a journey to the Sea of Galilee and the old city of Tibertis to fish, for this was one of their main foods. Let us look at the kind of land this was in which He lived.

Most of the people of Jesus' day lived very close to the soil. They were farmers and lived in small villages or towns and went out each day to work in the fields. They grew their food and other necessities of their lives. Many times in the Old Testament we read verses about the "grain, wine and oil". In other verses we find mentioned "all of man's needs, water, fire, iron and salt, honey and milk. We must remember that they could not often go to the market and buy the things they needed. There were few in the little towns, and the people had nothing to buy the wares with. Grape vines and olive trees were symbols of prosperity.

Most of the people lived at least a part of each year in tents. During the dry season the animals were taken to watering places. At harvest time the whole family would often live in tents until the grapes were gathered.

In summer there is a prolonged and intense heat which often dries up the surface of the earth so that it seems that nothing will grow again. During the rainy season, however, this same soil will grow thick grass and farm products almost overnight. Many of the plants are evergreens and have very small leaves and long roots which burrow deep down into the earth in search of water. Many of the Spring flowers grow from bulbs such as tulips and iris just like ours. "The winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth." Song of Solomon 2:11

Then the "siroccos" of April come and the flowers are soon gone again. These are the hot dusty winds from the deserts.

So we see that the growth of plants is interrupted twice in the year, once by the winter cold and once by the summer drought. Jesus knew how anxiously the people watched these things and He spoke of them in his teachings.

Turn in your Bibles and mark these verses:

Matthew 3:4
Mark 1:6
Matthew 21:33-34
John 15:1-4
John 7:1

Aunt Feather

Life's Made up of Little Things

Life's made up of little things,
No great sacrifice or duty,
but smiles and many a cheerful word
fill up our lives with beauty.

The heartaches, as they come and go,
are but blessings in disguises,
for time will turn the page o're
and show us great surprises.

Mary R. Hartman

POEMS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

District Meetings Held For Planning Admin. Workshop

The Rev. Beverly E. Bond, pastor of the Arcadia Methodist Church and Ruston district director of church school administration, announced three meetings for the Ruston District this month. They involve the church school staffs, and were for the purpose of planning the District Church School Administrative Staffs' Workshop to be held at First Methodist Church, Arcadia, on March 11.

The three sub-district meetings were held at First Methodist Church, Minden, Monday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.; Jonesboro Methodist Church, Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.; and Bernice Methodist Church, Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

District staff members who will be involved in each of the meetings are: Rev. Luman E. Douglas, Ruston District Superintendent; Rev. B. B. Bond; Rev. M. W. Merrill, district director of adult work; Rev. W. O. Lynch, Sr., district director of youth work, and Mrs. Barney Sumrall, district director of children's work.

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WYNN MEMORIAL, SHREVEPORT, HAS MISSION SCHOOL

Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, completed four weeks of Mission School February 10 based on the book "The Arm of Compassion." Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Faye Callen, Mrs. Barbara Deloney and Mrs. Mary Cockeran of the W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Kathryn Farrar, Mrs. Vera Pace, Mrs. Sylvia Lightfoot and Mrs. Wanda Atkinson of the Guild; B. R. Lightfoot, Roy Chambers and O. P. McPherson of the Methodist Men.

Also presenting interesting films were Mrs. W. R. Irving of Mansfield and the Rev. Dan McBride of Goodwill Industries, Shreveport.

The Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of Wynn Memorial Church.

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A man may become so broad and tolerant that he has no message at all ... p. 45

Of all the sins that of spiritual pride is probably the worst and the most damaging ... p. 56

SIGNS OF HOPE
Elton Trueblood

Hodges Garden, Centenary Have Equal Benefits

The Centenary College Choir of Shreveport and Hodges Gardens, the sylvan showplace near Many, La., have derived almost equal benefits from their association.

The choir, which presented concert here Feb. 5th, under the sponsorship of the Youth Choir of First Methodist Church, publicized the gardens both musically and verbally almost from the time that A. J. Hodges of Shreveport decided to transform more than 4,000 acres of Louisiana timberland into one of the South's outstanding beauty spots.

The 49-voice singing troupe of Dr. A. C. Voran has presented seven successive Easter sunrise services at Hodges Gardens. These programs, together with many other concerts presented in the gardens by the choir members, served the dual purpose of introducing both the gardens and the choir to the public.

Although hundreds of those who attended the sunrise services at the gardens already were familiar with the fine musicianship of the Centenary singers, the beautiful natural settings in which the concerts were presented provided the listeners with a new concept of the inherent kinship between nature's loveliness and music's harmony.

During the summer of 1957, the choir moved its annual training camp from the former site at Lake Bistineau to Hodges Gardens, where it has been held each summer since that time. The singers are housed in a special guest lodge which Mr. Hodges constructed on the shore of the beautiful lake in the gardens, and they find inspiration in the trickling brooks, majestic rock formations and breathtakingly beautiful floral life of the gardens as they prepare for their fall concert season.

The intensive training received by the young singers during the 1962 camping session will be evident here when the group appears at Lake Charles High School.

The summer training camp, held each year for the past 16 years, serves the two-fold purpose of getting the singers into top physical condition in advance of the strenuous fall concert season and enabling them to rehearse



AT ROSEWOOD METHODIST Church, West Memphis, these persons had parts in the mission study of East Asia. From left are Miss Pat Garrison, Charles Wah, the Rev. Jim Beal, pastor, Sheung Ying Ng and Miss Carol Vanlandingham.

New Orleans Bible Conference

The New Orleans District of The Methodist Church will hold its annual District Bible Conference at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, March 10-12, in three sessions. The first will be held Sunday afternoon, and the remaining two on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, professor of Bible at Centenary College in Shreveport, will be the instructor. The study will be 'The Book of Romans' and Dr. Pomeroy will be using the book 'Romans for Laymen' by Burton H. Throckmorton, Jr.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings of the same week, Dr. Pomeroy will be the leader of a District Church School Workshop for teachers of children. He will discuss 'The Use of The Bible with Children' in connection with this year's study on the Book of Romans.

Many churches will be studying 'Romans' in preparation for the observance of the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's heart-warming experience at Aldersgate. Mr. Wesley, founder of Methodism, had an experience of

in a quiet setting free from the distractions of campus life.

'spiritual renewal' while attending a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, in 1738.

Study books for these courses for children's workers are: 'Wesley's Notes on Romans' and 'Luther's Preface to the Book of Romans.'

Dr. Pomeroy is in wide demand as a speaker and for religious services. He has conducted many church schools, both for youth and for adults.

A member of the Centenary College staff since 1953, he served first as field representative and director of religious activities and later as assistant professor of religion. He now is professor and head of the department of religion on the campus.

He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Centenary College, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary of New York and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.

From 1947 to 1949, he was Conference Director of Youth Work for the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. An ordained Methodist minister and a member of the Louisiana Conference, he has served as pastor of the Deerford Methodist Church and the Elberbe Road Methodist Church.

There's a difference between being humbled and being humiliated.

Circulation Campaign Report No. 6

				New	Renewal	Not Due	Total				
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT								MONROE DISTRICT			
Alexandria-1st. Ch., G.M. Hicks	57	115	6	178				Ferriday, J. P. McKeithen	27		27
Alexandria-Horseshoe Dr., L. Coppage	5	26	1	32				Tallulah, Wilson L. Watson	4	36	40
Palestine, Richard Hoffpauir		38	1	39				West Monroe-1st. Ch., E.B. Emmerich	27	71	98
Ville Platte, W. R. Akin	8	32		40***				NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT			
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT								New Orleans-Felicity, Lars Broadus	10	16	26*
Baton Rouge-Jefferson, S.W. Caraway	13	11	1	25				New Orleans-1st. Ch., Clyde Clark	8	59	67
Baton Rouge-W.B. Riely M., W.E. Trice	21	40	6	67				New Orleans-Gretna, C. S. Walker	6	5	16
Baton Rouge-Winbourne, T. Lancaster	7	10		17				New Orleans-St. Matthew C. Munden	11	41	52
Plaquemine, James E. Christie	10	23	5	38				New Orleans-Sec. Ch., W.M. Finnin	4	24	28
St. Francisville, B. L. Terry	4	24		28				RUSTON DISTRICT			
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT								Downsville, Brady Foreman	3	34	37**
Abbeville, J. H. Bowdon	6	38		44				Marion, N. D. Pearce	6	34	40**
Houma-1st. Ch., Henry Rickey	43	119	2	164**				SHEREVPORT DISTRICT			
Lafayette-1st. Ch., R. R. Branton	43	101		144				Coushatta, D. T. Williams	13	14	4
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT								Mansfield, W.R. Irving	10	56	2
Lake Charles-Fairview, H. A. Gibbs	2	41	1	44**				Pleasant Hill, John Johns	3	23	26**
								Shreveport-Broadmr. J. T. Harris	15	76	9
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RECAPITULATION

Districts	Quotas	New	Renewal	Not Due	Total	%
RUSTON	1723	387	1891	40	2318	135
ALEXANDRIA	1473	391	1080	22	1493	101
LAFAYETTE	1471	379	1003	47	1429	97
MONROE	2058	385	1392	36	1813	88
LAKE CHARLES	1666	326	891	17	1234	74
NEW ORLEANS	2258	399	962	20	1381	63
BATON ROUGE	3195	569	1240	36	1845	58
SHREVEPORT	3379	553	1236	48	1837	55
Totals		3389	9695	266	13350	



The Rev. George Pearce and Scouts Allbritten, Posey, Henry, Sandefur and Dunahoe.

Natchitoches Scouts Honored

At the 7:30 evening service on Scout Sunday, February 10, five scouts of Troop 60, sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, received their God and Country Award. The boys, pictured being congratulated by Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor, are, Bill Allbritten, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Allbritten; Allen Posey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Posey; Rodney Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Henry; John Sandefur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Sandefur; and Edwin Dunahoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dunahoe.

The boys were escorted to the front of the church by Larry Fisher, Carl Pearce, Bill Davis, Guy Lane Nesom,

and Willie Beyer, previous recipients of the God and Country award, as is Lamar Bates, who offered the evening prayer. Others who have received the award but were not present are Hampton Carver and Don Pearce.

Holders of the Silver Beaver Award were recognized, they are Dr. Leo Allbritten and R. G. Markham. Other men from the parish who have received the award are W. M. Boydston, Harold Kaffie, and A. H. Horton, now deceased.

Also recognized during the service were all Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Den Mothers, Cub and Scoutmaster, and Committee Members. Troop 60 has 38 registered scouts and Pack 60 has 22 registered cubs.

DENVER MEET

President; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Conference W.S.C.S. Secretary of Missionary Personnel; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Conference W.S.C.S. Secretary of Missionary Education; and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, chairman of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation in the Woman's Division and member of the General Board of Missions.

The Regional Conference in Denver, one of three held during the month of February, was designed as an opportunity for annual conference teams to study and discuss the quadrennial emphasis on "Our Mission Today." Each team is expected to return to its annual conference prepared to promote and guide this special study in local churches.

The quadrennial emphasis on "Our Mission Today" is the Methodist Church's effort to rethink the nature and validity of its missionary enterprise. This effort is being undertaken at this time in the light of the current critical period in which the Christian church must bear its testimony. It is expected that a new undertaking of the Christian mission in local congregations will result from this special study, thus making it possible for the church to experience a new urgency in its witness.

The Louisiana team, according to the

Reverend D. W. Poole, team leader, is making preparations for conducting a comprehensive study of "Our Mission Today" throughout Louisiana Methodism. Study resources available to local churches include: Our Mission Today: The Beginning of a New Age, by Tracey K. Jones, Jr., and The Bible and God's Mission, by John R. Wilkins. These two books were written especially for this study theme. In addition, a set of six film strips dealing with "Our Mission Today" can be obtained from each District Secretary of Missions.

Principal speakers at the Denver Study Conference were: Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of the Western Pennsylvania Area; the Reverend Eugene L. Stockwell, Executive Secretary for Latin American Countries of the Division of World Missions; Mrs. Earl Cranston of Claremont, California; the Reverend Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco.

ST. PAUL'S SEMINARY

On March 10, Bishop Walton will preach at First Methodist Church, New Orleans; Bishop Dawson will be heard at Rayne Memorial Church; Dr. Hol-

Northwestern State's Wesley To Start Construction On Center

The Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State, Natchitoches, will soon start construction on the new Student Center Building for Methodists at this college. Bids will be read on March 19, 1963 in the Butler-Dobson office building, Natchitoches. It is hoped that construction of the building can begin sometime near April 1. Construc-

tion should end before the start of this Fall Semester and the building should be ready for use about September 20.

A building of this type is necessary because there are 600 Methodist students at Northwestern. This number will increase each year and presently the facilities available to Methodist students are totally inadequate.

The new building is designed to look as much like a home as possible. A living room element at the front entrance will emphasize the home likeness of the building. This will be highlighted by a large hearth area dominating the living room area. Offices are near the main entrance, thus making the offices and office equipment more available to students as they enter the building. Recreational and activity areas are located in the central area. This design will concentrate all action and activity in an area designed for noise and activity. The chapel and library are located in the back of the building.

The chapel-library area is a contemporary representation of the early church. Large columns will be incorporated in the covered walk-way to complete the theme in a cloistered open court. The purpose of this court is to break the mood of fun and noise (as in the recreational area) to one of solemnity and reverence as the chapel entrance is approached. The several large, clear glass windows on the right of the chapel will look out onto a garden which can also be used as an outdoor meditation area. The left side of the chapel has no glass for it is near the outdoor recreational area. The value of the new building furnished, but not including land value will be about \$92,000.

The initiation of this building brings to a climax a period of steady growth of this foundation, which is directed by the Rev. Bob Tatum, former football great at Northwestern. In 1956 property was purchased which has served as a home for the group. This building was recently moved to provide the site for the new structure.

A large portion of the financial support for the foundation and for the new building comes from Natchitoches and from the Alexandria District. First Church, Natchitoches, has pledged \$10,000 and the district the sum of \$58,500. \$5,000 is to come from the Kresge Foundation, if other gifts are forthcoming. \$25,900 is to come from the conference committee on Students Centers and from Alumni and parents and other friends.

Recent activities of the foundation have included deputation teams to Glenmore and to First Church, and College Avenue Church in Natchitoches. The students are currently studying the Book of Romans in their Sunday evening sessions.

The Rev. Dale White of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of The Methodist Church, recently spent two days visiting on the campus. He lectured to three classes, the BSU and the Official Board of First Methodist Church. He spoke to the regular Wednesday meeting of the foundation.

Commission Votes

Full Accreditation

For NSC Foundation

The Commission on Standards for Wesley Foundations of The Methodist Church has voted full accreditation to the Wesley Foundation at Northeast State College in Monroe, La. In the near future a member of the General (national) Board staff will visit the Monroe school to make further suggestions. This brings to a total of eight the number of Wesley Foundations accredited in the state of Louisiana. They are: Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Louisiana State University, McNeese State College, Southeastern Louisiana State College, Tulane University, and the University of Southwestern Louisiana, and Northwestern State College. Wesley Foundations are Methodist Student organizations on state college campuses.

All of these Wesley Foundations have met the standards of program, leadership, and buildings. Rev. George Duerson is the director at Northeast State College Wesley Foundation, and has worked to bring about this status.

Two other Wesley Foundations in the state are organized but not accredited as yet.

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ter will be at Munholland Memorial Church; and Dr. Carl Lueg will speak concerning the school at Carrollton Avenue Church.

During the week these persons and others, including Dr. Henry Myers of the St. Paul's faculty and the Rev. Edwin House, Doyline Methodist Church, a graduate of St. Paul's will be visiting the districts of the conference in the interest of the school.

Bishop Dawson has played a large part in the organization of St. Paul's and when the first class was graduated last June he preached the sermon and received the first degree, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS

isiana Methodist minister. The guest ministers will not receive any pay for holding the services.

The Alexandria, Lake Charles, Shreveport, and Monroe districts will hold their revivals the first week, beginning March 24, and the Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Orleans, and Ruston districts will conduct their services the following week.

Stewardship is nothing more than the acceptance of responsibility.

Stewardship and the Light of the World

By Ashton A. Almand

The practice of Christian stewardship by individuals and the local churches in America puts millions of dollars yearly into the agencies of the Church. Through the spending of these stewardship dollars, these agencies carry the light of the world to many dark places at home and abroad. The funds entrusted to these agencies bring not only the privilege of using them but a responsibility for their proper use.

The Division of World Missions is the channel through which the Methodist Church in America sends the light to many far corners of the world beyond our shores. Much of the quality of the light and of the Christian witness seen by millions overseas depends on the faithfulness of the stewardship of this Division.

The Division has a two-fold stewardship responsibility—one to the church overseas that looks to America for much of its financial support and secondly to the church at home that makes this assistance possible. Let's look first at the home church, the source of our funds.

Over 60,000 individual gifts were received by the World Division this past year in Advance Specials. These added to our share of World Service totaled over \$12,000,000. Churches want Advance credit, donors want vouchers, and projects want funds—and all want them in a hurry. All this requires the most efficient handling we can provide. Modern business ma-

chines are combined with the work of devoted persons to process these gifts with a minimum of delay, a minimum of error and a minimum of cost.

All the administrative functions of the Division from clerks to executives, from carbon paper to printed reports, from paper clips to steel cabinets, together cost 6½ cents per dollar in 1962. Devoted employees, planned programming and modern facilities reveal our stewardship efforts in behalf of the home church.

Our responsibility to the overseas Christians grow in wisdom and understanding toward financial maturity. We must help them through the use of these funds to understand wise budgeting and fiscal planning. We must help them learn responsibility both to their own people and to those who provide these funds.

The growing practice of Christian

(Editor's Note: Much is said and written about the necessity for missionary giving by Methodists through World Service and Advance Specials, if mission work is to continue. Here Dr. Almand points out that it is not only necessary that there be generous giving but that the use of gifts be wise and according to the best business practices. He is the treasurer of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.)

stewardship is revealed through the commercial audits and regular financial statements the Division obtains from the fields. Uniform accounting systems are being devised, and guidance in administering the fiscal program is being provided. As the overseas church moves toward maturity, nationals are replacing missionaries as field and branch treasurers. More than accounting accuracy and ethical conduct can be observed in this maturing church leadership. We see systematic budgeting leading toward selective programming and the establishing of priorities. This alone often avoids the wasting of funds and the missing of vital opportunities.

Experience has taught us all that possessions often suggest power. The problem then is for the Division of World Missions to handle its possessions in such a manner as to demonstrate responsibility to the donors without exercising dominion over its beneficiaries.

The teaching of self-support to overseas churches may be a hard lesson but a necessary one in some instances. Churches at home and abroad must at times take steps of faith without the promise of outside funds. Our hearts are warmed as we see the progress being made by the churches overseas in growing toward financial as well as spiritual maturity.

Christian stewardship may require us more and more to let the overseas church make the major decisions on how and where our funds should best be spent. It may well be that in our effort to spread the light of the world, we in America will provide the lighted candle but leave the use of it to the discretion of our Christian brothers across the sea. Through the combined efforts of devoted donors and faithful employees, the division tries to let the light so shine that men may see a new way and learn of Him who said—"ye are the light of the world—"

A Fresh Look at Christian Education

By Gilbert Y. Taverner

Minister, St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brookline, Mass.

Christianity has embraced reaching the total person as its basic approach to man. It is inevitable to find learning playing a dominant role in all Christian expressions. More of Christianity is taught to the mind than is caught by the emotions, though both are needed to reach the total person. Christian education is a purposeful part of the Christian church's life, and is designed to bring meaningfulness to all learning about God and man's relationships with him.

Historic Importance of Learning

Judaism provides the seedbed from which has issued this predominance of learning among Christians. "You shall love the Lord your God . . . with all your mind." This part of the Great Commandment inspired a whole system of Hebrew education centering around the rabbi (teacher) and the teaching synagogue. Jesus accepted and adopted these within his ministry. He was called "Teacher" and visibly fulfilled the noblest characteristics of this calling. The early apostles of Christianity took the predominance of learning into the life of the church, as Paul's ministry attests. Over the centuries western civilization accepted the educational work of Christians as the norm for learning in much of its culture. The church initiated and sustained some of the most important of educational institutions. Oxford and Cambridge in England, Harvard, Yale and Princeton in America are historic illustrations of the instrumentation of Christian education at work.

Changes in Role

The last century, however, has brought some drastic changes in education generally and Christian education specifically. The role of the state, and the consequent secularization of education, has cast Christian education into new and different relationships. Es-

pecially in the United States and our public school system, there have been decisive inroads in the role of Christian education as church-sponsored general educator. In Europe, Great Britain, Africa, and South America the church holds a stronger rein on education clearly missing here. In the main, Protestants subscribe to the role of state-supported public education, more so than do Roman Catholics who prefer the older role of the church to remain.

This cursory overview of Christian education, inadequate though it is, can nonetheless speak to alert Christians. It can be a reminder that when the words "Christian Education" are used they have an historic and a contemporary connotation subject to variances of interpretation. Historically, the words have the broad meaning of the church educating persons through general education. Contemporarily, and particularly in the United States, they mean a specific kind of religious education done mainly in churches for the edification of Christians.

Release Power of Educational Process

Whenever we take a fresh look at Christian education we find it an area open to radical change in the days ahead. Changes have already come, and will increasingly come through more and more state-controlled education. The changes in Christian education within the churches are far more open to our control and development.

It seems but a modest use of sound

realism for us to recognize how drastic must be the transitions ahead in the structure of our Christian education tasks. The traditional Sunday-school-centered approach, with its fleeting hour on Sunday morning set aside for a fraction of the available children, youth, and adults, is outmoded and ineffective. Our attention must go beyond Sunday morning to Christian education that is released from any time-imprisonment and from rigid formats of curriculum. The church school must become a mainline instrument of the Teaching Church. Increasing attention must be given to continuing Christian education throughout the adult years, literally from earliest childhood to the oldest years. The smallest or largest churches can become teaching churches by catching a vision of the task at hand and allowing it to grow into a reality by releasing resources at hand. When we take a fresh look at Christian education we find it far from the static, even stagnant, sleeping giant it is sometimes allowed to become. Rather, we find it a dynamic that can bring clarity and meaningfulness into the chaos and vacuum of so much of life.

Total Person in Total Experience

On the frontier of Christian education today is the immense need to relevantly relate the Christian to the world in which he finds himself. No narrow sectarianism, or compartmentalism of Christian education into rigid molds will accomplish this. A relatedness to the total education of total persons must be forthcoming. The sixteen-year-old boy devoting eight hours a week to the disciplines of science and forty-five minutes to the random generalizations of a church school class, is hardly to be blamed for knowing more about

how the world can be blown to bits than held together by the people of God. Some of the best minds in Christian education must be given over to finding new and effective ways of reaching the total person in the total experience of education.

Christian education is on the move. God grant us of his wisdom to share in its exciting new days ahead.

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In Memoriam



Mrs. M. M. Haskins

Mrs. Maurine McSpadden Haskins, 39, of Santa Monica, Calif., a native of Bethesda (Independence County), Arkansas, died Feb. 9 at Santa Monica. She had lived in California six years.

She was a Methodist. Survivors include her husband, Joe Haskins; two sons, Raymond Lee Haskins and Hugh E. Haskins, both of Santa Monica; a daughter, Linda Jo Haskins of Santa Monica; her mother, Mrs. George McSpadden of the Southside community (Independence County); six brothers, Carl McSpadden of Broken Arrow, Okla., Farrell McSpadden of Southside, the Rev. Byron L. McSpadden, of Jacksonville; Alvin McSpadden of Memphis, Tenn., Jasper McSpadden of Kinsley, Kan., and Shelby McSpadden of Salado; and a sister, Miss Bertha McSpadden of Batesville.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at the Bethesda Methodist Church. Burial was at Camp Ground Cemetery.



Mrs. L. Alexander

Mrs. Lela Alexander of Gillett, Arkansas, widow of the late Cecil Alexander, died in the Stuttgart Memorial Hospital Dec. 28, 1962. She was born Feb. 26, 1882, in Arkansas County.

Mrs. Alexander was a member of the Gillett Methodist Church, was active and loyal to her church, Sunday School, W.S.C.S., and had received the life membership award at the last meeting she was able to attend.

Survivors include one son, L. L. Alexander of Fort Worth, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Homer Leslie of Gillett; and three grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Gillett Methodist Church December 30.



METHODIST BRIEFS

Two Methodist clergymen — the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley of Christ Church, New York, and the Rev. Dr. Murray H. Leiffler, professor in Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., were interviewed on the Christian ministry on CBS-TV program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," on Feb. 3.

The Rev. Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Nashville, Tenn., retired Jan. 31 as associate director of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Board of Education. The Rev. Robert A. Davis, who joined the staff a few months ago, will take over some of the responsibilities that have been handled by Dr. Brown. Other staff members will assume his other duties.

Edgar M. Crigler, director of public relations at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., has been named director of public relations and finance for Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., effective June 1. His appointment was announced by President Don W. Holter.



A ROMAN CATHOLIC prelate and a Southern Baptist leader are shown as they received brotherhood awards from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Washington, D. C. Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, third from left, and Brooks Hays of Arkansas, far right, special assistant to President Kennedy and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, were honored for service to their fellow men. Also receiving an NCCJ citation was Milton King, far left, past president of the District of Columbia Bar Association. Presenting the awards was Lewis L. Strauss, national co-chairman of the NCCJ.



PRE-FABRICATED wooden sections for the exterior of a church in Washingtonville, N. Y., were erected by workmen within 26 hours--or 11 hours and 25 minutes of 'working time.' This series of photos shows progress of the construction from 7:30 a.m. when four trucks began unloading the pre-cut sections, to 5:45 p.m.

'It can be stated factually and without equivocation that any allegation is false which holds that there has been and is, on a national scale, an extensive or substantial communist infiltration of the American clergy, in particular the Protestant clergy. This statement applies with equal force to the Methodists as it does to other religious denominations.'

From an address by William C. Sullivan, assistant director, F.B.I., at Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., Oct. 19, 1961.

'There are those on the fringes of society who have sought to escape their own responsibility by finding a simple solution, an appealing slogan or a convenient scapegoat. They find treason in our finest churches, in our highest court, and even in the treatment of our Water...Let us not heed these counsels of fear and suspicion. Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence rather than crusades of suspicion.'

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NEWLY-APPOINTED heads of the National Council of Churches Central Department of Evangelism are Dr. Colin W. Williams, top, of Melbourne, Australia, executive director, and Dr. Williams, a Methodist, is a former history lecturer at Drew University in Madison, N. J.

Some people think they are stirring up interest when they are only stirring up trouble.



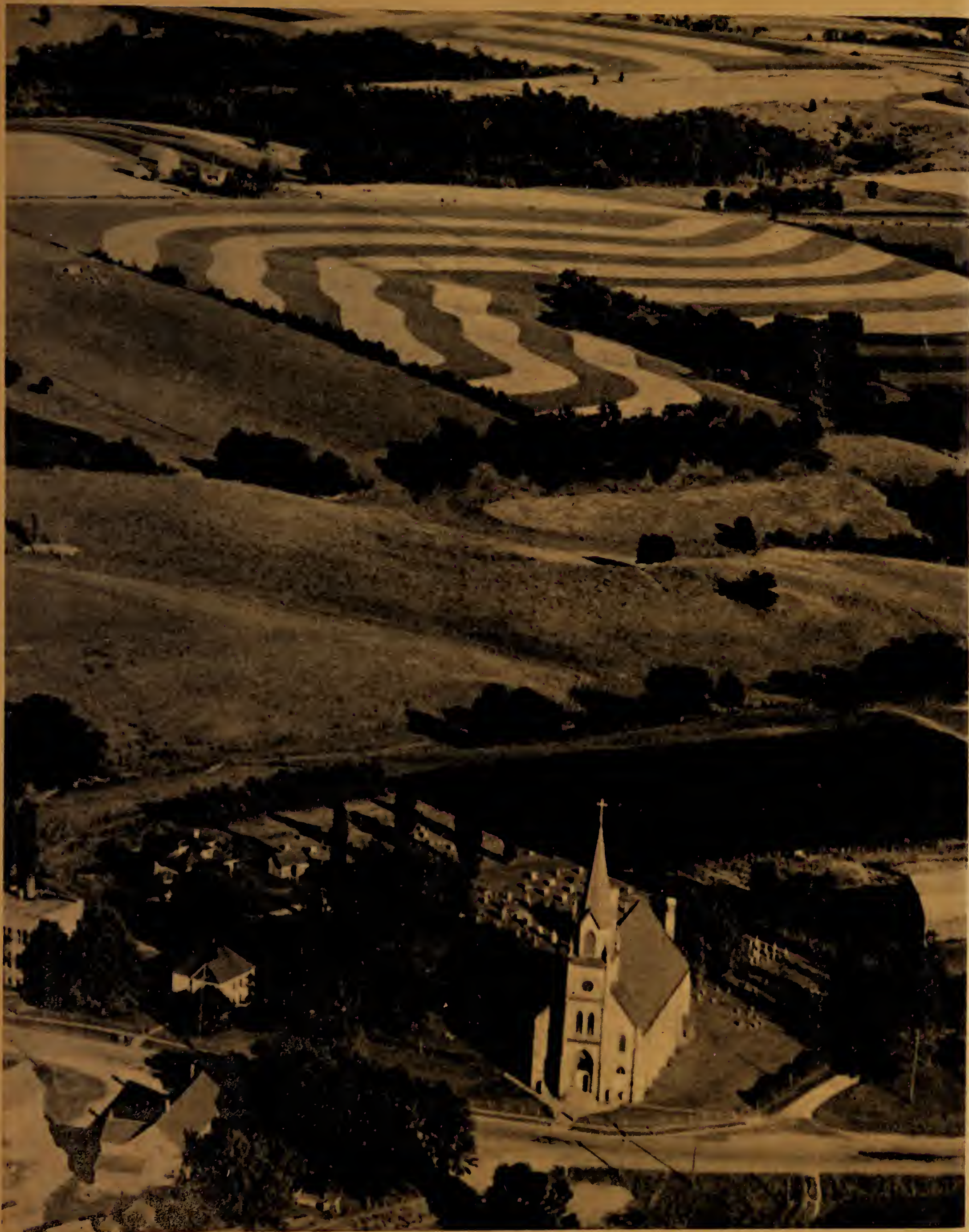
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BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON is shown as he preached in the morning service at Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, Feb. 17. Participating with him in the service were the Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent, and the Rev. A. G. Taylor, pastor. Following the service the Taylors entertained with a dinner at the parsonage during which Bishop Walton offered a prayer of consecration for the new home.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Shreveport, Louisiana
March 2, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

We began a series of revival services in First Church, Crowley, on last Sunday morning, and continued through last evening. Thorough preparation had been made for the meeting. Prayer groups had been organized, and a twenty-four-hour prayer vigil preceded the opening service on Sunday morning. The Reverend J. C. Skinner, minister of St. Bernard Church in New Orleans, led the singing in an experienced and dedicated manner. We had good attendance, much interest, and a fine response. Twenty-two persons will unite with the church, ten of them on profession of faith, in addition to a number who rededicated their lives to Christ.

During the meeting we appreciated the attendance of many of the ministers in the Lafayette and Lake Charles Districts, and their members. The Reverend Jerome Cain, District Superintendent of the Lafayette District, and Dr. Leonard Cooke, District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District, were with us on several occasions. I appreciated the opportunity of fellowship with Brother and Mrs. F. J. McCoy, our retired minister and his wife who live in Crowley.

First Church, Crowley, was organized in 1887. The first minister was the Reverend H. O. White. The church observed its seventy-fifth anniversary in November of last year.

A new Children's Building was completed in 1960 during the pastorate of the Reverend Louis Hoffpauir, at a cost of \$112,000.00, of which only about \$19,000.00 remain unpaid. The present membership is 726. First Church, Crowley, has Advance Specials in all four areas. This year the church accepted \$200.00 above the askings on World Service and has paid all benevolence items for the conference year in full.

The Reverend W. D. Boddie is serving his third year of a most successful pastorate in Crowley. The associate minister in his second year is the

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Area Council to Hear Budget

The Area Council of Louisiana Methodism will meet at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Tuesday, March 12, for the purpose of hearing the recommendations of its Budget Committee which was named by Bishop Walton at its last meeting.

This committee has been at work for about a month studying the amount of money that will be necessary for the administration of the new Area Council which will be initiated following the session of the Annual Conference in June. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, who has been announced as the director of the program, will have two associate directors on his staff, one of whom will be a layman.

Dr. Niemoeller to Be in New Orleans

Dr. Martin Niemoeller, outstanding leader of the Evangelical Church in Germany, will be the Lenten Noonday Speaker at the Church House in New Orleans, the week of April 1-5. He is traveling throughout this country in a tour which began last week at Duke University. He was a prisoner of the Nazis because of his opposition to their suppression of Christian conscience. He is president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, and is one of the co-presidents of the World Council of Churches.

The Rev. Jack Cooke, pastor of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, will be the speaker at the Church House noonday Lenten services the week of March 25-29.

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Two Louisiana Leaders Speak Against Destructive Criticism of Church and Its Institutions

The two delegates from the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church to the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches have issued a joint statement expressing their personal opinion of destructive criticism directed at the church and the National Council of Churches. They are Dr. Keith Mason of Shreveport and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey of Ruston. Dr. Mason, a prominent Shreveport physician and Methodist layman, is charge lay leader of the First Methodist Church. He spent two months visiting and working in medical missions in Africa in 1959. At other times he has traveled to the Holy Land, to Europe, and to Russia. Mrs. Laskey is a member of the General Executive Committee of the Methodist Church's national Board of Missions and its division of World Missions, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and Women's Division.

The General Assembly, which is the governing body of the National Council of Churches, meets December 1-7, 1963, in Philadelphia. It is made up of approximately 800 members from 33 communities. There are 137 Methodists in the General Assembly. Louisiana is fortunate to have two of the twelve delegates appointed by the Council of Bishops for the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction.

In the statement made public this week, Dr. Mason and Mrs. Laskey said, "We believe in our church and the National Council of Churches. We believe that both are worthy of our devotion and support. Loyalty to the Methodist Church is not undermined by support of the National Council; in fact, our Methodist Church helped organize the N.C.C. by bringing together

12 interdenominational agencies and 29 communions and still is active and appoints its own delegates. The Council is the only agency we have established to keep in contact with our Christian brothers in other churches.

"The medical profession has not only local and state groups but also a national Medical Association — the same is true of the local Chambers of Commerce and the national Chamber of Commerce. We who are members of these groups do not always agree on all actions taken both locally and nationally but we maintain our membership and support. This is democracy at work in business and the professions and we see no reason why it should not apply to the biggest business of them all—our church.

"We are compelled to say that we regret the destructive criticisms of the

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Dr. Mason



Mrs. Laskey

Editorials

Movements toward merger

Newspapers in the past few days have given prominent space to announcements that favorable consideration is being given to the proposal that merger take place in England between the Methodists and the Anglicans. This is of significance to us at this time as we see it against the background of our Methodist heritage which we are rehearsing during our commemoration of Aldersgate Year. We realize that studies of church union have been going on for some time, but it is hard to believe that that they have progressed as far as the newspapers would have us believe. If the spirit of Aldersgate is still abroad in the land of the Wesleys we cannot understand how there could be such widespread acceptance of compromise as would be involved in such a merger.

We are well aware that church union is a popular subject for discussion in many church circles these days. There are many who hold that it is an essential next step in the building of the Kingdom. We still feel there are serious questions to be raised about the whole movement.

The Christian witness has found its witness for most of us in the traditional patterns of the life and work of our denominations. We would not want to be interpreted as saying that we believe membership in The Methodist Church has precedence over Christian discipleship in the Church universal. Yet we do feel that for most of us there is a more congenial atmosphere for working out our salvation through the channels that were opened for us by our founding fathers. Much that they bought for us quite dearly would be sacrificed to a policy of church union at any price.

THROUGH THE MIST OF CONFUSION



There are many ways in which we can work for additional cooperation between the churches without surrendering the identifying strengths of our several separate bodies. The Methodists do have problems in Great Britain just as they do in America. However, we cannot see that merger with the Anglicans or the Episcopaleans would solve any of them.

Broad-mindedness and tolerance

One of the problems of our Christian life is how to hold to great convictions and at the same time be tolerant. How does a man maintain essential beliefs without at the same time growing bigoted? How does he guard against the dry-rot of indifference? We have been told that the entrance to eternal life is through a narrow gate, and yet the teachings of Jesus admonish us to expand our vision and broaden our sympathies.

One of the first things we must understand in this connection is that we are not always being complimented when we are called broad-minded. Often it only means that we possess a shallowness about religion and general conduct that will just about put up with anything. There are times when a Christian must be "narrow," yet when he is, his heart and his love must continue to be wide enough to embrace every sinner, without endorsing or condoning his sins. There is also an essential difference between a narrowness which borders on bigotry and tolerance which has convictions and yet at the same time respects the convictions of others.

Bigotry is a dangerous attitude in any realm of life. When men believe that every truth has been finally and ultimately stated and that there is no ground for reexamination and reinterpretation, then more emphasis has been placed on authority than upon light.

Still a Christian must be intolerant about a number of things. When gambling and drinking and cheap amusements are degrading life he must be narrow if he is to be true to his own conscience and preserve his own integrity.

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CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Last Saturday we traveled to Paragould, Ark., our home town, to take part in a Christian Vocations Clinic at First Methodist Church. It was sponsored by the district committee under the leadership of the Rev. John Jump of Griffin Memorial Church in that city, a church which has produced more than its share of Methodist preachers through the years.

There were two "fringe benefits" in this trip. First, there was the delightful experience of visiting with Bill Elliot, associate pastor of Winfield Church, and riding with him in his new Thunderbird. Then there was the added pleasure of seeing how the face of the home town had changed, even as yours has changed.

We feel that our Methodist young people have a real opportunity to face the challenges of church-related vocations in clinics like these. There were about fifty young people in attendance and they were about evenly divided in their participation in the seven groups that had been planned.

The Rev. Arthur Hopkinson, a new staff member of the joint committee on Christian Vocations in Nashville, took part in this clinic and impressed everyone with his devotion and dedication to this important work. He came recently from service with the General Commission on Chaplains.

After working in several of these clinics we are impressed with the number of young people who have indicated an interest in "communications" as a vocation. We keep telling them that the church is in great need of young people who will dedicate themselves and develop the necessary skills in this field. When these decisions begin to bear fruit we feel that Methodism will truly know a new power in the spreading of the gospel.

Stamp Recalls Bermuda Visit By Whitefield

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A Stamp issued by Bermuda recalls a visit there in 1748 by one of Methodism's greatest early preachers, the Rev. George Whitefield.

The one-shilling stamp, part of a new series featuring historic buildings on the Atlantic islands, pictures Christ Church, Warwick. It was there that Whitefield conducted an eight-week series of evangelistic meetings, according to "Religion in Stamps," a column by Glenn Everett, Washington Methodist layman.

The pulpit the evangelist used is still preserved in the church and is viewed by many of the tourists visiting the Bermudas. While Christ Church is Presbyterian, it welcomed Whitefield after he had been barred from speaking in churches of the Church of England, in which he was ordained.

In the 1748 visit, Whitefield was on a return trip from the American colonies to England, one of 13 Atlantic crossings made before his death in 1770.

Church's Youth Convention Not Planned For '63

The next National Convocation of Methodist Youth will be held July 27-31, 1964, instead of in August, 1963.

The change in date was announced from the Nashville central office of the Methodist Youth Fellowship by Dr. Joseph W. Bell, director of the Youth Department, Methodist Board of Education. Dr. Bell is one of the staff advisers to the National Conference of the MYF, sponsors of the convocation.

The national meeting will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, for 5,000 Methodist youth. A preliminary planning conference for the convocation has already been held.

The postponement was necessary to provide adequate time for the preparation of such a large meeting. Also, the staffs of the General Board of Education responsible for youth work, in co-operation with staffs of other Methodist boards interested in the youth program, hope to make an extensive exploration of the church's ministry to young people during 1963. The convocation therefore can include some of the results of this exploration.

Seminar Sponsored By MSM Studies Latin America

WASHINGTON, D. C. — New appreciation of a "Latin America in Revolution" and new understanding of its needs were stressed by Methodist students at the close of a United Nations-Washington seminar here.

Sixty-three students from almost as many campuses viewed the relationships between the two American continents in both official statements and personal experiences. The Feb. 3-9 seminar, an annual event, was sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement.

Among observations voiced by the students were these:

—"Help" from the U.S. is apt to be suspect; Latin Americans are waiting for something to work out.

—There is a lack of communication between the continents, hence a lack of concern.

—Despite the continents' likenesses, the differences are more basic.

—Much like the discovery in studying Africa in the 1962 seminar, Latin America cannot be considered as a single unit.

Participants included students whose homes are in Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. In giving their views of "The Forces Shaping the Latin American Revolution," they agreed that the Cuban crisis is a "watershed" in Latin American history. They also agreed on the need for basic structural change in their homelands but expressed differences as to the means necessary.

Seminar chairman was Wayne Proudfoot, student at Harvard Divinity School. Coordinator of the program was Dr. M. Richard Shaull, professor of ecumenics at Princeton Theological Seminary. Advisor was Miss Ruth Harris of the Board of Missions student work staff.

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Methodist Briefs-

BISHOP ON MISSION

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco will tour Far East military installations March 25 to April 14 to conduct services for U. S. Air Force personnel.

Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Bishop Tippet will make the trip at the request of Major General Robert Taylor, chief of chaplains for the Air Force. The bishop will speak in Hawaii, the Philippines, Bangkok, Saigon, Formosa, Okinawa, and several cities in Korea and Japan.

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PROJECT REGIONAL MEETING

Plans for the first regional meeting of lay leaders in the North Central states were set in motion at a recent meeting of annual conference lay leaders of that section of the church.

A weekend lay retreat is planned for Aug. 9-11 at Green Lake, Wis. The regional retreat is being initiated to fulfill the need for more intensive training in the lay activities program and to open channels of communication among the lay leadership of Methodism to and from the local church, ac-

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

March 10—Sunday	Mark 1:16-28
March 11	Mark 1:32-45
March 12	Luke 4:16-22
March 13	Luke 5:1-11
March 14	John 2:1-12
March 15	John 3:1-21
March 16	John 4:1-15
March 17—Sunday	John 4:16-30

cording to Alvin N. Neller, lay leader of the Michigan Conference, spokesman for the group.

The retreat will be open to the lay leadership of the nine North Central states. Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, and his staff will assist in the program.

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METHODIST 'AIR FORCE'

A Methodist "air force," consisting of three pilots and one sleek, green-and-white plane, will soon be in operation on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

The plane, a four-place, single-engine Cessna 180, is expected to arrive there in February. It will immediately be pressed into service in helping The Methodist Church carry out its evangelistic, educational, social and medical ministry to thousands of persons in the remote mountains and jungles of Mindanao.

The three missionary-pilots who will share equally in flying the plane are: the Rev. John E. Hinkle, Jr., Vincennes, Ind.; the Rev. Raymond E. Lanham of Findlay, Ohio; and the Rev. Curran L. Spottswood of Gainesville, Fla.



BILL D. MOYERS, 28-year-old Southern Baptist minister, is the new deputy director of the Peace Corps. His appointment was confirmed by the Senate over the objection of Sen Frank J. Lausche (D.-Ohio), who contended that Mr. Moyers was too young for the job. Mr. Moyers served on the staff of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson for a year before being named Associate Director for Public Affairs for the Peace Corps in 1961.



THIS 12-STORY \$5.9 million Episcopal Church Center, one block West of the United Nations on Manhattan's East Side, is now open for business. Officers and staff of the National Council and other agencies of the Church moved into the building on Feb. 25 from their former quarters at 281 Park Avenue South



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON crowned Miss Bebe Nolan Queen of Hearts, the Rev. A. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendent, crowned Billy Lamphier King of Hearts at the recent Family Night at First Methodist Church, New Iberia. In the picture are (l. to r.): Bishop Walton, Mrs. George Cunningham, Mr. Lamphier, Miss Nolan, Mr. Cain and the Rev. Luther L. Booth, New Iberia pastor.

MSM Conference in Baton Rouge

The Louisiana Methodist Student Movement will hold its annual assembly in Baton Rouge March 16 and 17. The meetings will be held at the Louisiana State University Wesley Foundation and the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church. Rev. Delton Pickering, director of the LSU Wesley Foundation, is in charge of arrangements.

The conference theme will be "The Word, the World, and the Sacrament." There will be a number of discussion groups led by ministers of the Baton Rouge area. They will discuss the meaning of Christian worship and the meaning and relevance of the sacraments.

Methodist Student Movement delegates from Louisiana colleges and universities will attend. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, and concludes early Sunday afternoon.

The platform speaker will be Dr. Julian Hartt, professor of theology at Yale Divinity School and highly sought speaker at Methodist student conferences throughout the nation. Dr. Hartt received his education at Dakota Wesleyan, A.B., 1932, D. Litt., 1959; Garrett Biblical Institute, B.D., 1937; Northwestern University, M.A., 1938; Yale, Ph.D., 1940.

He was associate professor of philosophy and religion at Berea College, 1940-43; Noah Porter professor of philosophical theology, Yale, 1943; chairman department of religion, 1956; member American Philosophical Association, American Theological Association, national council religion in higher education; co-author: "Humanism vs. Theism Towards a Theology of Evangelism," "Being Known and Being Revealed," and editor of forthcoming series of books on "Christianity and Contemporary Art."

QUOTES TO RECALL

"We must think of missions in the new perspective of sharing." — The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley of Christ Church, New York, speaking in St. Louis at a regional study conference on "Our Mission Today." and not enough concerned about losing saving our skins in this nuclear age, and not enough concern about losing our lives for Christ."—Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Nebraska Area.

Vocations Clinic for Shreveport Dist.

Sixty youth and their counselors from the Shreveport district of The Methodist Church, met at Hodges Gardens Lodge last Friday and Saturday for a conference on church-related vocations. Keynote speaker was Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport. His topic was "Rewards of the Christian Ministry." Dean of the conference was Rev. Warren Blakeman, associate minister at Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

Other ministers and leaders from Shreveport who conducted classes in a wide range of church vocations were: Mr. Jim Collier, Broadmoor Methodist Church, business manager; Rev. Woodrow Hearn of First Methodist Church and Rev. Johnny Hassler of Broadmoor Church, Christian education; Rev. Bob Holladay of Trinity Methodist Church, Rev. Vernon Fairley of Queensborough Methodist Church, and Rev. Oscar Cloyd of Christ Methodist Church, the ministry; Mr. James A. Trickett of Noel, missions; Mrs. James A. Marsalis of Noel, secretary and hostess; and Rev. Robert Ed Taylor of Centenary, campus ministry. Mrs. Hasslen also led the music and recreation for the meeting.

Mrs. Retzloff Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma J. Retzloff, 84, who passed away on Thursday, Feb. 21, 1963, at Glenwood Hospital in West Monroe, were held in the Chapel of the Mulhearn Funeral Home of Monroe on Feb. 22 with Dr. Ben Oliphant, pastor St. Paul's Methodist Church officiating. Mrs. Retzloff was the mother of Mrs. Edward R. Haug, wife of the district superintendent of the Monroe District. She made her home with the Haugs.

The body was taken to Lexington, Tex., where another service was held on Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Earley officiating. Burial was in the cemetery in Lexington.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Retzloff is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, one great grandchild, two sisters and three brothers. She was a life-long member of The Methodist Church.

Speak Out Concerning Criticism

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church this past year. Since the announcement of our appointment last May, we have been studying the 'St. Marks' Report,' and the reports of the 'Methodist Panel, Inc.,' both of Shreveport; listening to and reading the reports of Dr. Billy James Hargis, Dan Smoot, Dr. Carl McIntire, Fred Schwartz, Circuit Riders, the Party Line, and others. We have come to the following conclusions:

"There are effective ways within the church for constructive criticism, usually represented in its governing bodies by an equal number of lay and clergy where all have a voice. We are 100% for constructive criticism which is certainly needed but 100% against destructive criticism. Destructive criticism is illustrated by a member pulling out of or stopping financial support of church institutions, or worse yet, running to certain public news media. Few things could please the opponents of democracy and Christianity anywhere in the world more than the destructive criticisms such as have been voiced in our country, especially in Shreveport, by certain news media, panels, and resolutions the past year.

"These problems are the result of social issues with which all our major communions have had to deal. This problem is not confined to The Methodist Church. Christian principles such as war and peace, brotherhood, alcohol, etc. as represented in the social

creeds of all the major denominations and institutions are largely the same. It may be that we the laymen and some ministers will have to change our attitudes to conform to these Christian principles.

"There are too many valuable services of the National Council of Churches to enumerate here. In the field of Home and Foreign Missions, in Christian Education, and Life and Work, the Council has helped coordinate and has worked with not only the member churches, saving them time and money, but with others also. As a classic example, the Southern Baptist Church, though not a member, uses the International Lesson Series outlines provided by the Council, in its Sunday School literature. The Episcopal General Convention held in Detroit, September 17-29, 1961, voted unanimously to stay in the N.C.C. even after the 'St. Marks' Report' was presented. The Presbyterian General Assembly last year voted by a larger majority than ever before to remain in the N.C.C.

"We commend the report of the Special Study Committee of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church for its defense and its constructive criticisms of our church and the National Council of Churches. There comes a time for all to speak up in defense of our institutions which have been so unjustly criticized, and we apologize for not doing it sooner."

Bishop's Letter

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Reverend Ray Holt. We enjoyed being with them and their families. We appreciate the leadership that these ministers are giving and are grateful to the membership of the church for the fine response that is being made to all phases of the program.

I came to Shreveport this morning where tomorrow we will begin a round of the eight districts in the interest of St. Paul School of Theology Methodist of Kansas City. We will be reporting these meetings to you in the next letter.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton

"There is the ever present danger of the creation of a form of supermarket patriotism which furthers only extreme nationalism. We must also love our fellow man. This means seeing in him

a person with divine dignity. This means respecting his rights and his liberty. This means being very careful not to injure his reputation through reckless half-truths."



THE REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, is shown as he crowned Miss Waverlyn Maroney, queen at the recent banquet of the Aubrey G. Walton Subdistrict, meeting at Many. The queen's escort was Dick Shuford.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

BISHOP DANA DAWSON of Shreveport will preach at Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans on Sunday, March 10. Ministers in that church are the Reverends B. A. Galloway and Walter L. Baker.

TRINITY CHURCH IN RUSTON heard Mr. Dan McBride, a representative of the Shreveport Goodwill Industries, at the evening service on Sunday, February 17. The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is pastor.

MR. ED GRECO, who headed the United States delegation for Research Development to Russia last summer, was guest speaker for the Methodist Men's Club of Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport on February 18.

MEMBERS OF THE MERRYVILLE Methodist Church, including a youth group, are studying the Book of Romans on Wednesday Evenings under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. H.C. Howell.

DR. HARRY ESKEW, PROFESSOR of Hymnody at Tulane University and Baptist Seminary, spoke on 'The History of Church Music' at the New Orleans District Youth Rally held at Slidell First Methodist Church on Friday, February 22.

THE YOUTH OF PALESTINE Methodist Church sponsored a concert by the Centenary College Choir which was presented in the Bolton High Auditorium on February 16. The profit is to be applied toward the purchase of a new organ for the Palestine Church where the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir serves as pastor.

TEACHING IN THE LAKE CHARLES city-wide training school the week of February 25 were the Rev. Henry Bowden, the Rev. Don Risinger, Miss Sheila Nuttall, the Rev. Ken Jacocks, and the Rev. Ralph Cain. Classes were held in University Methodist Church of which the Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor.

CHAPLAIN W. B. ALSWORTH spoke on 'The Church's Mission in Korea' during the study of East Asia in the DeRidder First Methodist Church. Pastor of that church, the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, was on radio station KDLA each morning of the week of February 18.

DR. BEN KAPLAN, PROFESSOR of sociology at the University of Southwest Louisiana, Lafayette, gave a talk on the development of the child's personality through the family at the February Family Night program at Asbury Methodist Church in Lafayette. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is the pastor.

NEW IBERIA WAS HOST to the Ruston District World Service Meeting on February 13. Bishop Aubrey Walton and District Superintendent Jerome Cain were special guests at the Family Night Supper preceding the meeting, at which time Bishop Walton was speaker. The Rev. Luther L. Booth was the host-pastor.

DR. W. E. TRICE, pastor of the William E. Reily University Church in Baton Rouge, spoke to the members of First Methodist Church in that city concerning 'The Significance of the Ecumenical Conference in Rome for Protestants' at the fellowship hour on Sunday, February 17. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is the pastor.

MRS. GEORGE BEADLE celebrated her 100th birthday with Open House at 720 Lafayette St. in Lafayette, Sunday afternoon, February 17. In honor of the occasion, the Beadle Family made a substantial donation to the building fund of Lafayette First Methodist Church, where Mrs. Beadle has been a member for seventy years.

MR. E. D. SINGLETARY, Administrator of the Greenwood Hospital in West Monroe, was guest speaker for the Rayville Methodist Men on Wednesday, February 20. On Thursday, the 21st, the Rayville Church was host to the Fifth District Library Trustees Association. The Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor.

THE MINDEN MYF REPORTED on its 1962 mission to Mexico when the Ruston District Mission Rally for Youth was held in the Homer Methodist Church on Saturday, February 23. Featured speakers were the Rev. Jerry Means, the Rev. Andrew J. Williamson, missionary to Malaya, and Mrs. J. A. Alford, retired missionary from China.

ALEXANDRIA FIRST CHURCH had Dr. R. Merrill Powers, national Methodist leader, in the pulpit at the morning service on February 17. Speaking at the Family Fellowship Hour that evening were Chaplain and Mrs. James F. Adams of the Forest Glen Treatment Center, and Judge George Foote. Dr. Guy Hicks is the pastor.

DR. KEITH MASON, Charge Lay Leader of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest speaker at First Methodist Church, Independence, Kans., this week. He spoke on the work of medical missions in Africa, a work with which he became familiar by visiting that field. The pastor of the Kansas church is the Rev. Hobart Hilliard.



SHOWN ABOVE is a portion of Cub Pack 431, sponsored by the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. The unit has 72 boys. Cub master is E. W. Ward; assistants are: John Baogni, Rudolph Drpont, and Dr. E. K. Ventre. Dr. Ventre is shown inspecting the unit at a regular meeting.

AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF 900 heard the Centenary College Choir sign in the Municipal Auditorium of Houma, the concert being sponsored by the Herald Choir and MYF of Houma First Church, Dr. Henry A. Rickey, pastor. Dr. Rickey preached at the Carrollton Church, New Orleans, where he was formerly pastor, on February 17. The Rev. Jack Cooke is presently pastor at Carrollton.

THE ISTROUMA JUNIOR High Department held its annual Sweetheart Banquet on February 9, the following were included in the 'Court' announced that evening: 7th grade- Nancy Young and David Harding; 8th grade- Bobbie Linaker and Raymond Jones; Kean Day, Jr., was the beau and Cindy Greer was the sweet heart. Pastor at Istrouma is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

THE VALENTINE BANQUET AT TRINITY Church in Alexandria saw Miss Linda Chapman crowned 'Queen of Hearts'. Seventy Youth were present for this annual affair. A musical program was presented by the youth under the direction of Miss Carol Marsh and Mrs. Jack Douglas. The Rev. Wesley Buck, Chaplain at England Air Force Base, was the speaker. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.

AT THE HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH the following received perfect attendance pins. Three years: Gail Hamilton, Gordie Houston, Beverly Houston, Tony Houston, James Houston; two years: Elbert Houston, Ollie Houston, Delbert Houston; one year: Dianne Daily, Bobby Daily, Annie Morrow, Ronnie Carlisles, Mrs. Mickey Chaney, Sharron Chaney, and Fannie Houston; six months: Louis Williams, Howard Taylor, and Benny Lane Williams. The Rev. Ira M. Robinson is pastor.

PARKER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in New Orleans, where the Rev. Reuel H. Allen serves as minister has been having a Sunday evening series on 'Getting to Know Our Religious Neighbors'. Speaking to that congregation on February 10 was the Rev. Leighton H. Nugent, associate pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church. The Rev. Hubert F. Schiffer, Jesuit priest and Associate Professor of Economics at Loyola University, was the speaker on February 17.

THE BOSSIER CITY First Church Junior High department had forty members attending the Valentine's Party on Friday, February 15. Dick Taylor and Kay Lynch from the 9th grade were crowned king and queen, David Maxwell and Linda Moore from the 8th grade were the prince and princess, Ralph White and Meta Lynch from the 7th grade were lord and lady. Chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Lynch, Mrs. A. H. Alford, and Mrs. Ross DeLee.

ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH in Lafayette observed Boy Scout Troop No. 157 in action when the group had charge of the evening service on February 24. Many boys received various awards and advancements pins. Mr. J. P. Owens, Sr., was the speaker. Mr. Bruce Choate presided. Mr. V. C. Reid is Scoutmaster. Asbury Church, of which the Rev. C. Robert McCammon is pastor, sponsors a Boy Scout Troop, an Explorers Post, and two Cub Scout Packs.

METHODIST MEN OF TRINITY AND HORSESHOE Drive Churches in Alexandria met jointly Monday February 18, and planned a barbeque for later in the month. Pastor of these churches are the Rev. Byrl Moreland and the Rev. Louis Coppage.

MR. JOHN ARRINGTON, Senior Counselor for the Alexandria Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the State Board of Education, was the guest speaker for the meeting of the Men's Club at Pineville First Church on Sunday morning, February 24. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell is the pastor.

MR. NEIL DASPIT was the donor of the land for Alexandria's newest Methodist Church, St. Paul's, of which the Rev. George Dameron is serving as pastor. Groundbreaking services for the new church were held on Sunday, February 17, at 5 p.m. at the church site on Avoyelles Street. Bishop Aubrey Walton conducted the services. Mr. Daspit gave the land in memory of his mother, Mrs. A. A. Daspit. The two-year old congregation is meeting in a leased building on Lower Third Street.

THE REV. AND MRS. E. J. BARKSDALE, pastor and wife of St. Paul's Church in New Orleans, were honored at the Family Night Supper in that church on Friday, February 15. A Valentine box containing 'love offerings' was presented to them in appreciation of their three years of service to the church. The group was entertained by the Dauphine Trio, followed by a mission film. Mr. Willard Vick, chairman of the commission on missions, made a report including plans for a Variety Show to be held on March 30 to raise funds for Advance Specials.

MRS. S. L. WEISER will lead the study of 'People With Special Needs' in Bossier City First Church, with sessions being held on March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21. In anticipation of that study, speakers in that church during February were the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, Mr. Shelton Farmer, director of production for Goodwill Industries of Shreveport, and Miss Ouida Morris a teacher of blind children in Shreveport. The Rev. Jack H. Midyett is minister.

THE JUNIOR HIGHS OF NEW IBERIA First Church were guests of Rabbi Leslie Sirtes for Brotherhood services held with his congregation in the Temple Gates of Prayer on Friday, February 22. The Rev. Luther Booth, pastor of New Iberia Methodist Church, was guest speaker. Afterwards refreshments were served by members of the Jewish congregation. The Rev. George Cunningham, associate minister at New Iberia, will lead the MYF in a series of special services each Wednesday morning at 7:30 during Lent. The service will consist of a period of prayer, short devotional, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Sunday School Lesson

DR. E. T. WAYLAND



Lesson For March 17, 1963: FREEDOM UNDER CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:1 through 12:12; **Printed Lesson:** Mark 11:15-18, 27-33.
MEMORY SELECTION: Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I tell you?

Let us first recall the major events in the life of Jesus, as recorded by Mark, between the close of last Sunday's lesson and the beginning of our lesson text for today.

Jesus and his disciples moved on to and through Jerico, which was about fourteen miles from Jerusalem. Just out of Jerico blind Bartimaeus made his appeal to Jesus for the restoration of his sight. He did this despite the efforts of many to stop him. Jesus healed his blinded eyes.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

As the group approached the Mount of Olives near Bethany, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead with instructions to bring to him a colt which they would find tied at a certain place. This they did. Astride the donkey, with only the garments of his followers for a saddle, Jesus rode into Jerusalem at the head of a tumultuous, shouting crowd. Many spread their garments on the ground for him to ride over. Others cut branches from trees and put them down before him.

According to Luke's Gospel the people shouted, 'Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.' Pharisees in the group tried to stop them but to no avail. Luke also tells us that as they approached Jerusalem, despite the shouting, 'When he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it.' In this scene we have a new kind of triumphal march, a new kind of King and new kind of kingdom being established.

A NIGHT IN BETHANY

The opening verse of our lesson text tells us that Jesus entered Jerusalem and apparently continued the procession until he came to the Temple. It is quite likely that his disciples were expecting that at this time that he would proclaim himself the king they expected him to be. What he did must have been an additional, severe test of their faith in him as the Messiah. Mark simply says that he entered the Temple and looked about at what was there. Then, because it was eventide, he went out of the city and returned to Bethany.

The fact is, so far as the Record goes, Jesus did not spend a night in Jerusalem during Passion Week except Thursday night when he instituted the Lord's Supper and was later arrested by enemies and kept in Jewish courts for the rest of the night. Most, if not all of the other nights were spent in Bethany. Apparently Jesus was able to work in Jerusalem without fear of arrest during the daytime as his enemies feared the reaction of the people. At nighttime Jesus kept out of their way until his 'hour had come.'

CHRIST CLEANSED THE TEMPLE - WHY

If Jesus ever studiously avoided open conflict with his enemies, that time had past when he entered Jerusalem. His manner of entrance was an open challenge to Jewish leaders who hated him. When Jesus drove the money-changers and merchantmen out of the Temple, his actions did not affect them alone. They were felt in even greater force by Jewish leaders and Temple authorities who permitted and co-operated in this shameful misuse of the Temple and who shared in the questionable profits.

Perhaps we can better understand how such a large traffic in cattle, sheep, doves and other ob-

jects for sacrifice, together with the tables of money changers, could all be carried on within the outer walls of the Temple area if we remember that these outer walls enclosed an area of about twenty six acres. The Temple proper within this enclosure, into which only a Jew was allowed to enter, occupied an area just a little less than two city blocks. That left a large area around the Temple proper but inside the outer walls of the Temple which was called the Court of the Gentiles. Into this court people of any nation could come and pray.

These wide spaces within outer Temple walls offered Temple authorities opportunities for the sale of concessions which they apparently could not resist especially so if they could share in the proceeds of the graft and extortion. All of this clanking of coins, lowing of kine, bleating of sheep and the stench that went with it all would have been enough to arouse the indignation of Jesus. However the thing that seemed to stir the heart of the Master as few things did was the fact all of this commercial turmoil made it impossible for the Court to be used for its intended purpose - a place for Gentiles. Jesus said that instead of a place of prayer the Court had been turned into a den of thieves.

AUTHORITY OF CHRIST CHALLENGED

After this busy and exciting day, our lesson text tells us that, 'when even was come, he went out of the city. Matthew tells us that he went to Bethany for the night.

Jesus was back in Jerusalem with his disciples apparently quite early the next morning. Aroused as Jewish authorities were over what Jesus had done the day before they did not dare to arrest him because of the large following he had in the city. Nevertheless they thought it was necessary for them to do something, in an effort to destroy the influence of Jesus with the masses, until they could complete their plans to destroy him.

Therefore, the chief priests and the scribes, and the elders went on a hunt for Jesus. They found him where they might expect to find him - in the Temple. They challenged him there with a question which they hoped would entrap and destroy him. They asked, 'By what authority does thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?' Since they were in charge of the Temple and were the seat of all authority with reference to what went on in the Temple, they knew Jesus did not have authority from them to do what he had done. Furthermore they thought they knew that he could not get authority from any other source for his actions of the day before.

The Jewish authorities did not expect Jesus to give answer to the question they asked. Rather they hoped to force him to acknowledge that he had no authority for his acts. This, in turn, even in the minds of his followers, they hoped would justify his arrest and destruction.

A LOADED QUESTION

To the surprise and confusion of his enemies, instead of answering their question, Jesus followed a common procedure in arguments of the day and asked them a question. The question Jesus asked, on its face, sounds very simple and harmless. Jesus promised the Jews that he would answer their question if they would answer the question he asked.

The question he asked them was, 'The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?' While the

question sounds innocent enough, the Jewish leaders accustomed to word battles through questions, did not give a hasty answer. Rather they 'reasoned with themselves, which simply means they talked it over before answering.

When the Jewish leaders examined the question of Jesus they saw at once that it was a 'loaded question.' They could get in trouble whichever way they answered. They realized that if they said John's baptism was from heaven, Jesus would immediately ask why they did not believe him. Furthermore, if they said John's work was heaven-directed it would be necessary also to approve the work of Jesus as heaven-directed since the heart of John's message was a recognition of Christ as the Messiah, who was to baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

If, on the other hand they decided to answer that John's baptism was of men, they knew that the masses of people about them would be on their backs since, as Mark says, 'All men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.'

Consequently, embarrassing as it must have been, these Jewish leaders of the Temple, who were supposed to have the proper answer for every religious question, were forced to come back to Jesus with the answer, 'We cannot tell.' They had not discredited Jesus as they planned and even expected. They themselves were so discredited publicly when they confessed ignorance about such an important religious question as the baptism of John. They were so confused that they did not press the matter any further when Jesus said, 'Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.'

AUTHORITY ESSENTIAL IN ORGANIZED LIFE

While the concern these Jewish leaders professed to have about the authority of Christ was basically hypocritical, the need for authority to act and for a recognition of authority is essential in all walks of life. Otherwise organized society could not exist.

If that be true in the common walks of everyday life, how much more essential is it that we have a recognized authority for rules of conduct in human relationships and for personal conduct. There is no mere man of today nor has there ever been a mere man who could set up such rules for conduct that would be recognized by the rest of the world. If one man has a right to express his judgment as to what is right and wrong other men have the same right even though their judgements as to right and wrong may all be directly contradictory with each other. If such were the source for rules of conduct what a world of confusion and multiplicity of standards we would have. Every man would indeed be a law unto himself.

If we are to have an orderly society and a standard for human conduct and human relationships that is acceptable to men generally, it must come from some source higher than the conflicting ideals and standards that habitually come from the minds of men.

We believe that in Christ we have such an authoritative Voice. The people who were fortunate enough to hear him speak while he was on earth were 'astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority.' 'Never man spake like this man,' said one of his enemies. Jesus did speak with authority, divine authority. His life and his teachings so far transcend that of any other person who ever lived that we say, with another of his enemies, 'Truly this is the Son of God.' Two thousand years ago he gave to the world a picture of the perfect man. The world has been moving toward that ideal for two thousand years and still that ideal is far ahead of us.

FREEDOM UNDER CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

Our lesson subject is 'Freedom Under Christ's Authority.' Why do Christians have a freedom no one else can have. Stated briefly, the Christian wants to do God's will. Consequently the true Christian is the only person who can always do what he wants to do without suffering for his actions later. 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free,' says John. He adds a few verses later in John 8, 'If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.'



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

An editorial advocating defensive nuclear weapons for Canada appeared in Toronto recently in the United Church Observer, official publication of the United Church of Canada. Commenting on the controversy over nuclear weapons which recently toppled the Canadian Government, the Rev. A. C. Forrest, editor of the Observer, said the moral arguments against these weapons are not valid.

This editor said he could not accept as moral the arguments of Canadians who are ready to support the United States in its use of the nuclear deterrent as long as all nuclear weapons were kept south of the Canadian border. If Canadian politicians are drawing such a thin line in this kind of world it does seem to be a bit unrealistic.

A communications official of the United Church of Christ has called on the Consultation on Church Union to raise its 'curtain of secrecy' surrounding its church unity talks and admit reporters and invited guests to its sessions. The plea was made by Dr. Everett C. Parker of New York. He warned that any plan of church union proposed by the consultation would be rejected by denominational members involved unless church leaders open their deliberations to scrutiny by the press and by visitors from the protestant groups concerned.

This does seem to be a fair suggestion. If there is serious consideration of major denominational mergers we all ought to know about them at every step of the way and not some day find ourselves asked to consider a proposal which is already an accomplished fact.

A debate on the merits of the New English Bible, and whether it should be read in church, occupied a session of the recent Anglican Church Assembly at Westminster. Professor Denis Nineham of London University upheld the validity of the new version, while Ivor Bulmer-Thomas of London attacked it. At one point during the latter's talk, Dr. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of York, rose to defend the committee of translators against a charge of 'commercialism.'

We were quite interested in one point raised by Professor Nineham, who pointed out that many critics of the new Bible 'put the cart before the horse.' The Bible, he said, sits in judgment on the church and not the church on the Bible. The New English Bible has been found most useful by some people in this country, but it has not had anywhere like the wide acceptance as the Revised Standard version.

The Harrisburg (Pa.) Evening News has editorially accused Pennsylvania churches of breaking the law by sponsoring bingo. 'In the name of sweet charity, churches, private clubs, fraternal, civic and service groups break the law in many areas of Pennsylvania,' the editorial said, 'by running gambling games.'

The Pennsylvania Newspaper indicated that there are problems in that state also concerning enforcement of gambling laws. The editorial complained that enforcement of statutes against bingo is something which depends on the Pennsylvania county involved and who happens to be district attorney at the time.

A minister's personal influence in his relationship with potential theological students has been cited in Boston as the most important factor in recruiting new clergymen. This was the consensus of eight prominent Protestant clergymen who participated in Boston University's written symposium on 'How Does

the Ministry Attract Recruits?' Dean Walter G. Mueller of Boston University School of Theology, who headed the group, said that the minister or college teacher 'who shows students how the whole of their education is unified and made meaningful in a vision of divine truth and love will recruit effectively for the ministry.'

We believe that expressions we have heard from many other leaders in this field will confirm the consensus of the members of this symposium. Again and again we see evidence of ministers who have shown unusual ability to encourage decisions for the ministry and we have been convinced that their personal influences were among major deciding factors.

The sacraments should receive as much attention in the function of the Christian church as do preaching and teaching, a Protestant theologian recently told a Pastor's Study Conference in Springfield, Mass. Dr. Allen O. Miller, professor of Philosophy and systematic theology at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., declared that the 'sacraments and the preaching of the Word are in a one-to-one relationship in terms of their vitality and significance in the witness of the church.'



DR. GERALD E. KNOFF (left), executive secretary of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, talks with Lloyd Wright, director of public affairs support for the Peace Corps, at the education division's annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo. In a speech at the meeting, Mr. Wright said the experience of the Peace Corps shows that young Americans have a 'sincere desire to help people who need help.' He suggested that Church groups may have failed to tap these resources because they have been 'majoring on negative programs, seeking to correct the errors of the few.'

The boys and girls in a confirmation class at Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe, Mich., have had the unusual experience of having a rabbi as one of their instructors. Church spokesmen said that while the appearance of a Jewish clergyman before the class was a 'first' for the congregation, 'we see no reason for it to be the last. For Rabbi M. Robert Syme of Detroit's Temple Israel, it was not a new experience since he reported that he had done it quite frequently.'

The United States Supreme Court, in an 8 to 1 decision, has held that the Rhode Island Commission to Encourage the Morality of Youth had acted in an unconstitutional manner in circulating lists of allegedly obscene publications to book and magazine vendors and threatening them with prosecution if they sell any of them. The Court held that the law under which they acted did not afford publishers sufficient protection to their Constitutional rights.

In Detroit, Mich. a Lutheran clergyman has started a parish 'minor seminary', or club, for elementary school boys interested in the ministry. The future preachers' club is patterned after a similar parish-seminary-for-youth plan which the pastor, the Rev. Harold B. Billnitzer, started in a former parish at Perrysburg, Ohio.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the Lutheran World Federation, dedicated that group's new and powerful Christian radio station near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to the benefit of all human beings, bringing 'hope and faith' to all people. Speaking at the inauguration of the LWF's 'Voice of the Gospel,' he stressed that the station will be devoted to the people's 'standard of life, their health, their advancement, their education, as well as to open their ears to the best news of all, of peace with God.' Attending the ceremony were Ethiopian government officials, headed by Emperor Haile Selassie who brought a message of greeting.

Dr. Martin Niemoeller, head of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau, and a co-president of the World Council of Churches, began a tour of the United States, making his first appearance Feb 24 at Duke University. On Easter he will preach at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Representatives of religious news and communications media in newspaperless New York recently attended a press preview of the new \$5,900,000 Protestant Episcopal Church Center on Manhattan's East Side, one block west of the United Nations. A feature was the presentation of the keys to the 12-story building to Presiding Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger, by Bishop Frederick J. Warnecke of Bethlehem, Pa., building commission chairman.

Indian Lutheran congregations in Malaya formed an independent Evangelical Lutheran Church after severing their affiliation with the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church of South India by mutual consent. The new autonomous body, episcopal in structure, is made up of several congregations with about 1,000 members widely scattered on the rubber plantations in Malaya.

Protestants and Roman Catholics are estranged relatives working toward a family reunion that can be completed only by a miracle, Dr. John W. Grant, editor of the Ryerson Press, said in Toronto. The United Church of Canada minister was addressing a predominantly Catholic audience of 300 persons in a lecture sponsored by the Catholic Information centre.

Dr. E.S. James, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, has said that he is 'happily disillusioned' as the result of a 40-minute visit with President Kennedy. The editor, who once expressed doubt that a Roman Catholic could 'think independently' as president, said, 'it's very evident to me that the president is determined to abide by the Constitutional provision for the separation of Church and State.'

Three American missionaries captured last month by guerrillas in Vietnam are alive and in good health, according to reports received in New York by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The missionaries, captured at an Alliance-sponsored leprosy hospital, are Dr. Arkel Vietti of Houston, Tex.; the Rev. Archie Mitchell of Ellensburg, Wash.; and Daniel Gerber of Dayton, Ohio.

Anglican Archbishop Frederick D. Coggan of York declared in Oxford, England that the rapid growth of world literacy presents a challenge to the church in the fight for man's mind. 'It would be an enormous tragedy,' he said, 'if the church, which took the initiative in teaching people to read, lost the initiative in the matter of what people should read.'

A bill to permit civil marriage in Maryland, the only state to bar such a ceremony, has died in committee in Annapolis. Members of the House Judiciary Committee, in a voice vote, rejected legislation which had won the approval of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen.

Can I Serve as a Camp Counselor

By Lawrence Gilbert

Conference Director of Youth Work

"I truly had a wonderful time and I thoroughly enjoyed the boys and girls that I was fortunate enough to have in my 'living group' . . . I surely hope you will find a need for me again."

Who do you suppose said that? It was a counselor in a Junior Camp! Camping can be fun! There is something wonderful about feeling a part of God's world. But even more important is the sense of accomplishment that comes from helping boys and girls grow as Christians.

A very small junior boy came to one of our camps one summer. When he arrived in camp, his mother made his bed. Reluctantly she left fearing that the boy could not make it alone. The boy was withdrawn at first. But in the fellowship of others he began to take on responsibility. Before the week was over he was happily participating with others in his small group.

In one week this boy had learned to be more responsible, to use his independence creatively, to trust God's world, to live and work with others productively and to commit his life to Christ. Of course, he was not a finished

product, but camp made a difference. Here, Christian ideals were lived and experienced.

Who made this possible? Well, many people had a hand in it. But the one who made the most lasting contribution was a Christian adult counselor. Several hundred Louisiana Christians will give a week of their time this summer to helping boys and girls grow as Christians. Some will be counselors in District camps. Others will help their local church to have a day camp.

Camp counselors will have an opportunity for training in the spring. The following dates have been set for training both District camp and day camp counselors:

Alexandria	June 1
Baton Rouge	May 24-25
Lafayette	May 25
Lake Charles	May 18
Monroe	May 17-18
New Orleans	May 24-25
Ruston	May 17-18
Shreveport	May 17-18

You can help by contacting the District Director of Camping in your District:

Alexandria—Rev. Ira Robinson, Elizabeth, Louisiana

Baton Rouge—Rev. James Jones, P. O. Box 234, Zachary, Louisiana

Lafayette—Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., Abbeville, Louisiana

Lake Charles—Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr., P. O. Box 657, Westlake, Louisiana

New Orleans—Rev. Robert Potter, 4600 Arthur Drive, New Orleans

Ruston—Rev. George W. Rose, Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, Louisiana

Shreveport—Rev. Conrad Edwards, Logansport, Louisiana

Why don't you join the several hundred other Louisiana Christians who will be helping boys and girls grow as Christians in our Church camps? Ask your pastor how you can help or talk with your District Director of Camping. Then you, too, can say, "I thoroughly enjoyed the boys and girls that I was fortunate enough to have in my 'living group' . . ."

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METHODIST BRIEFS

The Rev. Joseph A. Keiper travels nearly 200,000 miles a year ministering to his space age parishioners who spend their working time tracking missiles. For seven years, Mr. Keiper has been chaplain for the 1,500 workers who man the island tracking stations

of the Atlantic Missile Range. Although he is a Methodist, his services are non-denominational.

A \$100,000 gift from the Pasadena (Calif.) Methodist Foundation of the First Methodist Church in that city has been announced to underwrite the cost of an administration building at the Southern California School of Theology, Claremont.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Southeastern Jurisdiction, will be held March 4-5 at First Church, Memphis, Tenn. This will be immediately before the quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation to be held in that same church March 5-7. The deaconesses of the jurisdiction will meet March 3-4, and the Wesleyan Service Guild, March 2-3.

Two new directors have been added to the professional fund-raising staff of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions. They are: the Rev. Dr. E. Wesley Perry, former pastor of First Methodist Church, Omaha, and the Rev. Edmund R. Warne, Jr., former pastor of Community Methodist Church, Lancaster, Calif.

The Rev. Dr. Victor L. Rankin, former pastor in Cuba, has been appointed to the First Methodist Church of Buenos Aires. He began his duties Feb. 3.

New Orleans District Guilds Study Prayer

The New Orleans District Wesleyan Service Guild of The Methodist Church, under the leadership of Miss Mildred A. Evans, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, will conduct a study on "Prayer" using the text book "Dimensions of Prayer" by Douglas V. Steere.

Parsonettes Hear Mrs. Pearce

Alexandria District Parsonettes met for their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Guy Hicks, 2107 Jackson Street in Alexandria.

A Valentine Day Motif was featured in the floral decorations used throughout the reception rooms. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Frances Pearce, President; she also was the featured speaker for the Program entitled, "So Every One According to Her Cue." Mrs. Pearce discussed in detail the development of speech in a pre-school child, as well as her work in speech therapy in the public schools of Natchitoches Parish.

The Devotional thought was given by Mrs. Billye Smith of Olla. She read a timely article from the Readers Digest entitled "Live With Enthusiasm." Later copies of this article were distributed to all of the members present.

A 'Homemade' Valentine had been made by each of the Parsonettes. Following the meeting these were passed around and enjoyed by the group. After the meeting these were sent to Mrs. Ella Mae Boddie of Jena, who is hospitalized there following a recent injury.

Hostesses for this affair were Mrs. Bess Hicks, Mrs. Ann Benoit, Mrs. Earline Friedrich and Mrs. Mary Poole.

Special guests from the Shreveport District were: Mrs. Otis Spinks, Mrs. John Kilpatrick and Mrs. A. A. Knight.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT PARSONETTES shown are, from left: (upper picture) Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. D. R. Deen, Mrs. Fred Flurry, and Mrs. Jack Tinnin; (lower picture) Mrs. John Kilpatrick, Mrs. Alice Shirley, Mrs. A. A. McKnight, Mrs. Otis Spinks, and Mrs. A. G. Taylor. (Kilpatrick, McKnight, and Spinks were guests from Shreveport District).

The study will be held for four weeks beginning Thursday, March 7, and continuing, once each week, from Wednesday, March 13, through Wednesday, March 27, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The first session will be held at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church with Rev. B. A. Galloway, Pastor, discussing "Prayer as High as the Heavens and the Stars."

The other sessions will be at Munnolland Memorial Methodist Church with Rev. Q. C. Roberts, Associate Pastor, discussing "Prayer as Long as Eternal Life"; Second Methodist Church with Rev. W. M. Finnin, Pastor, discussing "Prayer as Wide as God's Mercy and the Human Heart"; and the final session at First Methodist Church with Rev. Warren Livingston, Associate Pastor, discussing "Prayer as Deep as Happiness and Tears."



THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, in cooperation with the United Church Women, observed the World Day of Prayer with a special service at 7:45 p.m. at First Methodist Church, 3401 Canal Street. Dr. Carl F. Lueg, district superintendent, brought the message.

MARCH 19 WILL BE THE OPENING LESSON on "The Dimensions of Prayer" in Merryville Woman's Society of Christian Service. This lesson will be taught by a former member, Mrs. D. W. Smith, now a DeRidder resident.

WOMEN OF ALEXANDRIA AND PINEVILLE observed World Day of Prayer at First Christian Church with two services, one at 10 a.m. and the night service at 7:30. Mrs. Fred Flurry was general chairman. Featured speaker was Mrs. J. B. Jung, Presbyterian missionary to the Congo.

MRS. J. B. BELL was in charge of World Day of Prayer services in the Oak Grove Methodist Church on Friday night, March 1.

THE PARKER MEMORIAL WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, New Orleans, held the January meeting in the home of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Reuel H. Allen. In honor of Guild Month, the group placed a guest register in the Perrier Street entrance of the church. They also placed flowers in the church during January.

MONROE DISTRICT PARSONETTES met in the home of Mrs. S. A. Seegers in Columbia on Thursday, February 21, with Mrs. Paul Durbin as co-hostess.

THE REV. WILLIAM FINNIN, pastor Second Methodist Church in New Orleans, was devotional speaker at the February meeting of the Methodist Home Hospital Auxiliary.

THE REV. BARRY BAILEY, pastor of the Broadmoor Church in Baton Rouge, will teach the study "Dimension of Prayer" for the women of that church, beginning March 26, with the other three sessions to be held the first three Tuesdays in April.

THE WOMEN'S INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS, of which United Church Women is a part, presented an evening of music representative of the three faiths on Tuesday, February 19. The program was presented by the Schola Cantorum, Father Robert Stahl, SM, director; Mr. Ralph Slifkin, singing sacred Jewish music; and the choir of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Clifford Tucker, conductor.

MRS. RALPH REEVE is guiding the study of "Today's Children in Tomorrow's World" for the Woman's Society in Welsh Methodist Church.

DR. KARL M. PARKER, Executive director of Churches of Greater Houston, was the speaker for the Church House observance of World Day of Prayer. Multiple services were held in New Orleans, sponsored by United Church Women.



WOMAN'S PAGE



WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

March 16 - 17, 1963

THEME:

"CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES — SENT TO BE APOSTLES"

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 A.M. —Registration —Lobby, Virginia Hotel
10:00 A.M. —Executive Committee —Cameo Room, Virginia Hotel
12:00 Noon —Executive Committee Luncheon —Cameo Room, Virginia Hotel
1:00 P.M. —Registration —Foyer, Educational Building, First Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church
1:45 P.M. —Organ Prelude —Mrs. Harvey Nelson
Convening of the Twelfth Annual Meeting
Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, Presiding.
Scripture and Prayer —Mrs. Charles Salmons
Opening Worship —Miss Mildred Evans
Welcome —Reverend G. W. Harbuck and Mrs. M. W. Phillips
Order of Business:
Presentation of the Program
Mrs. Austin Miller

4:15 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Report of Recording Secretary
Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr.
Appointment of Committees
Introductions
Announcements
Report of the Conference Secretary
Miss Arline Tyler
Reports of Conference Chairmen:
Christian Social Relations
Mrs. Alvin Sandefur
Missionary Education and Service
Mrs. Austin Miller
Spiritual Life Cultivation
Miss Mildred Evans
Supply Work —Mrs. T. D. Guthrie
Guild Times —Miss Elizabeth Langford
Pledge Service —Mrs. Carl Gallaher
—Fellowship Tea - Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church, Courtesy Memorial, Rayville, Mer Rouge, and Winnsboro Guilds.
—Dinner: Featuring Supply Work —Crystal Ballroom, Virginia Hotel. Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Presiding.
Invocation —Reverend Edward R. Haug
Introductions —Mrs. M. W. Phillips and Miss Arline Tyler
Address —Reverend William Stokes
Special Music
John Wesley's Benediction —Unison

EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church
Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding

8:00 P.M.

—Organ Prelude —Mrs. Harvey Nelson
Prayer —Reverend Earl B. Emmerich
Address: "Called to Be Disciples, Sent to Be Apostles" —Mrs. Hazel Dabney
Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts:
The Reverends G. W. Harbuck, B. R. Oliphant, Loyd E. Williams, James Evans, and Lamont Rouse.
Benediction —Reverend G. W. Harbuck

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Crystal Ballroom — Virginia Hotel

7:00 A.M. —Quiet Breakfast —Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
Invocation —Mrs. Janice Richardson
Meditation —Reverend Lea Joyner
Closing Prayer —Mrs. Betty Denham
—Order of Business —Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding
Election of Delegates
Report of Committees
9:00 A.M. —Missionary Hour —Mrs. Austin Miller, Presiding
Hymn: "Heralds of Christ" —Number 482
Address: "Guilders Who Answered the Call" —Miss Caroline Porter
Closing Prayer —Mrs. Willis Ward
—Adjournment —Miss Arline Tyler
Worship Service —First Methodist Church
—Buffet Luncheon —Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church, Courtesy of Southside, Lake Providence, and Tallulah Guilds.
10:00 A.M.
10:50 A.M.
12:15 P.M.

MISS CAROLINE PORTER, Sunday morning speaker, was featured on the Woman's Page in the issue of last week.

at Lake Providence

On January 30 over forty women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Lake Providence, met on the coldest, wettest day of the new year with the State President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville, and the Monroe District President, Mrs. S. A. Seegars, Columbia, as special guests.

This meeting was an all out thrust to reach every woman in the local church, and the program was especially planned to interpret the program to them.

Group interest and participation was excellent in Mrs. Dameron's presentation of an overall organization and function of the W.S.C.S.

Carolyn Ann Oswalt, Becky Oswalt, Ann Barry, Cindy Bagwell, Carol Hester, Julia Neal, and Betty Howard (a group of Senior Highs) presented the Soliloquy, WHY JOIN?

The group was led by Mrs. Dameron in a Bible Depth Study, and a Pot Luck Luncheon concluded the meeting.

Several denominations have generously shared their facilities while the First Methodist Church is in the process of building a new church. This meeting was held in Grace Episcopal Church.

Rev. A. P. Smith is the local pastor and shared the day with us.



MRS. HAZEL DABNEY will address the Guild delegates Saturday night.

Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, has served as Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the South Central Jurisdiction since June 1960. Prior to her election as Jurisdiction Secretary, she served as Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Little Rock Conference, 1952-1956. Mrs. Dabney was a charter member of the Guild of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, organized in 1940. After moving to Pine Bluff in 1943 she continued working in the Guild. She has served in some capacity of leadership in the church for many years, and at present is a member of the Planning Committee and is Sec-



MISS ARLINE TYLER of Shreveport will preside over sessions of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Monroe First Church, March 16-17.

retary-Treasurer of the Church School of Lakeside Methodist Church.

Mrs. Dabney is Supervisor of the Pine Bluff Elementary Schools and served in the same capacity in the Fayetteville Public Schools for eighteen years.

A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, she attended the Normal Training School there, Brenau College and the University of Arkansas. She has had additional work beyond the BSE at Peabody College and Northwestern University.

FROM MAGNOLIA CHURCH, GREENWELL SPRINGS

The Woman's Society of the Magnolia Methodist Church in Greenwell Springs recently visited Pineacres Nursing Home, Pride, La. as a result of their study "Arm of Compassion" taught by Mrs. Wm. Jacocks and Mrs. Al Teed. Aprons were presented to the ladies and handkerchiefs to the men, along with candy favors. A devotional service was given and community singing of the Methodist Hymns followed. Further results of the same study included sending receiving blankets and diaper shirts to the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans. Rev. Wm. Jacocks is pastor of the Magnolia Church.

KENNER PRAYER PROJECTS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Kenner Methodist Church recently completed the study "The Dimensions of Prayer" taught by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Marvin Corley.

As a result of the four inspiring sessions, the group voted to continue meeting weekly with a prayer cell and further study in depth of prayer. Other outgrowths of the study included the choosing of prayer partners, the placing of two books on prayer in the church library, and the selecting of appropriate poems to be included when the altar flowers are sent to shut-ins. The decision to set the example of a more reverent attitude upon entering church was also made.

St. Luke's, Lake Charles

Miss Diane Watkins was the guest speaker for the Women's Society of St. Luke's Church in Lake Charles at their most recent meeting. Having recently returned from Germany where she spent a year under the sponsorship of the International Christian Youth Exchange Program, she enthusiastically and interestingly told of her experiences. Included was a brief description of the I.C.Y.E. Program and its purpose. Miss Watkins stressed the promotion of goodwill and understanding throughout the world.

The group decided to participate in the Mission Study on Prayer to be held at the First Methodist Church, 19th and 26th of March, and April 2nd and 9th. Mrs. Walter Ruddick led the devotion. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Fontenot.



Conference, local, and district presidents shown at Lake Providence, Monroe District, are: Mrs. G. W. Dameron (left), Mrs. F. M. Terral, and Mrs. S. A. Seegars.



THE MEMBERS of the Luling Woman's Society posed during a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. G. W. Eldridge. The group honored the president, Mrs. Norman Weigle, and a former president, Mrs. LeRoy Linton, who is moving to El Dorado, Arkansas.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Conscience Must Guide Our Actions

A CONSCIENCE FOR THESE TIMES -- Eve Curie in her 'Journey among Warriors' told of interviewing the first batch of German prisoners captured by the Russians in the last war. She asked them, 'Do you think your Fuehrer was right when he invaded Poland?' They promptly answered 'Yes.' Then she asked, 'Do you think Hitler was right when he marched into France?' Again they answered, 'Yes.' Then she asked, 'Do you think your leader was right when he invaded Russia?' Being prisoners of the Russians, they hesitated a moment and then said, 'No, we guess we made a mistake there.'

Out of that conversation the author distilled this conclusion, that in the Nazi philosophy the only criterion of right and wrong was this, Does it succeed? If a thing seemed to succeed, it was right. If it seemed to fail, it was wrong.

We Americans cannot accept such pagan reasoning. We believe some things are right even though they are unpopular, and some things are wrong even though they go over big. In theory at least, we take our guidance as to rightness from God and conscience rather than from popular polls and election returns.

But while we call this a nation 'under God' when we salute our flag, do we always practice what we preach? A well-known admiral is reported to have said that if Russia announced her intention of orbiting a man to hell, there would be a least two delegations coming to Washington within a week asking for Congress to appropriate more money so that America could get there first. All too often we look to the Kremlin rather than to Christ for governmental guidance.

But what is conscience? Some tell us that conscience is only the inner echo of the customary practice around us. To support this contention they cite the fact that what men may call right in Calcutta may be called wrong in our American cities, and that what was done conscientiously as good in 1953 may not be permitted in 1963.

But admitting all these changes of moral codes, it must be remembered that something in man started the customs and habits of society. What was it that made the savage feel it was wrong to betray a friend? What made prophets and pioneers defy custom and the crowd even to the point of death? When we cut down through changing codes, we come to something embedded in human nature which forms original judgments of good and bad, of right and wrong. Conscience is placed in us by the God who made us.

Although the Creator equipped with us a conscience, He does not guarantee to keep it in condition. A conscience, like our bokyoy organs, need care and exercise to keep it fit. And the conscience must be watched even more closely than the body because its illnesses do not always make themselves known by aches and pains. A sluggish liver gives one a dyspeptic feeling of discomfort, but a sluggish conscience may give us a kind of exhilaration. It may even make one feel that he is having 'the time of his life.' No, it is shallow thinking to say glibly, 'Let conscience be your guide.'

We need to keep consulting God to keep the conscience free. Freedom of conscience is one of America's most precious tenets. The settlers of this land fled from countries where state churches and tyrannical governments controlled thought. We are determined this shall not happen here.

But even if we keep the conscience free from both church and state domination, its liberty would not be guaranteed. Some consciences are free as a stray dog is free. Having no master, it follows any passerby who whistles to it. So many persons fall in behind any passing prejudice or shouting crowd. Such persons play into the hands of demagogues and dangerous propagandists.

A finely trained faithful dog enjoys a freer fuller life than the stray mongrel of the streets. When Christ said, 'Take my yoke upon you and learn of me,' He was offering freedom from the enslavements of worldly things. That is the truth expressed in the old hymn, 'Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.'

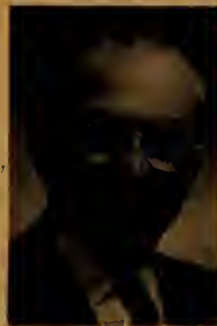
And the conscience must not only be free but clear. That means we must think hard. Some men have clear consciences because their heads are empty. It is not always easy for us as individuals and as a government to know what is the right course to take in our complex situations. Therefore we must say with Saint Paul, 'I exercise myself to keep my conscience void of offense before God and man.'

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THE SIXTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER



TWO OF THE MOST JOYOUS MOMENTS in the Christian world, Christmas and Easter, are also reflected in the simple joys of a child. Gifts at Christmas, a bunny or a chick at Easter.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

GOD'S TWO-WAY CALL

Moses had an impossible job. Few men would have accepted it in the first place. And as the way became rougher, most men would have given up the responsibility. Anyone who reads the story of the Hebrews and their travels toward the promised land will be astounded at the moral courage of this great man. It was bad enough to face King Pharaoh and demand the release of his people. It was even worse to face his kinsmen and deal with their lack of vision.

Evidently Moses was very lonely many times. Every leader is lonely as he tries to strike a new path for his people. The trail blazer is never a popular fellow. People always like to follow beaten paths, and when they must make new experiments with life, few of them can find any thrill about the experience. Many may dream of being great leaders in their day, but few are willing to pay the price of leadership.

It is no wonder that Moses was always on the lookout for people with ability to lead others. Because his most trusted helpers betrayed him. While he was talking with God on Mount Sinai, his brother Aaron led the people in idol-worship. Then Aaron's sons burned incense before God as if He were a heathen idol. You can't blame the great prophet very much for losing his temper at times.

But Hobab, Moses' father-in-law, was a dependable man. Besides, he knew the wilderness like he knew the back of his hand. And being a Midianite, he did not know much about the God of

the Jews. So Moses saw a lot of possibilities in his friendship with Hobab. 'Come with us', Moses said, 'And we will do you good.' Moses was a pretty good lay evangelist. He recognized the good that could come to anyone who would worship with the Jews. So he invited Hobab to go with him to church.

Hobab preferred to go back home and to live the same kind of life that he had been living. So he turned Moses down. But Moses was not ready to quit witnessing. He did what every smart leader does. He thought of something that Hobab could do that would keep him close to the church. He asked Hobab to 'Serve as eyes for us', in the wilderness. His knowledge of the wild country was actually a talent. And Moses saw that God could use this simple talent. So these men teamed up and led the Children of Israel to the land that God had prepared for them.

God calls every one in two ways. 'Come to me,' He says, 'And I can do you good.' God has unlimited force for changing a person's life. But we have to come to Him before it can happen. No one can feel God's power until his heart is open to the call of the Holy Spirit... Then when we accept His call to be a disciple, every one can be a witness. One can be legs to the cripple. Another can be eyes to the blind. Another can be a song of joy to the sorrowful. Still another can be a hope to the hopeless. God can use every human being. And while we are working for Him, He always does us good.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Sacrament of the Community

George A. Tanner, campus minister
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Are the sacraments important to the life of the church or are they just rituals to be endured? Do we participate in the Service of Holy Eucharist because it is considered an acceptable-good?

Prior to examining my understanding of the Holy Eucharist (Lord's Supper, Holy Communion), let us look at the sacraments in a limited historical perspective. From the eleventh to the sixteenth century seven sacraments were normative for the Christian Church. In the sixteenth century, the leaders of the Reformation, inferred that the seven sacraments had become identified with a "good-works" theology and was therefore antagonistic to a basic Biblical doctrine—Salvation by Faith through Grace. He called for a return to the normativeness of the Holy Scripture and proclaimed that salvation is not something in the keeping of the church, but it is entirely in the keeping of God. From this conflict, two sacraments (Baptism and Holy Eucharist) remained because they had the authority of the words of Jesus, (Mark 10:38; Mark 14:22-25; I Corinthians 11:23-27).

The traditional definition of the sacraments is "an outward and visible sign" (given by God) of "an inward and invisible grace" (divine action in and upon man).

The Lenten season is a special time of remembrance, in the sense of personal appropriation of the Christ-event (Cross and Resurrection). The act of appropriation is the Service of Holy Eucharist. Now let us examine the sacrament of the community.

Concerning the elements used in the service, the bread and wine is common bread and wine. However, the elements symbolically become the body and blood of Jesus Christ, for him who has the heart to feel the confrontation of the Holy God.

BREAD

In the Pauline account, the bread signifies the suffering, destroyed body of Jesus Christ. To taste of the bread is to participate, vicariously, in the suffering death of Jesus Christ. We take, as our own, this self-offering of the God-man. We accept this sacrifice even though we "are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table." Symbolically, the taking of bread unites us together, with Christ, before the Holy God; and unites us as a community of the faithful (koinonia). By the divine action in and upon

man "inward and invisible grace" man-in-community makes ready to receive the implications of the cup.

CUP

The cup is associated with the life-giving suffering of Jesus-Christ. The cup denotes total devotion of life to God. "He that would save his life must lose it."

The Gospel of Mark and St. Paul's letters speak of the "cup of new covenant." I believe for one to understand the cup, the covenant must become the important word. The covenant implies that God approaches man and man promises to obey, (Exodus 24:1-8). To keep the covenant unimpaired man must be obedient to the law. Man is not able to be obedient to the law. Man's "bent to sinning" breaks the relationship between God and man. A new covenant is necessary and is ratified in the death and resurrection of Jesus-Christ. We are bought with a price. We are not our own. We lose our life in that it may be found. The cup is the new covenant perfected through suffering and signifies the bond of unity between God and man.

IN REMEMBRANCE

By participation in the Service of Holy Eucharist (sacrifice), we freely embrace the sacrifice of Jesus-Christ and appropriate it as our own. In this act God is meeting man. This is man's response to God's approach not man's approach to God. Man acts because God has already acted in history.

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Build A Devotional

PAUL AND WOMEN

We do not find in Paul the whole hearted, enthusiastic acceptance and approval of women which we find in Jesus. To Paul marriage was a sort of secondary value, a necessary concession to human biology, but something of such nature that to forgo it indicated strength of character. "But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion" (I Cor. 7:9).

Jesus attended the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-2), which implies that he

approved of weddings. Jesus never discriminated between the sexes; his relationship with both were based on an assumption of equality.

Scattered throughout Paul's epistles are utterances upon the subject of women which can not fail to shock, and which have been avoided by preacher and teacher alike. There seems to be no doubt that Paul relegated women to a position of inferiority to men. For example, "I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a woman is her husband, and the head of Christ is God" (I Cor. 11:13). "The Woman should keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate even as the law says. If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church" (I Cor. 14:34-35). "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord" (Eph. 5:22). The fact that Paul repeats this statement in his letter to the Colossians (Col. 3:18) gives it emphasis. "I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent" (I Tim. 2:12). That Jesus and Paul did not have identical attitudes toward marriage is reflected in their interpretations of the quotation from Genesis 2:24. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." Paul applies this to the relation of husband and wife (Eph. 5:28-33). But he also applies it to the relation between a man and a prostitute (I Cor. 6:13, 15, 16). It is difficult to

Let The Children Come

Spring is a time for singing. After the long winter days, it is good to run about in the warm sunshine. The birds have returned and they twitter and sing as they build their new nests. Everywhere people are cleaning up their flower patches and gardens to plant seed. This is a season for joy.

In our Sunday School classes and at church we sing songs and hymns about the wonders of the earth. One of our favorites is, "For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies; For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light; Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise."

If you will turn in your Bible to the last five Psalms, you will see that each one is a song of praise. Here are some of the verses chosen from them. Together they make a litany of Thanksgiving—

"Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever . . . All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being . . . Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven . Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints."

Psalms 145-150

imagine Jesus subscribing to such usage. Such a relationship is the antithesis of oneness. It approaches the ultimate in the exploitation of a person as a thing. Jesus implied that husband and wife created a new spiritual entity. Apparently Paul did not see the relationship of the sexes on quite this level.

—Chaplain Lyman T. Barger

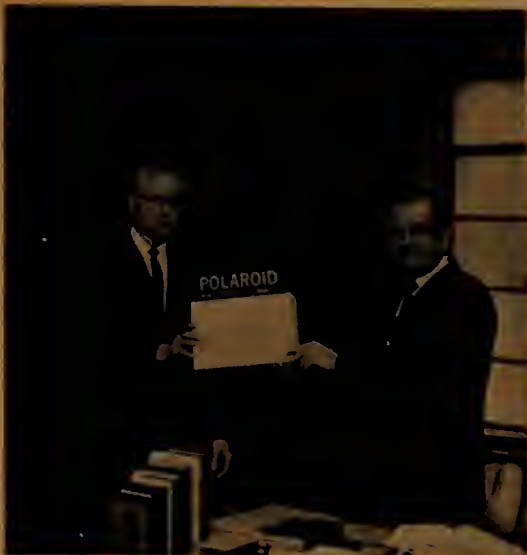
Poem For The Week

FAITH

"Keep this for me."
What child has not said this,
And placed a treasure in his Mother's hand
With strict injunction she should keep it safe
Till he return?
He knows with her it will be safe;
No troubled thought or anxious fear besets
his mind,
And off he runs light-hearted to his play.

If children can so trust, why cannot we,
And place our treasures, too, in God's safe
hand;
Our hopes, ambitions, needs, and those we
love,
Just see them, in his all embracing care,
And say with joyous heart, "They are with
Thee."

—from Poems that Touch the Heart
Author Unknown



A LAYMAN OF THE first Methodist Church, Mansfield, Mr. Knott, is shown here presenting the pastor, the Rev. W.R. Irving, Jr., with a Polaroid camera as a gift from a number of friends for use by the church and church school.



DR. W.F. BROOKS and Mrs. J.K. Kimball of Vinton Methodist Church examine a catalogue in preparation of ordering new choir robes which Dr. Brooks is giving. The retired physician is most active in church and community activities, and has served as chairman, and has served as chairman of the Official Board and a number of Committees.



RINGGLOD METHODIST CHURCH recently installed a new steeple, shown here, which was given by E. B. Gillon and Mrs. W. A. Givens in memory of Mrs. Gillon.



REPRESENTING LAKE Providence First Methodist Church at the recent workshop on Every Member Visitation were, from left, Walter Tomlinson, Marvin Ragland, William Shirey, William Gore and the pastor, the Rev. Alvin P. Smith.

"While in a free country the damage church politics may do may not be as great outwardly as in tyranny, the damage is just as serious."—the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of Division of World Missions of Board of Missions, New York, speaking in Charlotte, N. C.



THE KING AND QUEEN of the Valentine Court of North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, are shown here following their presentation. The queen is Linda Sumrall and the king is Billy Farmer. Others of the court, from left, are Richard Brook, Carol Ann Abney, and at right, Carla Chapman and Tommy Rutledge.



MRS. S. L. WEISER, a member of Bossier City's First Methodist Church, spoke to the church membership March 5, beginning a study on 'The Arm of Compassion'. The church-wide study will continue with later sessions.



MANGUM MEMORIAL METHODIST youth of Shreveport held their annual Madi Gras and Sweet Heart Banquet February 9. Over 100 young people attended, some shown in these two pictures. Named Junior High Queen was Sandra



Berry, and King was Kerlin Burchee. Senior High Queen was Kay Bacon and Connie Watson was King. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.



QUEEN MELBA BROWN is being crowned by the MYF Counselor, Lee Jennings, during the Junior High Valentine Banquet of Natchitoches First Methodist Church. Seated at left is King Allen Posey. At the right is Princess Trudy Bates, Prince Rodney Henry, and not shown is Princess Ruth Pierson.

The Junior High members of First Methodist Church attended a Valentine Banquet, February 8. The members and guests enjoyed mixer games and competed for a door prize before being seated.

After the invocation by Rodney Henry, Bill Davis, master of ceremonies introduced Lee Jennings, Junior Hi MYF counselor, who presented the King and Queen of Hearts and Court. Allen Posey, Jr., and Melba Brown reigned as King and Queen, Trudy

Bates and Ruth Pierson were Princesses, and Rodney Henry, Prince.

Table games were enjoyed after the meal, after which the guest entertainer, Dr. Charles Palmer, accompanied by Herschel Sandefur gave humorous readings.

The evening was closed with the MYF Benediction.



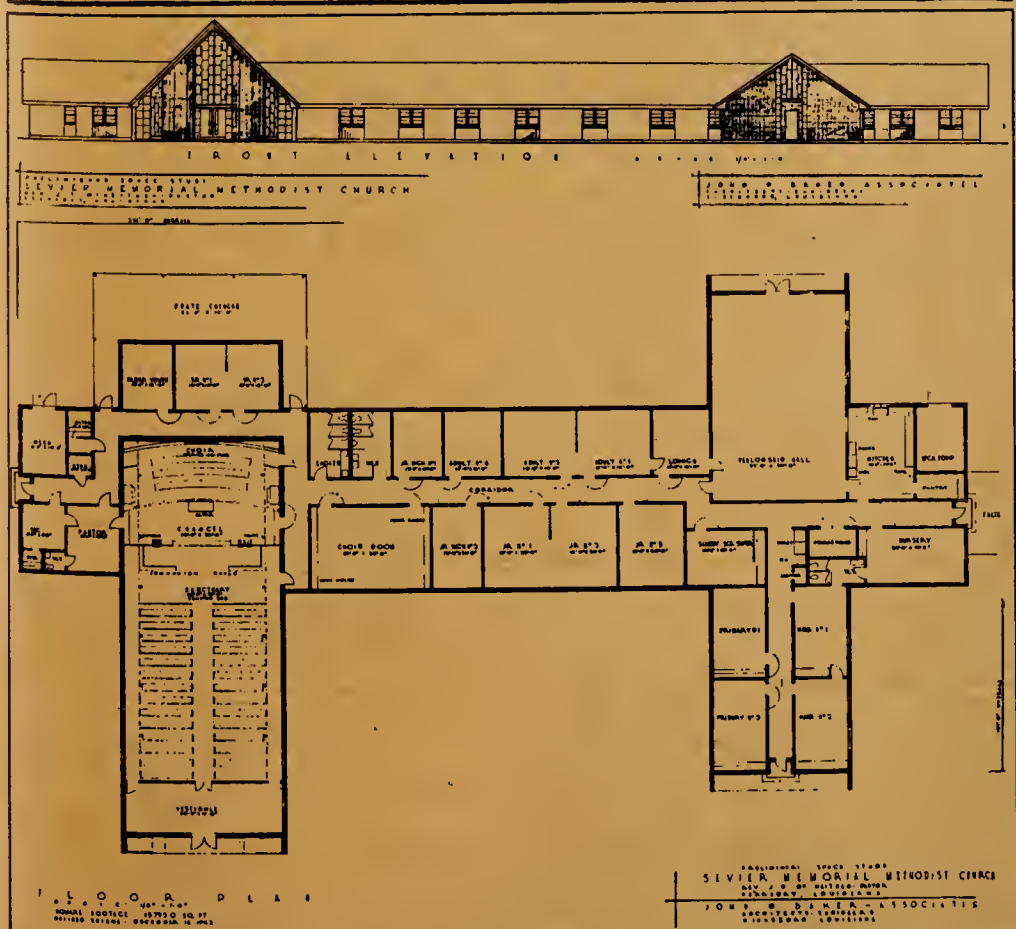
MR AND MRS LARRY DANTZLER of Springhill Methodist Church are shown here preparing to paint murals in the new youth building of the church. The murals will depict the MYF work, and are 36 feet long. The Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor.



SHOWN HERE are members attending the family night Feb. 6 at Urania Methodist Church. This culminated their study on 'The Rim of East Asia.' The pastor is the Rev. E. W. Sandel.



THESE TWO PICTURES show scenes of the leadership training school held the last of January at First Methodist Church, Bastrop. It was attended by representatives from First Church, Memorial (Bastrop), Bonita, Vonne Idee and Mer Rouge. At the top, from left seated, are some of the leaders, the Rev. Don Wineinger, the Rev. George Dameron, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, and standing are Robert L. Peyton and William B. Shaw. In the lower picture are some of the people who attended the meeting.



THIS IS THE BUILDING PLAN of the Sevier Memorial Methodist Church of Ferriday which was approved recently by the church's Quarterly Conference. Bonds for the \$125,000 structure are now being sold.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES were held Feb. 24 for the St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria. Participants included, from left, the Rev. G.W. Dameron, pastor, Alexandria District Supt. Fred S. Flurry, Neil Daspit, the land donor, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Dr. J. H. Thomas, L. V. Shipp, Jr., and Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux.

Behind the Scenes in Christian Unity

by
The Rt. Rev. Oliver Tomkins, Bishop of Bristol

Every big enterprise is carried out by many people at many levels. For example, the clothing industry involves manufacturers, distributors, retail shops, and behind the scenes, research workers. These last are not the least important. They work away behind the scenes in laboratories, and finally a new kind of shirt or blouse is available for ordinary customers in the retail shops.

So it is with the movement for Christian unity. The work for Christian unity involves teachers in theological schools and seminaries, church leaders working away in negotiating committees, members of councils of churches at world, national, and regional levels, ordinary ministers and priests and their congregations meeting each other at the level of local church life.

But there are also the equivalent of the laboratory research workers, which is perhaps one of the best ways of describing the work done in the Theological Commissions of the Faith and Order Department of the World Council of Churches.

Most of the work of Faith and Order goes on quietly behind the scenes, but at the end of the day it means that the ordinary church member finds a different conception of church unity available for him in his local church. The Faith and Order movement has been gaining strength for forty years. Those whose memories are long enough can easily recognize the tremendous difference in the state of the market, so to speak, in matters of unity today compared with the nineteen-twenties. This difference is certainly due to the contribution which has been made by the many different kinds of workers at all these different levels. But not the least important of the contributions which have been made have been through the hidden work, the hidden research, of unity's "backroom boys", in the Theological Commissions of the Faith and Order Movement.

We are shortly approaching the fourth World Conference on Faith and Order, which will be held at Montreal, Canada, in July. Perhaps it would be pushing our comparison too far to describe the World Conference on Faith and Order as international fashion parade, but at least there is something in

the comparison.

The pattern has always been something like this. The leaders of the churches come together in order to try to discover what are the difficulties that lie in the way of realizing the unity of all Christian people which, although with different interpretations of what we mean, we all know to be something which God desires for His people. They then appoint a number of theological working parties or study commissions to get to work on the problems which they have thus defined. After a period of quiet work behind the scenes, these theological commissions are ready once again to meet on an international scale to produce their results.

Then there follows another international conference on Christian unity which takes a look at the situation as it there appears and sets fresh groups of theological commissions to work to carry on for the next stage. The Montreal Conference will be the fourth in this pattern. After some careful preliminary work, which lasted from 1910 to 1920, interrupted by the First World War, the first gathering of theologians met at Geneva in 1920 to plan the first World Conference and to set going the first preparatory commissions. That first conference was held in Lausanne in 1927. Here the preparatory work was studied by the delegates who produced their own comments on it and then set fresh theological commissions to work.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is one of a series of articles about the forthcoming World Conference on Faith and Order to be held in Montreal, Canada, July 12-26. The conference deals with Christian unity and will be attended by 500 theologians and church leaders. It is sponsored by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. Bishop Tomkins, an Anglican, is a former WCC faith and order secretary and is chairman of the department's working committee.

The second World Conference was in Edinburgh in 1937; the third at Lund, Sweden, in 1952; and now we come to Montreal, 1963.

And so the main purpose of the Montreal Conference will be to receive the reports from the theological commissions which have been at work for the last ten years. They have dealt with four aspects of the unity program. The first is entitled "Christ and His Church" and is concerned with the way in which all Christians agree that the unity of the Church is to be found growing out of their conception of the nature of the person and work of Christ Himself. Where do we begin to divide from this common starting point and why?

The second is "Tradition and Our Traditions"; every separated fellowship of Christians has developed its own traditions. What is the relation of these separated traditions to our underlying common history, the Christian tradition? And how is that related to the Scriptures on which we all base ourselves?

Thirdly, "Worship"; it certainly is in Christian worship that we become most aware both of the ways in which we differ from one another and, at the same time, of the fact that those who call upon the God and Father of Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit are deeply united in spite of their differences. What bearing have our ways of worship upon the unity which we seek?

And fourthly, there are many factors arising out of social, cultural, economic and other aspects of our corporate life which contribute both to divi-

sion and to unity. In such a large field we have decided to concentrate upon the factor of "Institutionalism", that is to say, to study the way in which our Christian beliefs are always embodied in institutions of one kind or another and the way in which those institutions themselves tend to shape our lives. A program has been devised which will take account of all these four pieces of quiet research and present them again to the gathered representatives of the churches.

In addition to this, there will be the reflections of some "consumer research" in that the churches themselves in the different areas of the world have been asked to say where they find the most urgent problems of Christian unity. The Conference will also take account of these. Finally, since the last World Conference on Faith and Order, the World Council itself has held its great Assembly at New Delhi in 1961, where the Faith and Order section produced the important statement on the nature of the unity we seek. This statement is being widely discussed and studied in the 201 member churches; and at Montreal there will be an opportunity for use together to look more closely at this statement.

And so the Montreal Conference on Faith and Order will take its place in this rhythmical pattern of research followed by representative gathering together, a pattern which has played its part in the last forty years in helping men and women throughout the world to see more clearly the nature of the unity which God demands of His people.

Funds Borrowed From Bank To Be Loaned To Churches

In continuing its efforts to make available all possible money for church extension loans to Methodist churches, the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions took an unprecedented action at its annual meeting January 15-17 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

For the first time, the Division authorized its officers and top staff executives to borrow money from a commercial source to re-loan to churches needing funds for building purposes. By the action, Division officials are authorized to borrow up to \$2,500,000 from the Girard Trust Corn Exchange Bank in Philadelphia, Pa. Never before has the Division borrowed funds for re-lending.

In interpreting the significance of the action, Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, general secretary of the Division, said:

"The Division is under heavy pressure to meet the many demands from churches for loan funds for building purposes. It is the desire of the Division to meet each request, as this means that Methodists are responding to the

critical need for new congregations and for enlarging present facilities. The borrowing of up to \$2,500,000 from a commercial bank is a move by the Division to tap new sources for loan capital."

The Division will not borrow the entire amount at one time, Dr. Snoke explained. Rather, different amounts will be borrowed from time to time, as the need arises. The borrowed funds will be added to the present \$14,000,000 in loan capital the Division already has.

Almost all of the \$14,000,000 is on loan at any given time, because the Division has the policy of keeping all its capital loaned out to churches and thus at work in providing new church buildings. The same policy will be followed in regard to the money that is borrowed from the bank, Dr. Snoke said. Like the regular loan funds of the Division, the money borrowed from the bank will constitute a revolving loan fund; that is, when a loan is paid off, the money will be loaned immediately to another church.

Dr. Snoke said the Girard Trust Corn

Exchange Bank has agreed to loan the money to the Division at the prime interest rate, which is currently 4½ per

LIST CONVOCATION PLANS

The program has been announced for the fifth quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation to be held March 5-7 at First Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Nine bishops will give addresses. They are Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.; Walter C. Gum, Louisville, Ky.; Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C.; Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.; James W. Henley, Jacksonville, Fla.; Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C.; and John Owen Smith, Atlanta.

Addresses will also be given by many other persons, and the program will include promotion and cultivation seminars and workshops on missions, education, evangelism, social concerns, lay activities, and town and country.

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ARE YOU WILLING

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In Memoriam



J. B. Thompson

Jim Bright Thompson was born January 16, 1903, and died December 17, 1962. He is survived by seven sisters, Mrs. Rose Jones, Maude, Mary, Victoria, Pamela, Emma, and two brothers Seth H. and Arthur B. Thompson.

Little Jimmie, as he was known by all his friends, was born at Parks, Arkansas and lived there all his life, making his home with two other sisters Maude and Mildred and a brother Arthur, neither of them having ever been married, lived devoted to each other with true family ties.

Little Jimmie joined the Methodist Church at Parks at the age of fifteen and lived a consecrated Christian life thereafter.

As their minister I had the privilege of being in the home many times and could never leave without feeling that I had been lifted a little higher and drawn closer to God. In that home my wife and I found the greatest welcome and open-handed hospitality for they possessed what it takes to make this so: they loved each other and they all loved Our Blessed Lord, and that is the only foundation upon which a happy home can be built. Their home was and is the home of their preacher and any others who love and appreciate good wholesome Christian fellowship. While with us Little Jimmie went about as his Savior did, doing good, and his desire was that all mankind follow the path our Savior trod. We cannot as Christians afford to be grieved too much, Little Jimmie has not been cheated, but enriched forevermore and for us who are left, I am also sure that he wants us, even though he is beyond the sound of our voices, to be our golden best.

His pastor,
Rev. V. D. Nesler

Fulton Farris

Fulton Farris, 84, of 408 Lynch Drive, North Little Rock, Ark., passed away Feb. 20 in a Little Rock hospital. He was a lifelong Methodist and superintendent of the Sunday School at Cato Methodist Church for 25 years. He was a blacksmith in Cato for 49 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Springer of North Little Rock, Mrs. Carnell McGuran of Cato and Mrs. Dorothy Woodard of Cleburne, Tex.; three sons: Emory and Morris Farris of Fort Smith, and Paul Farris of Blythe, Calif.; a brother, Wayne Farris of Little Rock; a sister, Mrs. R. H. Short of Little Rock; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21 at Little Rock, and burial was at the Cato Methodist Cemetery.

Mrs. Bertha Oliver

Mrs. Bertha Fiel Oliver, was born December 8, 1883, in White County, Illinois. She was the daughter of the late Peyton and Sarah Robb. She died

Wednesday morning, February 6, 1963, at the Community Methodist Hospital, where she was a patient for five weeks.

She came to Arkansas with her parents early in life and settled in Green County where she spent more than 62 years. She was the wife of the late John W. Oliver, who died December 14, 1962.

Sister Oliver, was converted early in life, and joined the Methodist Church. She was active in church work, and was always looking for opportunities to help some one to become more Christ-like. She continued in this work until her health failed. She was a Bible student, and was a reader of the *Arkansas Methodist* for many years.

Sister Oliver was a good wife, a good mother, a good friend, and above all, she was a real Christian. We will miss her, but one day we will be reunited with her on the other side of life.

She leaves three daughters: Mrs. Elmer Holiman, of Benton, Ark., Mrs. Melvin Stimpson, and Mrs. Lillian Ferrell, both of Paragould, Ark.; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Trevathan, Phoenix, Arizona, six grand-children, and four great grand-children.

Funeral service was held Thursday, February 7, in Mitchell Funeral Home, with the writer in charge, assisted by the Rev. T. T. McNeal, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas.

—J. W. Moore



Rev. J. W. Simmons

The Reverend John Whitaker Simmons, was born December 3, 1888, at Boydsville (Clay County), Arkansas, and departed this life September 9, 1962, at his home in Boydsville. He lived a long and useful life.

On March 2, 1910, Brother Simmons, was married to Miss Lydia Burkhead, and to this union one daughter was born, and they reared a foster son.

Brother Simmons, received his education in the public schools in Clay County, and attended a number of normal schools, and taught school for more than 29 years in Clay and Green Counties. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and was district lecturer for two terms.

At the age of 16, Brother Simmons, was converted and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, and was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1923. He was received into the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church 1926, and ordained elder in 1930. While in this Conference, he served the following charges: Greenway, Malden, Boydsville, and served two terms as President of the Methodist Protestant Church in Arkansas and Louisiana.

After Unification (1939) Brother Simmons, served the following charges in the North Arkansas Conference: St. Francis, Pruett's Chapel, Gainsville, Imboden, Ravenden Springs, and Stranger's Home, and retired in 1949, and moved to his home in Boydsville, where he made his home until his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lydia Simmons, of Boydsville; a daughter, Mrs. Freda Knight, of Boydsville; and a foster son, Billie Joe Simmons, of Ceres, California; a brother, Rodger Simmons and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Simpson, both of Rector, Ark.

Funeral service was held September 12, 1962, in the Fourth Street Methodist Church, in Rector, Arkansas, with the Reverend Theo Luter, his pastor, in charge, assisted by the Reverend Jack Glass, pastor of the Methodist Church at Manila, Arkansas. His body was laid to rest in Woodland Height Cemetery, Rector, Arkansas.

The writer is sure he followed Christ unto the end, and by his life, he left a challenge to his family, his friends, and his church to follow on.

"Servane of God, well done,
The glorious warfare's past
The battle fought, the race is won,
And thou Art crowned at last."

J. W. Moore



Mrs. W. M. Burnett

Mrs. Walter M. (Kitty Lou) Burnett, 76, a resident of Stamps since about 1908, passed away in a rest home in Alice, Texas, Saturday, January 19, 1963. Funeral services were held at the Stamps Methodist Church Tuesday, January 22, 1963, with the Pastor, the Rev. Cagle E. Fair, officiating.

"Miss Kitty Lou" was a long-time member of the Stamps Methodist Church and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She is survived by one son, Harry A. Burnett of Sinton, Texas; and two grandsons, three great grand-children, one brother and a number of other close relatives as well as a host of friends.

Mrs. Burnett had taught "Art" for a number of years and was well-known for her "China" painting. She always was "looking for the beautiful" in people, nature and life in general.



Mrs. Virgil Hall

Mrs. Virgil ("Miss Cora") Hall, 84, a long-time resident of Stamps, died of a heart attack at her home Thursday, January 31, 1963. Funeral services were held at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel Saturday, February 2.

Stamps, La Fayette County, and especially The Methodist Church lost one of its most respected members and one of its most faithful workers in the death of Mrs. Hall, who was more affectionately known as "Miss Cora."

Mr. Hall died a number of years ago and since that time, Mrs. Hall had made her home with her sister, Mrs. Claudia Baker, in Stamps.

"Miss Cora" became a member of the Stamps Methodist Church May 5, 1918, and all through the years was an active worker in the Church School, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and could always be depended upon to work well wherever and whenever a need arose. She will be greatly missed. Many, many peoples' lives have been richly blessed because of the Christian influence which "Miss Cora" had on all who knew and loved her.



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ST. ANDREWS METHODIST MEN of Sterlington held their January meeting as a Ladies' Night, with the men doing the honors of cooking in a fish-fry. Shown at left are some of the members, seated, Harry Seffens, W. R. Davis, John Broyles, and standing are the Rev. L. W. Taylor, Frank Roach, Ferrell Earl,

Charles Munley, B. D. White and Baxter Sinclair. In the center picture are Mr. Taylor and Miss Margie Hunter, speaker for the meeting which was attended by 47. At the right are Mr. Broyles, group chairman responsible for the program and meal, with Mr. Seffens and Mr. Davis.

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PORTRAITS IN RELIGION



MANSFIELD FIRST METHODIST Church's Commission on Membership and Evangelism made plans recently for the revival set March 24-29. Some members shown here are, from left, Miss Elizabeth Lowry, W. S. G. president, P. E. Dixon, church lay leader, and Dr. Hollis C. Gamble, chairman, and Paul Bennett.



ALGIERS METHODIST Church of New Orleans observed Scout Sunday Feb. 17. Tommy Crawford and Tommy Pugh, members of the Church-sponsored Troop 69, were awarded the God and Country Award and Scouting Pin. Standing with the Scouts are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Crawford, Mrs. Pugh and the pastor, the Rev. John T. Redmon.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY was observed Feb. 10 at Trout Methodist Church. Shown here are Cub Scouts of Pack 14, Den 4. From left are Jeffery Brooks, Buster Scroggs, David Springer, George Mears and Gary White, with Mrs. Pauline Kelly of Trout Methodist Church, Den Mother. Dr. I. C. Turnley of Jena is Cub Master.



THE REV. DAVID REED, center, a Presbyterian minister, was the speaker for the Feb. 14 meeting of the First Methodist Church, Houma, men's meeting. Standing with him, from left, are D.W. Rhea, program chairman, and Robert Buquet, president.



MANGUM MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, primaries and juniors, junior highs, seniors and adults, shown in these four pictures and in

that order, all studied in the church-wide mission study 'On the Rim of East Asia' which ended Feb. 24. The church has now begun its membership classes.



ATTENDING THE school on Moral Man and Moral Society in Chicago recently were: the Rev. Charles Flurry of the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation; Roger Burgess, associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns; the Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent; and the Rev. W. Spencer, Wren, Bunkie, Alexandria District secretary of Christian social concerns.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
March 9, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I have read with real appreciation the article appearing on the front page of this week's issue of The Louisiana Methodist by Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Dr. Keith Mason in defense of The Methodist Church and her institutions which are being unjustly criticized by some groups. More and more our lay people who love the Methodist Church and who are loyal to it are speaking out. I trust that, from time to time, we may hear from others.

During this week we have been visiting the districts of the Conference in the interest of Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist of Kansas City. Dr. Don Holter, the president, Mr. Henry Meyer, financial consultant, and the Reverend Ed House, our pastor at Doyline who was a member of the first graduating class of Saint Paul, last June, have been with me on this round. Bishop and Mrs. Dana Dawson were with us in Shreveport and in Ruston. Everywhere we have had a good attendance and an interested hearing. We appreciate the preparation made for our meetings and the fine response which we have received. We are having a luncheon meeting here in Baton Rouge today and will conclude the visits in New Orleans tomorrow.

We are looking forward to the Area Council meeting in Alexandria Tuesday and to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Monroe on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton
Aubrey G. Walton



SEEN AT the recent luncheon in Shreveport in the interest of St. Paul Theological Seminary were Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Bishop Dana Dawson, the Rev. Ed. House and Mr. T. Haller Jackson.

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Conference WSCS and WSG In Annual Meetings in Monroe

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville, conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Miss Arline Tyler of Shreveport, conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, are presiding at the annual conference meetings of these groups at First Methodist Church, Monroe, this week. The WSCS meeting opened at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday and will close at noon Friday.

The Guild meeting is from 2:00 p.m. Saturday until noon Sunday.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will bring the Aldersgate message on Thursday afternoon. Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., will speak on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Louisianans Attend Chicago Meeting

Three ministers from Louisiana were among representatives from 62 annual conference attending the national adult school on "Moral Man and Moral Society" sponsored by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns in Chicago Feb. 25-March 1.

They were the Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent, the Rev. W. Spencer Wren, Bunkie, Alexandria District secretary of Christian Social Concerns, and the Rev. Charles Flurry, Baton Rouge, alcohol

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A special Service of Recognition of deaconesses serving in Louisiana will be conducted by Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke of Baton Rouge on Wednesday afternoon. Deaconesses will also participate in other ways throughout the program as they commemorate their 75th anniversary year.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey of Ruston will speak at the Citizens Dinner at the Francis Hotel. Also on Thursday evening, at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, a Youth Dinner will be held with Miss Allene M. Ford, staff member of the Board of Missions in New York, presenting the work of deaconesses, home missionaries and other employed workers of the church.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, Ark. will address the Guild session on Saturday evening. The Rev. William Stokes, director of the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation, will speak at the Guild dinner, Saturday evening at the Virginia Hotel.



LOUISIANANS ATTENDING a promotional meeting at Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex., March 4, were the Rev. A. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendent; Dr. Guy M. Hicks First Methodist Church, Alexandria; Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, director of Methodist Information; Mrs. Virgil Morris Oklahoma City; and the Rev. Alfred M. Brown, Slidell, chairman of the conference Board of Missions.

Editorials

Largest no more

The Methodist Church is no longer the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. It may take us a while to get used to that fact, but 1962 church membership statistics indicate that the Southern Baptists have about 100,000 members more than we do now. For a number of years their annual rate of net gain has exceeded ours and it has been obvious that we would have to give up the use of the expression "largest Protestant denomination" in our news releases and other usage.

There are a number of things that might be said in rationalizing this change in positions—that records are kept differently, that members are dropped in different ways by the two groups—but the fact remains that our annual net increase has not been as great as theirs and it was simple arithmetic that about the time we both passed ten million members they would be passing us.

This should not be regarded as a tragedy by Methodists. It may be very good for us. In the first place, the matter of our size has been referred to so often in the twenty-five years since unification that it was easy for some to think of size as just about the most important thing concerning our church. In the second place, we can all stand some sober thinking about why our denomination has not shown an annual net gain that is in keeping with the growth of the population in America.

The perspective we could gain from standing in second place for awhile could be very helpful as we plan ahead for the next quadrennium and the next quarter-century. We certainly do not think there is need for any "panic planning" as though falling behind the Baptists in member-

THE TIME OUT THAT POINTS UP



ship compared in some way with falling behind the Russians in the space race.

Faith can conquer fear

A number of years ago an outstanding minister, in preparation for a series of addresses for delivery on a college campus, wrote ahead to the college group and asked that they submit a series of problems with which they would like for him to deal. He reported that they sent back only one topic for his consideration. It was "Tell us what to do with our fears."

People both young and old are in the grip of fears which make it very difficult for them to know abundant life or even to pursue daily activities that are anything like normal. The Church which doesn't say nearly so much as it once did about sin has not always found a word to say about fear.

One has said that "Fear is man's greatest enemy and the road block which most hinders his progress." Have you not noticed what rich lives are lived by those who are not overcome by fears, whether they be children who have not yet learned to be afraid or adults who have found a faith that conquers their fears.

We have always enjoyed the story of the man who went with his wife to the mountains for a vacation trip. One day he returned to their cabin from a hike all scratched and bruised and told her that he had met a snake on the trail. She said, "But don't you remember the guide told us yesterday that the snakes up here are not poisonous?" He replied, "They don't have to be when they can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff."

Fear is the great enemy of abundant Christian living. Nehru once said it is the tool of all the world's troublemakers, "The mischief-makers in the world today are successful only when people lack discipline or are frightened."



the EDITOR'S CORNER

It was our delightful experience to be invited to be the preacher for the services of the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, Ark. last week. J. Albert Gatlin is the pastor, and he and his people had done the most meticulous planning for the success of the meeting.

Even the early morning service at 7:00 a.m. brought an unexpected satisfaction as each morning we preached to a larger congregation than the day before. A light breakfast was served at 6:30 for those who had to go to work immediately following the service. Afterward the young people at the service had a chance to eat before going to school. We had from 60 to 80 in these morning services, in which we tried to answer the question "What is a Methodist?"

On Tuesday we attended the district meeting of the pastors and the guest preachers at Conway. In this meeting we caught something of the value that comes from a simultaneous program like this.

On Tuesday evening, following the service, a prayer vigil was begun to last for twenty-four hours. The next evening when we came into the pulpit to preach we could not keep from feeling the presence of God in an unusual way because of the vigil.

We had results in our services as decisions were made for Christian discipleship both in the services and in the homes where the people were visiting. An unusual feature of the visiting was that the people who had gone to call were back in time for the services each evening.

The most uplifting feature of this whole experience is the knowledge that the same sort of thing is taking place in almost every Methodist congregation in Arkansas and Louisiana during these simultaneous missions

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. -- Dr. Kenneth D. Wells (center), president of the Freedoms Foundation, congratulates Dr. Walter Kerr (left), a Methodist evangelist in Tyler, Texas, and the Rev. Wilburn Matthews, a Baptist minister in Greenwood, Miss., on receiving two of the Foundation's awards at the annual ceremony in Valley Forge, Pa. Mr. Matthews received \$500 for a sermon entitled "America at the Crossroads" in which he discussed the threat of communism. Dr. Kerr was given a Special Freedom Leadership award for his "Youth Crusade for God and Freedom." Other awards went to Protestant clergymen and groups and church-related schools for their contributions to freedom, patriotism and spiritual values.

Final Chapter Written In Fire For 127-Year-Old Macon Church

MACON, GA.—A final chapter was written Feb. 24 in the story of a 127-year-old Methodist college campus that had been in and out of the news for the last year. The building which once housed Old Wesleyan College, first college in America chartered to grant degrees to women, were destroyed by fire on a rainy Sunday morning in sub-freezing weather.

The present Wesleyan college is on a campus about five miles from downtown Macon and was not touched by fire.

The fire at the Old Wesleyan property was first reported to the Macon Fire Department at 5:41 a.m. It began in Pierce Chapel, erected in 1860, and

spread within minutes to three nearby apartment buildings. All units of the city fire department, as well as several units from surrounding towns, were summoned to the fire which was considered the worst in downtown Macon's history. The Old Wesleyan property is located within six blocks of downtown.

Before the fire was contained, 35 families were left homeless and several hundred others evacuated from the three-block area. A company of national guardsmen, more than 150 firemen, and 75 police officers fought the blaze and handled evacuees.

Damage was expected to exceed \$250,000, not including the campus buildings that were already being torn down.

Just ten days prior to the blaze, a Macon Citizens Committee to Preserve Old Wesleyan had made a "last ditch attempt" to save the buildings from demolition. Trustees of Wesleyan College sold the old college plant last year to the federal government as a site for a new city post office. A bill introduced in the Georgia General Assembly called for purchase of the property by the state. A spokesman for the committee said it was "the hope of hundreds of Georgians to restore the Victorian structure and preserve it as a national shrine."

Despite pleas of several prominent Macon citizens, the bill was solidly defeated in the Georgia House — thus clearing the way for demolition by the government.

At least one citizen viewing the spectacular fire commented: "This is so uncanny. She seems like a proud old lady who refuses to surrender to the fate of old age. I would rather see her

MISSION MEDICAL AGENCY HANDLES \$6,000,000 IN SUPPLIES

In its first year of operation, an interdenominational agency for collecting and distributing medical supplies and equipment for medical mission work overseas handled materials valued at \$6,000,000. The agency, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Inc., has headquarters at the Interchurch Center in New York.

The Methodist Church through its Board of Missions is one of the principal backers of Interchurch Medical Assistance. The president and the chairman of the board of directors is Dr. Harold N. Brewster, New York, medical secretary of the Board.

Started in 1961 by various agencies interested in medical mission work, Interchurch Medical Assistance has made it possible for a single approach to be made to drug firms and other potential suppliers of medical and dental supplies and equipment for mission hospitals and other medical missionary work. The agency now solicits, receives, handles and ships to the field supplies and equipment on behalf of 23 denominational and inter-denominational groups.

In its annual report for 1962, Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) says that charity bed patients and outpatients of 600 hospitals and medical missions in 70 countries benefited from the drugs, supplies and equipment

go this way than be torn apart piece by piece."

Officials of Wesleyan and the Methodist Atlanta Area said the property was sold to the government "with a great deal of regret" and only because of rising costs in higher education. The old campus had been in a run-down and decaying condition for a number of years.

Old Wesleyan is known internationally. Many magazines in the United States had done feature stories about the school at one time or the other. Noted persons throughout the world attended the college, one of the more prominent being Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

March 17 - Sun.	John 4:16-30
March 18	John 4:31-42
March 19	Matthew 5:1-16
March 20	Matthew 6:1-15
March 21	Matthew 7:21-29
March 22	Matthew 9:1-13
March 23	Mark 4:1-20
March 24 - Sun.	Mark 4:30-41

handled by IMA. The materials were received from 184 donors, including pharmaceutical firms, laboratories, service clubs and local churches. Most of the donors, however, were medical supply firms, including some of the largest in the field.

The gifts through IMA provided supplies and equipment needed to expand programs of free medical care to the destitute and disease-ridden of the world, its report says.

PRAY AND SHARE

The relation of The Methodist Church to the Freedom from Hunger Week in mid-March has been explained by the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield of New York, general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

"Freedom from Hunger Week has been planned to awaken Americans to a fresh realization of the situation involving widespread lack of food in many parts of the world," Dr. Warfield said.

He called the campaign of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN "a worthy effort to focus attention" upon widespread hunger, and indicated that Methodists may share in alleviating the world's hunger by contributing through One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, Mar. 24. A special "Prayer for the Hungry" has been prepared by the Rev. Dr. Martin Niemöller.



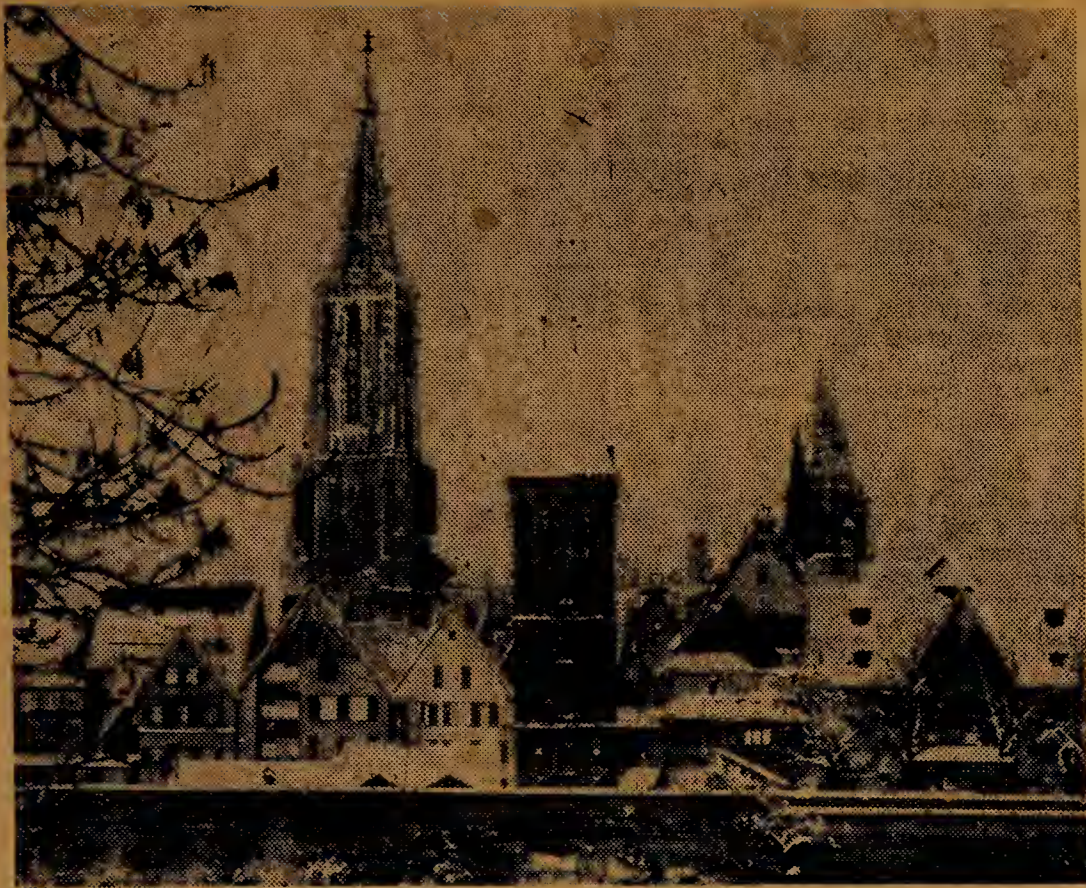
DR. MARTIN NIEMOELLER, prominent German Protestant churchman and a co-president of the World Council of Churches, right, examines a copy of the Pictorial New Testament in German during a visit to the American Bible Society in New York. Shown with him is Dr. Robert T. Taylor, the society's general secretary. Dr. Niemöller, on a preaching tour of the U.S., was honored by the society at a luncheon.

Northeastern Bishops Meet 'Just for Fun'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—For perhaps the first time, the Northeastern Jurisdiction's College of Bishops has had a two-day meeting without business — just for fellowship.

The bishops and their wives spent Feb. 22-23 in Washington as the guests of Bishop and Mrs. John Wesley Lord. The time included a special tour of the White House, luncheon in one of the city's traditional restaurants and a visit with Brooks Hays, a special presidential assistant and prominent Baptist layman.

Bishop Lord, president of the college, said all of the active bishops attended except one who was in Africa and one who was sick. The party also was attended by two retired bishops, 100-year-old Herbert Welch of New York City and W. Earl Ledden of Washington.



The spire of Ulm Cathedral

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written by Mr. Charles A. Ferguson, a reporter for the New Orleans States-Item, and is reprinted from the issue of Feb. 2, 1963. We are grateful to the editors of the States-Item for their permission in using this article).

A story which appeared in The (New Orleans) States-Item last August has a sequel in Ulm, Germany. The sequel is about how a common spiritual experience linked a minister in New Orleans with some citizens of Ulm.

The central object in both stories is a cathedral. The story began last August.

It was then, shortly after he became pastor of the Parker Memorial Methodist church, New Orleans, that this reporter interviewed the Rev. Reuel H. Allen, who had served as an infantryman in Germany during World War II.

It developed during the interview that Mr. Allen's favorite sermon owed its inspiration to the Cathedral of Ulm.

The sermon was based upon what almost amounted to a relation when Mr. Allen saw the Cathedral for the first time as it stood in Gothic magnificence among the rubble of war.

The story in this paper last August contained this excerpt from the sermon:

"I have come to see in the Cathedral of Ulm, standing alone in the midst of the desolation of that city, a symbol of the Church Universal, standing in the midst of the desolation of the spirit of man."

The article was read by Mrs. E. A. Rainold Jr., who forwarded it to her son, 1st Lt. Emile A. Rainold III, stationed with the Army in Ulm.

Lt. Rainold passed the article along to the Ulm newspaper, the "Schwaebische Donau Zeitung," which reprinted it.

Now, just as it's almost a joke that if one ever has set foot in the Cabildo he's not a native of New Orleans, apparently many Ulm citizens had taken for granted their handsome cathedral.

The story about the Mr. Allen and the cathedral reopened the eyes of these citizens, for since it appeared, the pastor says, he has received many letters from the Ulmsters.

This part of a letter from a woman is typical:

"Since my birth 29 years ago, I have been living in Ulm, and your story has reopened my eyes for the beauty of our Cathedral (which we Ulm citizens often take for granted) and makes me grateful to God who has preserved our Cathedral throughout the centuries."

There must be a meaning for international relations somewhere in this story, says Mr. Allen.

LAKE CHARLES METHODIST churches held a city-wide school Feb. 25-27 at University Methodist Church. Five courses were offered. Shown here are some of the instructors and directors. In the top picture, from left, are Dr. Henry Bowden, Miss Shiela Nutall and the Rev. Don Risinger. In the bottom picture, from left, are the Rev. Ollie Golson, the Rev. James Stovall, Miss Juanelva Rose and the Rev. Cleburne Quaid.



"Even the unreflective must notice that are transmitted by the wonders of television—trivialities as just as trivial when they vision—"



THE CAPTAIN'S ORGANIZATIONAL Meeting for the itation chairman; Ed Saunders, general chairman; and Luther Stewardship Crusade to be conducted at the First Methodist Pike, publicity chairman. The total crusade goal is \$324,000. Church, New Orleans, during the month of March was held The director is the Rev. Glen Trembath of the General recently. Shown here are the captains. Standing, from left Board of Missions. There will be 150 workers enlisted by are the Rev. Clyde S. Clark, pastor; Charles Pearson, vis- the captains.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

RECENT GUEST PREACHERS in evening services of the Westlake Methodist Church were the Rev. W.D. Milton, Maplewood, Feb. 17, and Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sulphur, Feb. 24. The Westlake pastor is the Rev. Garland Dean.

A YOUTH PRAYER GROUP is meeting every Saturday evening at 6 p.m. during the Lenten season in the St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, where the Rev. E. J. Barksdale serves as pastor.

THE REV. RONALD DEVILLIER, the associate pastor, was the leader for the March 3 study session on 'Today's Family in a Confused World,' at First Methodist Church, Lafayette. The pastor is the Rev. R. R. Branton.

A LAY SPEAKERS SCHOOL for the New Orleans District began Sunday, March 10, at First Methodist Church, and is continuing for four Sundays. Those who complete the training will be certified as lay speakers.

THE REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, Lake Charles District Superintendent, will be the speaker for the March 18 Ladies Night meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Welch. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

THE SUMMER GROVE METHODIST Church in Shreveport was the scene of World Day of Prayer services with the following churches participating: Christ, Stonewall, Keithville, and Ellerbee Road. The Rev. Otis Spinks is the pastor.

THE REV. SAM NADER, pastor of Noel Memorial Church, Baton Rouge, was the evangelist for revival services at Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark., the week of March 3-7. The Rev. Robert B. Moore, Jr. is pastor of this church.

THE REV. ROY MOUSER, pastor of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, was a recent speaker at Christ Methodist Church, Arlington, Va. The Rev. and Mrs. Mouser also spoke at the Feb. 22 regional convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Washington, D. C.

MRS. ROBERT B. CRICLOW, wife of the pastor of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church, led the program for World Day of Prayer held in that church in cooperation with several churches of Bogalusa. The theme was 'More than Conquerors'.

MISS DIANNE WATKINS, a member of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, and a Christian Exchange Student to Germany last year, was the speaker for the Feb. 4 program of the Methodist Men of the Fairview-Sweetlake churches, meeting at Fairview Church. The pastor is the Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs.

THE REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK pastor of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest speaker for the Sunday evening revival hour at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 3. He brought a special message on the subject of 'conversion.' The pastor is Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, was the guest speaker at Rayville Methodist Church at the evening service, Feb. 24. On Monday, the 25th, the 'Blue and Gold' Banquet for Cub Pack No. 43 was held in the fellowship hall of this church, of which the Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor.

NORTH HIGHLANDS METHODIST Church, Shreveport, has a new youth director. He is James Chatham who is finishing his sophomore year at Centenary College. He replaces Gordon Talk, who resigned the position to enter Perkins School of Theology. The pastor is the Rev. George Harkins.

THE SPRINGHILL WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service is operating a clothing room in the old post office building every Wednesday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. Clothing, donated by church members, is distributed to the needy without charge. Contacts are made through the schools and police department. Mrs. Wilburn Slack is president of the women's group and the Rev. Ralph Cain is their pastor.

JAMES HOWELL, superintendent of the state Industrial School for Girls, Pineville, and Miss Doris Rawlins, its director of social services, were the speakers for the Adult and Senior High groups at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Feb. 24. This program concluded a series of Sunday evening family fellowships. The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

A SPECIAL PROGRAM OF LENTEN Music was presented by the adult and youth choirs of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Sunday evening, Mar. 10. The program included choral work, solos, and instrumental accompaniment by a string ensemble from the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra. Their pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.



MRS. JULIA REID PAXTON (left) was guest speaker for a session of the study *Dimensions of Prayer* held at First Methodist Church, Lafayette. She is shown above with Mrs. Eloi Girard, who planned and directed the study.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH the congregation of the Haynesville Methodist Church is engaged in a church wide study of the 'Church's Ministry to Persons of Special Need,' under the direction of Mrs. Don A. Waller. Resource leaders will include the pastor, the Rev. K. G. Rorie; Mrs. George Allen; Mr. R. C. Parkhill of Evergreen Presbyterian Vocational School; Dr. Martin L. Forcht and the Rev. Harry Ezell.

THE MYF OF MAGNOLIA METHODIST CHURCH, Greenwell Springs, gave a Sweetheart Party for their junior and senior high MYF recently. The evening consisted of games, dancing, buffet snacks, climaxed by the crowning of the Queen and King, Miss Ann Wilson and Carl Hutson. Miss Pay Jones is counselor and Miss Nancy Stevens is president of the group. Their pastor is the Rev. William Jacocks.

THE REV. JOHN WINN, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the leader for the March 3 study of 'The Book of Romans' at First Methodist Church of that city. On March 5, Mrs. J.M. Wilkes, district secretary of Missionary Personnel, led the WSCS study of 'The Dimensions of Prayer' in this same church. Mrs. Russell Hudson presented an interpretation of prayer through music. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL of the Church conference and the Quarterly Conference of Abbeville Methodist Church, Work will begin soon on the remodeling as a parsonage of the home owned by the church at the corner of Washington and Vermilion streets. The Quarterly Conference gave Mrs. Wesley

Steen, Mr. D.L. McPherson, Jr., and Mrs. Roy Moss the responsibility for supervising this construction. The pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

THE FEB. 28 ISSUE of 'The News,' parish paper of the Wisner Methodist Church, extended congratulations to Miss Janie McCaa, who had completed 29 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. She has also worked for 26 years at her chores of keeping the church clean, warm and beautiful. We join with this congregation in extending these congratulations. The pastor at Wisner is the Rev. Paul Durbin.

SPEAKERS DURING MARCH for the church-wide school of missions, studying 'on the Rim of East Asia,' at the Blackwater Methodist Church, will be: March 3 - the Rev. A. L. Carruth; March 10, Mrs. Henry Cameron; March 17, Mrs. Milton Kirkpatrick; March 24, Dr. and Mrs. Wise. Mrs. Mona Lawrence, chairman of the Commission on Missions, is directing the school, which included classes for all age groups.

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL CHURCH, Cameron, was recently honored by the presence of three distinguished guests. Dr. and Mrs. R.M. Powers of Evanston, Ill. visited the sanctuary and educational buildings on Feb. 14. Dr. Powers is field secretary for the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church. After Hurricane Audrey, he helped raise money for the Cameron and Grand Chenier churches. The pastor is the Rev. J. Taylor Wall.

THE MYF OF PEARL RIVER Methodist Church attended worship service at the Church of the Nazarene in Pearl River, Sunday, Feb. 10, in a body, accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Worthy, Mrs. Worthy, Miss Louise Crawford, Gert Svendsen, G. L. Hutto, Mrs. Hutto and E. M. Dill. The occasion was the presentation of a gift to the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Styers of the Nazarene Church. Mr. Styers has accepted a call to the Church of the Nazarene in Minden.

A BAPTISMAL FONT has been given to the Epps Methodist Church in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Thrower by her friends. An alter set, consisting of cross and candle-sticks, has been given to the Floyd Methodist Church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holley, Sr. and Edward Hollet by their family. A communion table has been given to the Floyd Church in honor of Miss Ruth Holley, who has gone into the ministry. The pastor is the Rev. L. M. Sawyer.

DR. THEODORE R. WEBER delivered addresses on 'Morality and National Power in International Politics' at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, and at the university of Notre Dame in conjunction with seminars on Religion and U. S. Foreign Policy sponsored by the Council on Religion and International Affairs. Dr. Weber, a member of the Louisiana Conference, is Assistant Professor of Social Ethics at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

'THURSDAY NIGHT FOR CHRIST' is a slogan that has been adopted by the Kenner Methodist Church. Following prayer groups in homes, the members come to the church for visitation evangelism. This is followed at 9:00 p.m. by a meeting of 'The Twelve.' This program was initiated in May by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, of which Mr. Fearn La Ban is chairman. The Rev. Marvin H. Corley, the pastor, has provided inspirational leadership. 'The Twelve' are currently studying 'Romans: Book of Power' by A. J. Walton.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS of the senior and Jr. High MYF were installed by the pastor of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, the Rev. W.R. Wendt, on March 3: Sr. High: Parea Cockrell, president; Judy Sistrunk, vice-president; Linda Davis, secretary; Pamela Kelly, Program chairman; Sandra Hunt, party chairman; Mrs. Biola Barnhill, counselor; Jr. High: Joe Kelly, president; Kay Farrar, vice-president; Timothy Moon, treasurer; Jimmy Carr, secretary; Jimmy Lightfoot, parliamentarian; Gary Lightfoot, program area chairman; Johnette Johnson Johnson, party chairman; Mrs. Agnes Hawthorne, counselor.

The Sunday School Lesson

DR. E. T. WAYLAND



Lesson For March 24, 1963: WHY MEN RESIST CHRIST

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURES: Mark 12:13-44.
Printed Lesson Text: Mark 12:13-17, 28-34.

MEMORY SELECTION: For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak. John 12:49.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help adults to understand something of the vicious, unscrupulous attacks Jewish leaders made on Jesus and to see how, with wisdom and cleverness, Jesus turned these attacks aside. To emphasize also that Jesus used these attacks as opportunities to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

The background Scripture for last Sunday's lesson closed with Mark 12:12. Our lesson text today begins right there with Mark 12:13. The time and the place were the same. It was Tuesday of Passion Week and all incidents reported in today's lesson took place in or around the Temple. This was the last day of Christ's public ministry. The hatred and bitterness of his enemies grew by the hour and the determination to destroy him became an obsession.

This extreme crisis in the ministry of Jesus was the result of the cumulative effect of events that had recently transpired. First there was the determination of Jesus to meet his enemies face to face in Jerusalem, their own stronghold. This was aggravated by the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Their anger was increased by the open challenge of the authority of the Jewish leaders by cleansing the Temple which officially was under their control. Furthermore only a short time before this Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead at Bethany, only two miles from Jerusalem. This created such excitement among the people that the chief priests and Pharisees were alarmed. They not only decided to kill Jesus but they decided also to kill Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Now the only question in their minds was how and when?

THE DAY OF QUESTIONING

Tuesday of Passion Week is often called the "Day of Questioning." Along with an otherwise very busy day, there were at least four different groups that came to Jesus with carefully prepared questions. This was not because they wanted to learn something from Jesus but that they hoped to so entrap him with these questions as to destroy him.

In last Sunday's lesson we had the record of the first group that came. They asked Jesus the very pointed question, "By what authority doest thou these things?" We saw that Jesus silenced them by asking a simple question about the baptism of John.

WHERE TRIBUTE IS DUE

According to Mark's Gospel Jesus only had time to speak the pointed parable of the wicked husbandman before a group made up of Pharisees and Herodians came to him with another question. This parable did not help the feelings of the Jewish leaders since its lessons pointed directly at them.

Let us remember that the Pharisees and Herodians were bitter enemies. The Pharisees were strictly nationalists and were opposed to anything or anybody that in any sense weakened the Jewish nation. The Herodians were very friendly with Herod who was appointed by Rome to rule. They were favorable, also, to the rule of Rome over the Jews. Despite the irreconcilable difference between them,

these two parties made common cause in their efforts to execute Jesus.

This group approached Jesus with a very shallow, transparent effort at flattery. They said that they knew that he was true and that he did not care for or regard the mere persons of men and that he taught the way of God in truth.

After this attempt at flattery they posed their question, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" This question had two dangerous barbs and they were sure that Jesus would be caught on one or the other of them. If Jesus said, "Yes it is proper to give tribute to Caesar," they felt sure that the masses would turn from him because the masses, of all things, did not want to pay taxes to Rome. If Jesus said "No, do not pay tribute to Caesar," they knew that the simple report of such teachings to the Roman authorities would result in the arrest and execution of Jesus as a traitor. They felt that they would be rid of him either way.

Jesus called for a coin. He called attention to the fact that the very money they used in exchange bore the image of Caesar. He then gave that immortal reply, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This answer was so perfect and complete that, according to Mark, there was no effort to reply. Mark simply says, "And they marveled at him." They had not discredited or hurt Jesus; they themselves were publicly discredited in the minds of the people about them.

Rather than to discredit Jesus, this question gave him opportunity to announce a basic attitude toward God and government that all Christians should have. He declared that we have obligations to both and implied that ordinarily these obligations do not conflict. Wherever there is a conflict, we may be sure that government is wrong.

There are those who think that this statement of Jesus gives approval to the doctrines of the separation of church and state. Without question Jesus does recognize that they do have different functions.

Our conception of the separation of church and state are based on some rather unfortunate experience of the past. There was a time when the church controlled the state. Popes assumed the right even to crown kings and to absolve subjects of all allegiance to a king if the pope, saw fit. On the other hand, in England as a result of the Protestant reformation the king became head of the church and exercised powers formerly held by the pope. The state and the church were one. It was these experiences that caused the founders of our nation to mark the differences of the functions of church and state. We do not believe that our founding fathers expected the church to ignore the church. Rather we believe that they expected a helpful co-operation between them.

A QUESTION FOUNDED ON IGNORANCE

If we may judge from Mark's account, the group that came to ask about tribute money had hardly gotten out of sight until another group approached Jesus with a question.

This time the group was composed of Sadducees, "which say there is no resurrection." The record of this incident is sandwiched in between the two selections for our lesson text from Mark 12. It is a part of the "Day of Questioning." The Sadducees were a small, wealthy, powerful group who accepted only

the Pentateuch as inspired Scripture.

The Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, had a favorite puzzle with which they delighted to torment the Pharisees who did believe in the resurrection. Since others had failed, the Sadducees thought they could surely discredit Jesus by posing this puzzle to him, as they felt they had discredited the view of the Pharisees.

In substance, this was their puzzle. A woman married the oldest of seven sons. He died without children. As was the Jewish custom, the second brother married her. He also died without children and so on until all seven brothers had her as wife and had no children. Finally the wife died. Now came the final "whip-cracker" of the story which, for the Sadducees, reduced the whole story to an absurdity for those who believed in the resurrection. The question was, "In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife." The Pharisees had never been able to give a satisfactory answer to this question.

The answer of Jesus was very prompt and final. He said, "You are mistaken, and surely this is the reason: you do not know either the scriptures or the power of God. When they rise from the dead, men and women do not marry; they are like angels in heaven." It must have been quite a surprise to these Sadducees, who considered themselves to be highly educated, to hear Jesus say in effect that the question they had asked was the result of their ignorance of the Scriptures and of God.

Jesus did not stop with answering their question. He asked the Sadducees if they had not read in the book of Moses, which they professed to believe in, how God had spoken to Moses out of the burning bush. God there had said, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Jesus added, "He is not the God of the dead but the God of living; ye therefore do greatly err." Since these three had been dead for from four hundred to about two hundred years, when God was speaking to Moses, Jesus was saying that they were still living somewhere. So far as Mark records, the Sadducees turned away without a reply. They too were discredited.

According to Mark another group came immediately after they had gone. Matthew tells us that this group consisted of Pharisees with a lawyer as their spokesman. The Jewish leaders still believed that Jesus was a street corner preacher who would make a fatal mistake if they could just get him to talk enough.

This crowd came with the question, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" They must have expected to hear Jesus fly off at a tangent with some wild, irresponsible statement of what was really important in religion. To their surprise Jesus went right back into the heart of the laws of Moses and brought together two widely separated statements from Deuteronomy and Leviticus and said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew has said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" Matthew has Jesus saying regarding these commandments, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Jesus in effect says that all else in the Bible is an explanation or an interpretation of these two great truths.

Having answered the questions of all of the groups so satisfactorily, Mark says, "And no man after that durst ask him any questions." We are not surprised.

WHY MEN RESIST CHRIST

Our lesson subject for today is "Why Men Resist Christ." The reasons men give for resisting Christ are so numerous that one would hardly be able to give full discussion to all of these reasons even in a large book.

Without space for discussion, we will mention some of these reasons. (1) Many resist Christ because they, foolishly, think that they can plan their lives better than Christ can plan them. (2) Some resist Christ because they do not want to change their

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In Glasgow, Scotland, a Mercury computer, fed with a quarter million words of Greek prose, has come up with the 'finding' that St. Paul was the author of only four of the 14 Pauline Epistles in the New Testament. Results of these tests are to be published in April by Dr. G.H.C. MacGregor, professor of Bible criticism at Glasgow University, and the Rev. A. A. Morton, minister at Culross Abbey, Fife. The men worked together in 'programming' the computer and analyzed the results of a stylistic inquiry into the use of the word 'and' in the Epistles and in the work of other Greek authors.

Now it seems we are to be ushered into an entirely new type of Biblical criticism. Sounds like a new variety of 'form criticism' which is subject to the age of automation.

Father James A. Carey, head of St. Michael's Catholic High School in Jersey City, N.J., has warned its 600 boys and girls that any student 'dating one person to the exclusion of all others will be expelled immediately.' In banning steady dating, the priest observed that youths 'between 14 and 17 should be enjoying some of the finest years of their lives and not keeping steady company'. Father Carey explained that he decided to ban steady dating after watching couples during a walk through his parish, located in downtown Jersey City.

This is quite a radical step, and we would be quite interested in hearing just what sort of check can be kept on a group of high school students to decide whether they are violating a rule which bans 'dating one person to the exclusion of all others.'

A bill proposing that the new 5-cent stamp picturing George Washington be redesigned to incorporate his famous statement 'To Bigotry No Sanction' has been introduced in Congress by Rep. William L. St. Onge (D.-Conn.). The words come from a letter which President Washington wrote in 1790 to the Touro Synagogue of Newport, R. I., which this year is celebrating its 200th anniversary of its founding.

Sure as this bill gets through Congress some bigot is bound to file suit and carry the case to the Supreme Court.

A Presbyterian pastor said in a recent Political Emphasis Week sermon at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., that 'Christ can be in a smoke-filled room as well as in an incense-filled church.' The Rev. Robert K. Hudnut of St. Luke Presbyterian

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way of living. (3) Some resist Christ because they realize the price they must pay to serve him. (4) Some resist Christ because life is already so crowded with other interests that they have no room for Christ in their lives. (5) Sadly enough, some resist Christ because we, his followers, so poorly represent him his love and his matchless character, as that they are not convinced that following Christ is important.

WHY MEN ACCEPT CHRIST

After this 'Day of Questioning' Mark says of Jesus in 13:37, 'And the common people heard him gladly.' In his teachings and in his answers to the questions of the day Jesus was so practical, so understandable that the people not only heard him but were willing to follow him. It is my feeling the masses will still hear Jesus gladly, if the church can get to them with the gospel message delivered in something of the simplicity and sincerity with which Jesus spoke.

Church, Minnetonka, was criticizing statements that religion and politics do not mix and that 'the church ought to stick to its knitting.' The minister, who was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in Albany, N.Y. before coming to Minnesota, said, 'What goes on in society is the church's knitting. The church has an obligation to be society's conscience.'

More and more people are coming to realize that the church must be exercising its prerogative to be the conscience of society.

In Spain, new legislation easing restrictions against that country's Protestant minority would be 'perfectly compatible' to the 'Catholic unity of Spain and the confessional character of the Spanish state,' a Roman Catholic bishop recently declared in Huelva, Spain. Bishop Pedro Cantero Cuadrado said that Spain 'has nothing to fear from a legal change required by the present circumstances of the Church and the world.'

It will be quite interesting to watch and see how long it takes noble statements like this from some of the Spanish bishops to be implemented in the actual relaxation of legal restrictions which now make it so difficult to be a Protestant in Spain.

A study calling for major revisions in the governing structure of the National Council of Churches was recently presented to the policy-making General Board of that organization recently in Denver, Colo.



DR. EVALD B. LAWSON, president of the Lutheran Church in America's Upsala College in east Orange, N. J., is decorated with the Royal Order of the North Star of Sweden by Gunnar Jarring, Swedish Ambassador to the United States. This was Dr. Lawson's second honor from the Swedish government.

If the recommendations are carried out, it would be the first extensive revision of the Council's structure since its creation in 1950. The report was based on a study made by a management consultant firm.

We have a strong feeling that it would be a most healthy thing for the National Council to give serious consideration to these recommendations and indicate an interest in moving in the direction of listening to voices which have been making similar recommenda-

tions.

Martin Luther's famous hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is our God,' was recently sung in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Calif. by an unusual group of eight Jesuit priests. From the church's choir left, the priests, who came from Alma College in Los Gatos, joined in singing the hymn with the rest of the congregation. They were participating in a pastoral conference in connection with a lecture series in the church. One of the priest's observed, 'It's a great hymn, isn't it?'

And still two-way communion continues to be more common between Protestant and Catholic groups in these recent days.

An official of the National Association of Evangelicals has warned in Washington of 'missionary swindlers' who are mulcting conservative Protestant churches of thousands of dollars a year for the support of missionary work that does not exist. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, said a recent round-the-world trip has disclosed that some mission stations which American churches thought they were supporting do not even exist.

This is a warning which should be heeded by those who are prone to invite individuals into their pulpits and churches without proper investigation of interest that they represent.

A prominent Lutheran scholar and one-time anti-Nazi resistance leader recently issued the warning that the misuse of freedom is itself a threat to freedom. Dr. Helmut Thielicke, professor of theology at Munich University, was speaking at a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the execution by the Gestapo of Hans and Sophie Scholl and Christopher Probst, leaders of the famous White Rose Anti-Nazi underground students' group at the university.

Bishop Otto Bibellius of the Church of Berlin-Brandenburg has called on West German Chancellor Adenauer to inform him of difficulties being experienced by the Church's West Berlin parishes because of the Communist East-West Wall. He urged the chancellor to give particular emphasis during international negotiations to the human distress caused by the wall.

The Legislature of Hawaii has been urged by the Methodist Hawaii Mission to defeat all bills legalizing and form of gambling which might be introduced. In a resolution adopted at the 58th annual meeting of the Mission in Honolulu, gambling was branded as 'morally, socially, spiritually and economically harmful to our state and its people.' Bishop Gerald Kennedy, who presided at the meeting, said the resolution was consistent with the anti-gambling stand of the Methodist Church.

Pentecostal-style 'speaking in tongues,' a growing phenomenon in traditional denominations in several sections of the country, has spread to the campus of Yale University. About 20 young men, most of them affiliated with the conservative Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at that institution, have told university chaplains that they have experienced 'tongues' and received 'baptism of the Holy Spirit,' according to a report published in the Episcopal weekly, The Living Church.

All Christians have been urged by the World Council of Churches to pray for the World Conference on Faith and Order which will meet July 12-26 in Montreal, Canada. The council's Faith and Order Department reported that more countries and churches will be represented at Montreal than at any other Faith and Order Conference.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has revoked the tax-exempt status of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a non-sectarian pacifist organization, with headquarters at Nyack, N.Y. It ruled that any contributions made to the fellowship subsequent to the determination of revocation (Jan. 10) may not be deducted for income tax purposes.



Dr. Henry

Duke Professor Lenten Preacher At Lake Vista

Dr. Stuart C. Henry, professor of American Christianity at Duke University, Durham, N. C., was the preacher for the annual Lenten preaching mission of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 3 through 6.

Dr. Henry was pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Natchez, Miss., for thirteen years prior to 1961. Since then he has taught at Southern Methodist University and at Duke University, where he now teaches in the graduate school of religion.

The theme for the mission was "The Steep Ascent; or the Pilgrimage of Everyone," dealing with the progress of a man's soul in self-realization. In a series of five messages, Dr. Henry explored the situation that faces every person, to help him grow into self-understanding and thus to be able to reap the fullest satisfactions from his relationships with others. Individual sermon topics were: "The Fateful Meeting," "Into the Depths," "The Shape of the Past," "Beyond Tragedy," and "The Steep Ascent."

In addition to the preaching services, Dr. Henry met with the men's club, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, church school workers, and the youth groups.

Dr. Henry is the author of "George Whitefield — Wayfaring Witness," published by Abingdon Press. Currently he is editing a volume of a "Library of Protestant Thought" for Oxford Press.

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education director for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

The subject of the school is the 1962-63 emphasis of the board. Dr. Paul Deats, associate professor of social ethics and religion in higher education at Boston University School of Theology, was the main speaker at the three sessions. Two afternoons were spent in small-group interviews with 20 Chicago community leaders concerning moral values, personal decision making and the church's role in society.

METHODIST PERSONALITY

Mrs. Isabel Verduzco

"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." This scripture is not just an idle statement to Mrs. Isabel Verduzco of Lake Charles, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a happy and lively greeting to the many friends and loved ones who came to call during this momentous occasion. Mrs. Verduzco, at 90, is a real inspiration to those who are seeking a way to grow old happily. Living alone in an apartment which she takes care of by herself, Mrs. Verduzco shows no evidence of loneliness. "I'm never really alone," she says. "The Lord is always here with me and I can talk to Him, and find comfort in Him."

Watching this "delightfully young" lady flitting happily about her apartment, digging into the cedar chest for old pictures and newspaper clippings, you forget her age as you listen to her refreshing discussion about modern churches as compared to the old time religion. Before you know it several hours have flown by and you're so spiritually re-newed that you want to linger and hear more about her earlier experiences, which are as fascinating as a story book!

The oldest of eight children, Isabel Dorothy Hill was born Feb. 6, 1873 in Bandero, Texas, where her father was a farmer. She was christened in a little Methodist Episcopal Church which was built by her grandfather, a famous old gentleman who had been raised in Catholicism, but who, after an "Apostle-Paul-type" of conversion, became a gigantic figure in the Methodist ministry.

After Isabel attended school for seven years in Bandero, she was sent to an outstanding college in Saltillo, Mexico.

Later Isabel went back to Texas where she attended the Holding Institute in Laredo. She finished her education here and began her teaching career. At Fort McIntosh, in Laredo, she taught in a fore-runner of the modern GI training school. The government, at that time, offered an education to the soldiers of World War I and it was these men that Isabel taught. Since her students were from many different countries and nationalities, she learned a smattering of several languages, to go along with the fluent Spanish she had learned to speak earlier in life. It was also in this school that she became an "away-from-home-mother" to many different boys, spending much time and effort in helping them straighten out moral and financial problems.

In 1900 she married the Rev. Pablo G. Verduzco, who several years before had left his native Mexico and departed from his family's Catholic religion, to become a Methodist minister. He worked with Isabel's grandfather in Bandero, where he met and fell in love with her. The next thirty-seven years of this couple's life was devoted to working in Methodist Mexican missions in Texas. Those were happy years. Many of the friends the Verduzcos made during this time, still remember and come to see Mrs. Ver-



duzco today.

The couple had one child, Paul G. Verduzco, who now operates a shipping company in Lake Charles. After Mr. Verduzco's death, in Port Arthur, Isabel continued to teach there in a school for new American citizens, even

though she was 64 years of age. But finally, at the insistence of her son and his family, she moved to Lake Charles to be near them.

Still active in the University Methodist Church, Mrs. Verduzco probably holds a record with her 90 years as a Methodist. During the past year she did not miss attending church on Sunday and often played the piano for her Sunday School Class. She is especially proud of her son, Paul, and his wife, Jeanette, and their four children who are all members of, and work in, the University Methodist Church in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Verduzco's ninetieth birthday was the occasion for three separate birthday parties. Her daughter-in-law held an open house during which nearly 200 friends came to wish her well. The parsonettes surprised her by going to her apartment and bringing their own party to her. The following day the WSCS of University Methodist church had a birthday party for her, so she has many happy memories of this occasion.

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The best way to fight Communism is to strengthen the Christian forces of the nation.

The pagan is satisfied if the crowd applauds; a Christian is never satisfied until God applauds.

AN ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE RETIRED MINISTERS HOMES BOARD Inc. OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The Methodist Church
during the Conference year 1961-62 and the
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DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR June 1, 1961 to May 31, 1962

The 10,581 Members of the LAFAYETTE DIST. gave \$1,331.73 or .12 2/3 cts per members.

The 23,870 Members of the SHREVEPORT DIST. gave \$2,988.85 or .12 1/2 cts per member.

The 10,378 Members of the ALEXANDRIA DIST. gave \$871.17 or .08 1/3 cts per member.

The 11,804 Members of LAKE CHARLES DIST. gave \$926.90 or .07 3/4 cts per member.

The 12,149 Members of the RUSTON DIST. gave \$918.45 or .07 1/2 cts per member.

The 14,731 Members of the MONROE DIST. gave \$829.03 or .05 2/3 cts per member.

The 16,104 Members of the NEW ORLEANS DIST. gave \$837.72 or .05 1/4 cts per member.

The 22,484 Members of the BATON ROUGE DIST. gave \$1,147.89 or .05 cts per member.

OTHER INTERESTING FIGURES REVEAL THAT
OVER THE TOTAL NINE YEAR PERIOD CLOSING MAY 31, 1962-
The SHREVEPORT DISTRICT has contributed \$60,502.13 or \$2.53 per member.

The LAFAYETTE DISTRICT has contributed \$8,276.06 or .80 2/3 cts per member.

The RUSTON DISTRICT has contributed \$9,975.42 or .79 cts per member.

The ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT has contributed \$7,526.60 or .75 1/2 cts per member.

The NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT has contributed \$8,636.20 or .58 cts per member.

The MONROE DISTRICT has contributed \$7,158.66 or .48 3/4 cts per member.

The LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT has contributed \$5,553.75 or .48 1/2 cts per member.

The BATON ROUGE DISTRICT has contributed \$7,854.15 or 37-1/3 cts per member.

(These figures are all based on the annual change of District membership)

HOMES ALREADY BUILT—Shreveport—3 singles
Ruston—1 single, 1 Duplex
Pineville—1 single.

MONEY in reserve for single in Lafayette.
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WOMAN'S PAGE



Louisiana Women Assemble in Monroe's First Church



Mrs. Gloria Bennett, president of Unit No. One Guild in First Church.



Mrs. LeRoy Womack, president of the Elizabeth Langford Guild in First Church.

New Circle in Wesley Church, DeRidder

Mrs. Helen Blankenbaker, Secretary of Promotion of the Wesley Woman's Society of Christian Service, called together the first meeting of the newly formed "day circle" of the ladies of the Wesley Methodist Church of DeRidder, at the home of Mrs. Kathy Burns. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Grace Butler.

At this meeting of February 26, which began at 9:30 A.M., the following persons were elected to the following offices for the circle: Mesdames, Eugene Garst, chairman; Grace Butler, vice-chairman; Altha Crofoot, secretary of spiritual life; Annette McDonald, promotion secretary; Kathy Burns, secretary of literature and publication; Louise Sumrall, Christian social relations secretary; Kate LeBlanc, secretary of supply; Hazel Thigpen, secretary of missionary education and service; and Ida Littleton, secretary and treasurer.

The ladies selected as the name for their day circle that of the Mamie Cole Circle. This is in memory of Mrs. Mamie Cole, the late Mrs. Mid Cole, who from the time Wesley Methodist Church was organized until her death, worked tirelessly beside her husband, and others, in laying the foundation of Wesley church. Mrs. Cole was an active member of the W. S. C. S. as it related to her local church, the community of DeRidder, the Lake Charles District and the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church.

Following the business session of the meeting, the ladies were served refreshments by their hostess, Mrs. Burns.

Present for this organizational meeting of the Mamie Cole Circle were: Mesdames, Helen Blankenbaker, Della Reynolds, Jackie McGrede (Lake Charles District President of the WSCS), Altha Crofoot, Helen Duffy, Marjorie Nelson, Emogene Garst, Lucile Johnson, Annette McDonald, Kate LeBlanc, Bonnie Parrish, Ida Littleton, Della Stewart, Betty Long, Kathy Burns, Grace Butler, and Hazel Thigpen.

The ladies were invited to hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Altha Crofoot, at 9:30 AM on March 12.



MONROE FIRST METHODIST Church, meeting place of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society followed by the Wesleyan Service Guild. Dr. George W. Harbuck is the pastor.

From Mansfield Guild

Members of the Mansfield First Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild recently elected officers for the 1963 church year, beginning in June. Mrs. Mary Pierson was named president, to be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, vice president. Mrs. Hazel Hamilton will serve as recording secretary, Mrs. Daisy Hunter, as promotion Secretary, and Mrs. Lucille Buck, as treasurer.

Other officers include Mrs. Billy Rae Page, chairman of missionary education; Mrs. Irene Tatum, chairman of spiritual life cultivation; and Mrs. Isabel Heard, chairman of Christian social relations. Other chairmen of lines of work are Mrs. Brownie McKinnon, local church activities; Mrs. Mamie Fields, supply work; Miss Gertie Gregory, literature and publications; Mrs. Dessie Hebert, membership; and Miss Jerri Beck, publicity.

Mrs. Virginia Irbing will serve as the co-ordinator for the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service. The nominating committee includes Miss Gregory, Miss Beck and Mrs. Fields.

Methodist women of Louisiana are in session this week in the historic First Methodist Church of Monroe. Much planning, preparation, and effort goes into this event on the local level. Below are listed some of the chairmen who are directing hostess activities in the several local societies and guilds so that the meetings or meals may all be in order.

General chairmen — Mrs. C. J. Turpin, co-chairman — Mrs. E. N. Jackson, treasurer — Mrs. P. L. Foreman, registration — Mrs. Don Wineinger, housing — Mrs. Fred Poe, information — Mrs. R. E. Duke, church arrangements and properties — Mrs.

Hugh Murray and Miss Tennie V. Severtson, communion and pledge service — Mrs. J. T. Jackson, packets — Mrs. Don Elliott, executive food and entertainment — Mrs. Thomas Pitt printing — Mrs. Don Elliott, flowers — Mrs. C. C. Lucky, publicity — Mrs. A. P. Andrews, foods — Mrs. Pat Siudy, coffee corner — Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, transportation — Mrs. R. H. Farr, music — Miss Juanita Porter, pages — Mrs. C. L. Taylor, book room — Mrs. Fred Riser.

Presidents of the groups are: First Church, Woman's Society — Mrs. D. V. Loflin, Jr., Gordon Avenue — Mrs. Roy Bragg, Memorial — Mrs. Herbert Walker, St. Paul's — Mrs. Thomas Pitt, Stone Avenue — Mrs. Earl Price, Southside — Mrs. Bennie Duke.

Guild presidents are: First Church, Unit No. 1 — Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Elizabeth Langford Guild — Mrs. J. Leroy Womack, Gordon Avenue — Mrs. Lucille H. Durham, Memorial — Mrs. C. D. Whipple, Southside — Mrs. Callie Crow.

President of the Monroe District is Mrs. S. A. Seegers of Columbia.

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Mrs. D. V. Loflin is president of the Woman's Society in First Church.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Wilma Snare

Wilma Snare was born in Kansas City, Kans., on July 7, 1936, the sixth of seven children. During her childhood her father served as a lay minister and they lived in several Kansas towns. In 1950, the family moved to Albuquerque, N.Mex., where Miss Snare graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1954 and attended the University of New Mexico for two years.

It was during these years that the challenge of a church-related vocation was presented and she felt that it was within the Methodist framework that she should choose her vocation. In the spring of her sophomore year at the university, the deaconess relationship was explained to her. Immediately she made application, had the examinations, met the Regional Board and was accepted. During that same time she made application to attend National College in Kansas City, Mo. Here she complete the bachelor's degree in 1958.

On leaving Albuquerque, nothing was further from her mind than New Orleans. "I'm sure I was hardly aware it existed," she says. However, between her junior and senior years at National College, the opportunity came to work at St. Mark's Community Center. From the beginning she loved the children and came to enjoy the activities offered there and returned to school with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn more about social group work.

After graduation she gladly returned to the fascinating city of New Orleans and was initiated into the total program of St. Mark's. She was hardly settled before a letter arrived saying that she was to be commissioned a deaconess at the Board of Missions meeting at Buck Hill Falls in January. "While the commissioning on January 23, 1959, was the fulfillment of several years plans and dreams, it was more of a beginning—the beginning of a life-time of opportunities to grow spiritually, emotionally, and mentally; to serve God by helping others, and to be a working member of the church."

Miss Snare goes on to say, "Working at St. Mark's Community Center has started me on the path, for certainly there have been endless experiences that are new, different, challenging, and satisfying." At St. Mark's are clubs and groups filled with all types of boys and girls, and with a variety of activity from slumber parties and camping trips to crafts, and singing. The younger children have their first group experience where they help plan the activities and where they work and play together forming lasting friendships. Also, there are the older groups which are a great deal more self-sufficient for they have learned to plan their activities; they feel their independence but still look to the leaders for acceptance and guidance.

Play Camp, a three week summer activity is an opportunity to learn about people in other countries or states, or a special area while having lots of fun with skits, crafts, trips, songs, games, movies, and swimming.

"While problems arise, and failures and disappointments happen, a warm feeling comes to the leader as a group sings around a campfire," says Miss Snare.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanah

A Will To Endure Conquers Defeat

THE WILL TO ENDURE -- There is something in every human heart which inspires love for old things -- old houses, old furniture, old legends and traditions, old-time religions. Families treasure heirlooms, bric-a-brac and antiques. And some of these antiques are not very comfortable when we sit in them.

Among our old priceless items is the Declaration of Independence. And our American Constitution and its Bill of Rights, the stalwart documents of free men and women, have endured.

Yes, we revere old things. Those of us who have visited New England and Pennsylvania and the little town of Williamsburg, Va. for example, have stood in reverent awe before the immortal structures raised by our founding fathers. And our imagination is fired. And pride wells within us because we realize the solid rocks upon which our country was founded. I want to emphasize this will to endure.

Many New England villages have what is known as the 'Village Green.' Flanking these 'Greens' you will find white-coated churches, each of which has a bell in the belfry. And the 'Village Green' you will find, too, majestic trees, oaks, elms and maples, erect after years of contest with the elements. Have you ever examined a white oak tree? In the spring it is the last tree to bear plumage. But when the chill blasts of autumn assail its branches, its leaves cling everlastingly to the stout oak. And if you explore further you will discover that many leaves of last years still remain on the tree. Inanimate, yes. Dead leaves, we say. Another spring and new leaves. I wonder if there isn't a lesson in this for us.

Today each of us is facing up to a situation which may involve us in another world war. We hear pessimistic reports of possible nuclear bombing. Where shall we find shelter? Whence shall we flee to escape devastation and death? All that we have built up will crumble. We cannot endure the catastrophe. We have been fed with this unappetizing gruel.

But let me remind you that a seedling nation, founded on a rock, not on sand, has survived, through the grace of God. The Pilgrim Fathers landed on a rock in this country and that rock still rests in Massachusetts where every American can view it.

Of course we revere old things. Down in what we call the old 'Pennsylvania Dutch Country' you will see homes that were built in the 'seventeen hundreds.' Sturdy old structures of fieldstone. Near Valley Forge you will find old houses in which General Washington lived during the Revolution. Yes, they are still standing. These buildings have endured.

And the trees surrounding them flourish in profusion. An acorn dropped and a seedling was born. It wasn't much of a tree in ten years -- or twenty. The gales buffeted that tree and it swayed in the wind but mark you, it resumed its vertical stature. In height it outgrew man. It endured long years after generations of owners.

And what about the fieldstone house? One by one the fieldstones were brought from the meadows and placed tier on tier by consecrated hands.

The builders are gone but their work endures. Our Raphaels and Rembrandts endure and our art museums are rich with their treasured talent. This beloved nation of ours was built on a rock -- a rock of spiritual strength.

In our country -- in Canada -- we have endured. Let us take comfort in these days, that no enemy shall defeat us if we possess the will to endure. Let no one frighten us. Let us stand as a united legion, determined that no godless foe can destroy us.

In closing this piece I want to quote from the Bible with the hope that it will inspire you as it has inspired me. 'Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the flood came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell not.'

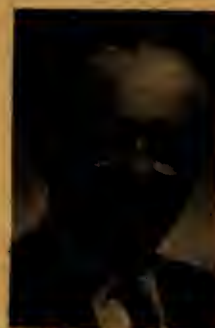
Let us endure!

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THE FIFTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER-



OLD ENOUGH TO SHARE the significance and joys of the real meaning of Easter, these children help prepare the altar of their church.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stack/Lay Evangelist

WHICH KIND ARE YOU?

I have been told that there are three kinds of people. The first kind make things happen. The second watch things happen. The third group blink their eyes and mumble sleepily, 'What happened?'

The least comfortable are members of the first group. Fact is, they may not live as long as the other groups, although this is not always the case. But these are the people with a restless, dynamic urge to create -- to discover -- to take new trails. Often they are criticised by members of the other groups as trying to 'run things'. And sometimes they may be a bit stern about their opinions.

The second group are probably the most comfortable. Many of them want to be 'everybody's friend'. Most of them are agreeable. They want to go with the crowd even though the crowd may be wrong at times. But 'togetherness' sometimes is a lot more important to them than the willingness to stand up for their deepest convictions.

The third group want to have their cake and eat it too. In fact they sometimes would like for someone else to eat the cake if they could still know the sweetness. Often they are not very happy. They are the ones who sometimes say that they 'Don't' want to act religious. Then wonder why the church does not do something about the evils

in the community. They will encourage those who want to repeal 'blue laws'. Then wonder why Christian people are not growing in numbers. They will say all manner of evil things about the communists. Then not be willing to turn a hand to promote those causes that fight Communism the hardest.

Maybe everyone is a mixture of all three personalities. We would like to see better conditions around us, but we don't want to hurt anybody's feelings. We would like to deal harshly with those who encourage young people of high school age to drink, but we still want to hold on to our cocktail parties or an occasional highball at home. We tell the preacher to be a 'good fellow'. But we can't understand why his sermons don't change people.

All the devil wants is to place all of his followers in the first class. If he can have enough of his crowd to make things happen, he can take the world over. And as long as church members look up in amazement and ask, 'What happened?' We shall have a weak front to put before him. These are truly challenging days. But challenges are not for tocking-chair Christians. Let us ask God to show us new experiences, new spiritual discoveries, new trails. Then let us pray for enough courage to try them. Anyone can make things happen in the world around him if he chooses to do it.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Working For The Right Boss

by the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft
Minister, First Methodist Church Fordyce, Arkansas

Read I Cor. 3. Text: I Cor. 3:9, 'For we are laborers together with God.'

I Corinthians was written to a church divided between factions which placed their confidence in various teachers. Paul emphatically proclaims this confidence must be placed in the Christ and in Him alone.

In the first part of the scripture that surrounds this text, Paul sets himself to show neither Appollos nor himself was of importance. They are merely a couple of gardeners, one in charge of the planting and the other in charge of the watering and tending, but, as for the life of the plant, this belongs to God. They had nothing to do with it. So he would say, in the first place, what was the use of fighting between two individuals who have no value or place of real leadership? One was not greater than the other and, therefore, the true dedication of the membership of the Corinthian Church member should rest in the Lord Jesus Christ, for He is their Saviour.

How true this rings even today. How many times have we heard it said that we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, but in the same breath, heard that they would not attend church or support the church because they did not like the pastor or some other leader of the congregation. We are so much like the Corinthian Church and we, too, need to be reminded that the real leader in whom we are to place our loyalty is the Christ.

But Paul does not stop here in his statement. After perhaps a moment of pause, he says that the person that plants and the person that waters are perhaps something after all. It is not their responsibility to give life but they do have the responsibility to see that it has a favorable environment. And more than that, the two men are partners in this production and in a sense can be said to be one. If this be true, what is the sense of trying to place the one over the other. Each member, each pastor, each leader in the church is a partner with each other in the one great work, and Christian Unity is desperately needed if this important work is to be finished.

But Paul does not stop just here in his statement. He not only declares the only true leader for the Christian congregation is to be the Christ, and that we are co-laborers in this Christian work, but also, he would say that even though we are nothing and yet something, united and yet separate, we are taken into participation and cooperation with God. As the text states, we are co-laborers together with Him. Paul's words are spoken primarily in regard to evangelistic work, but in a very real sense, they apply to every walk of life. Every man

who tries to make men understand the message of a loving Father in Jesus Christ, be he factory-worker, farmer, businessman, housewife, or what have you, can take encouragement from this text and feel that he too, in his meager way, is a co-worker with his fellow man and with his God.

He can know that truly, he is working for the Right Boss.



Build A Devotional

THE GOSPELS REVISED

Far be it from a novice to take issue with a scholar. Yet, the Christian Faith is so intimate and personal that each person must decide what he will believe and the depth of devotion to that belief. A recent book by Joel Carmichael, an American historian, linguist, and journalist is a search for the historical Jesus. He comes up with an answer that is as unique as it is unconvincing. In his search, just how scholarly and thorough one must decide, he labors the thesis that Jesus of Nazareth was a leader of an armed insurrection. His analysis is more like a 'headline hunter' trying to sell a book than a serious effort to discover the facts.

All this search for the historical Jesus is interesting and adds some to our understanding of Him. The center of our faith is not in recapturing the historical Jesus but in experiencing His living Presence as Redeemer and Victor. We are interested in the accuracy of the historical data concerning Jesus of Nazareth but to stop there is to lose, not revise, the gospel.

If we take with any grain of seriousness the thesis of this author,

then the most perceptive teaching of Jesus would immediately be a mockery. Jesus was a leader of a revolution! It was not a revolution of force and debasement, but of love and righteousness. His life and teaching was not based upon force but love. Surely the men closest to him were not that deluded! A military hero has his day and is soon buried in history. Jesus is worshipped and adored by countless thousands of sincere men and women, boys and girls today. The power of His total life is growing in impact upon a chaotic world.

The writers of the New Testament were certain that their Lord had not been defeated by the ignominious death upon a cross. Though He had died a criminal's death that act has become the blueprint for a 'new earth and a new heaven'.

Could these men of the first Christian century been that deluded? Could men up through the ages been that misled? Go look again Mr. Carmichael, you missed something in your first look!

-R.B.

SO THEY SAY

"One of the most subtle temptations of the minister is job egotism . . . We are not meant to be messiahs, to save the whole world, but to be ambassadors of Christ."—Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, speaking at Spiritual Enrichment Conference in Charlotte, N. C.

"We covet the matching of courageous preaching with gallant performance of our tenets by the consecrated laity of our church."—the Rev. Dr.

Let The Children Come

At this Easter time, we like to remember some of the things Jesus did when he was a boy. The Bible tells us that he grew 'in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Jesus grew in the wisdom that Nature can teach. As he followed the shepherds on the hillsides, he learned their stories. They often talked about the stars and believed that certain ones guided them in their travels. He heard them speak of the changing seasons—changing—the hot, dry season and the rainy months with only a short Spring between. He was taught to make a shepherd's flute from the reeds that grew along the watering places. He learned to use the shepherd boy's sling-shot to protect the sheep from wolves and prowling jackals and mountain lions.

He knew about other animals. He watched the habits of the sheep and goats. The small donkeys were his friends. Every day he watched the camel caravans move slowly along with their cargo perched on their humped backs. Almost every village house had in its courtyard a hen and chickens. He spoke of the care of the mother hen as she gathered her brood under her wings.

The birds of the air were known to Him. The herons and cranes fed in the marshy land on the Jordan river banks; the raven was thought to bring bad luck; the eagles were birds of prey. But the smaller birds, the swallows and pigeons made their homes in the rocks or under the eaves of the Temple. The honey-bee was found in hollow trees or in crevices in the rocks.

Jesus showed that he was interested in all of these things as he used them in his preaching and teaching. He also grew in the wisdom of the ancient religious teachings. Next week we will read about some of these. Mark in your Bibles and read Luke 2:41-52.

-Aunt Feather

Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary, reporting to the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.

"What we desire is a total dedication on the part of the church in all things to which the church should be dedicated. We at this point in our history rededicate ourselves to the ministry of healing and helping both through our institutions and in our communities."—Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, giving the keynote address at the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Poem For The Week

HYMN

When winds are raging o're the upper ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry roar,
'Tis said, far down beneath the wild commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth, evermore.

Far, far beneath, the noise of tempests dieth,
And silver waves chime ever peacefully,
And no rude storm, how fierce so'er it flieth,
Disturbs the Sabbath of that deeper sea.

Harriet Beecher Stowe
from POEMS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

Henning Mem. Church School of Missions Held

Henning Memorial Methodist Church in Sulphur has completed a six week Church-Wide School of Missions under the sponsorship of the commission on missions. The theme for the study was "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Needs." The average attendance was 127.

Mrs. Maxie Smith, director of Christian Education, coordinated the work done by the commission on missions, the commission on education, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service in setting up and directing the school. Dale Collins, chairman of the commissions, publicized and promoted the school. Mrs. B. S. Walker, Secretary of Missionary Education for the W.S.C.S., handled the mechanics of the adult class, which was taught by Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, pastor.

The course for the children's division was under the direction of Mrs. Audrey Granger who is children's division superintendent and also secretary of children's work for the W.S.C.S. Her teachers were: Mrs. Joan Wallace and Mrs. Garner Burleson, Nursery; Mrs. C. J. Melancon and Mrs. Douglas Krenzel, Kindergarten; Mrs. A. J. Drost and Mrs. George McFerrin, first year primary; Mrs. Wilburt Ourso and Mrs. Bob Banks, second year primary; Mrs. George Isaac, third year primary; Mrs. Lucille Cabaness, first year junior; Miss Sue Shirley, second year junior, and Mrs. L. L. Martine, third year junior. The offering from the children has been sent to the American Bible Society for the purchase and distribution of two Bibles in Braille.

The Junior High department was led in the study by Mrs. Carl Singleary, Mrs. Jewell Ellender, and Mrs. Sophie Mount.

The senior high course was taught by Mr. Cecil Bland.

Before any man begins arguing he ought to be sure he knows the definitions of the words he uses.



TWO WINBOURNE Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, laymen were honored recently for their outstanding Christian service to the Church. They are Woody Allen, left, and Wayne Anthony. They were chosen by the Wesley Adult Sunday School Class from the entire church membership. Both of the men have served in practically every capacity of the church.

Kaplan Youth Elected President Of USL Campus Interfaith Council

Stan Hardee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardee of Kaplan, Louisiana, has been elected President of the Interfaith Council at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The Interfaith Council consists of two representatives from each religious center on Campus. Besides promoting friendship and co-operation among the different faiths, the Interfaith Council also is responsible for Religious Emphasis Day, Foster Child Drive and Religious Emphasis Week.

Stan is also active in other phases of College life. Just recently he was initiated into Circle K International, an honorary fraternity and service organization. He is a member of the Society for the Advancement of Management, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and is on an Academic Scholarship.

A member of the Methodist Church in Kaplan, Stan is also active in his local church, being Song Leader for Sunday Morning Services, he has also been President of the local MYF,

Treasurer of the Rice Sub-District M. Y.F., and Treasurer of the Lafayette District M.Y.F.



Mr. Hardee

Measure of Church Is Found Out In Its Mission Outreach

By the Rev. Byrl Moreland
District Missionary Secretary

"If you want to find out the measure of a Church, discover its mission outreach to others." This statement could very well be a motto for the Commission on Missions of First Methodist Church, Winnfield. Without any doubt the vitality and warmth of their fellowship is directly related to their missionary outreach.

For one thing, they have accepted an amount for World Service which is 6% greater than their apportionment. But, over and beyond that, is their "second mile" giving to Advance specials which equals World Service.

I met with the members of the Commission to try to discover how all this came about. Every member was present -- one sure demonstration of their interest. They keep the church "mission-minded" by distributing world service leaflets every fourth Sunday, by putting posters in various parts of the church, by scheduling missionaries (home on furlough) for different church organizations, and by a wide use of the Prayer Calendar -- requesting that persons in the Church pray for Methodist missionaries on their birthday.

Not only have they reached out into the world with Advance Special projects, but they show a vital concern for their community. They have purchased \$75.00 worth of Bibles for the hospital, and also distributed copies of Together and the Upper Room. The Methodist Men, in conjunction with the Commission on Missions, had a banquet for convalescent patients at Central Louisiana State Hospital.

"The Arm of Compassion" was the theme for their Church-Wide School of Missions. There were an average of 22 in the Adult group; 14 in the youth group; and 12 in the Junior group. As outreach of the study, money was sent to the John Milton Society, and a World Service Advance Special for 100 pamphlets of the Gospel was sent to the American Bible Society.



CADDO HEIGHTS Methodist Church classes held their Sweetheart Banquet recently and elected the royalty as shown in the picture at the left. They are Dianne Wells, 7th grade princess; Mike Dennis; Gary Binderim; Judy Foster,



the Queen; Dianne Majure, 8th grade princess; Donnie Majure; Candace Coody, 9th grade princess; and Robert James. The picture on the right shows a general scene at the banquet.



Mr. Williamson

MYF News from Cotton Valley

The Rev. Andrew J. Williamson was guest speaker on three occasions in the Ruston District. He spoke on his work in Malaya at the Ruston District Missions Day Feb. 23. Feb. 24, he spoke at the morning workshop of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church and also at the Lighthouse Subdistrict meeting in Cotton on Sunday afternoon.

The Lighthouse Sub-district took as their special project for the year, The Malayaian Youth Fund.

Cotton Valley MYFers enjoyed a skating party, Feb. 9 in Springhill, and afterwards went to C. V. Methodist Fellowship Hall for games and refreshments. 26 youths and six adults attended.

Cotton Valley MYF just finished the study course 'Fracture Zone' and will begin the elective study on 'The Witnessing Fellowship.' Each of the coming Sunday evening programs will begin with a MYFund bulletin to promote the MYFund in the local church group.

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Pharr Chapel News

The M.Y.F. of Pharr Chapel, Morgan City, held a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, Feb. 8. A talent show, including a local group of square dancers, was an added attraction. The proceeds of this successful event will be used for the support of a young Indian boy whom the M.Y.F. has adopted.

The adult sponsors of the group are: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright, Mrs. M. A. Yonge and Mrs. R. C. Hammond, Jr. Rev. J. H. Sewell, is the pastor.

The men of Pharr Chapel, Morgan City met Feb. 11, to reorganize the Methodist Men group. A covered-dish supper was served. Rev. Jerome Cain was the principle speaker. Rev. J. H. Sewell is the pastor.

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The American Bible Society last year distributed almost 200,000 copies of the scriptures among the migrant workers, 70 per cent of whom are Mexicans who only read Spanish.

Inner-City Parish Of New Orleans Missions School

The Inner-City Parish of The Methodist Church in the New Orleans District recently conducted a very successful parish-wide School of Missions. The school was held on four successive Sunday evenings, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3rd at St. Mark's Methodist Church, with the other churches of the parish, Felicity, John Wesley and Redeemer participating. The M.Y.F. group continued their study through Sunday evening, February 10th.

The theme of the school was "Persons With Special Needs." There were classes for three age-groups: (1) The Children's Group, which was divided into Primaries and Juniors taught by Mrs. Lars Broadus of Felicity and Mrs. Cora Stone of St. Mark's. Mrs. James Newton of John Wesley led the Juniors. (2) The Youth Group leaders were: Mrs. Ann Bryant, Miss Laura Smith and Miss Wilma Snare from St. Mark's. (3) The Adult Group instructors were the Reverend Lars Broadus and Reverend Lloyd A. Foreman.

The program began each Sunday evening at 5:00 with a "snack supper," provided by the ladies of the four participating churches. The study sessions were held from 5:30 - 6:30 with general assembly from 6:30-7:00 for special programs of interest to the entire school. The average attendance at all the sessions throughout the school was 65.

The success of the school is evidenced in the continuing interest and concern on the part of each group to do something to help "persons with special needs." The young people carried their program over into a fifth session. They took on as their project, the making of special teaching booklets for the retarded children of one of the New Orleans schools. Pictures carefully selected and clipped from popular magazines were posted on newsprint and made into booklet form. This was an informative as well as a satisfying project for these young people in that they became more aware of this particular need by becoming involved in doing something of a practical nature to help.



INNER-CITY PARISH teaching staff for the recent are Mrs. Lars Broadus and Mrs. Cora Stone with members school of missions is shown here on the left. On the right of the Primary group of the missions program.



THE REV. ARBY COODY, left, awarded these three Scouts the God and Country award Feb. 10 at Wesley Methodist Church near St. Joseph. From left, the scouts are George Raworth, Jr., of St. Joseph, and Douglas C. Berry and Edgar R. Butts, Waterproof.

Revolution and urgency are the two great words of this generation.

cal nature to help.

The children's group were concerned primarily with how blind children are taught to rely on their other senses so that they might lead normal lives. As their project they sent \$5.80 to the American Bible Society for scripture in Braille.

The adult group, using as their text "The Arm of Compassion," touched on several different areas of special need of the ministry of the church. The Goodwill Industries and the work they do was brought sharply into focus by a visit on the part of two members of the group who brought back a very interesting and challenging report. As the adults became more aware that Goodwill Industries salvage human resources as well as materials, they agreed individually and collectively to support Goodwill, as opportunity provided.

In addition to the above mentioned benefits of the school, the cooperative efforts of the churches participating, brought about a stimulating fellowship and a deeper devotion to the call of Christ for service in the Inner-City.

Henning Memorial Senior High MYF Takes Mission Tour

The Senior High MYF of Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, went on a mission tour the week-end of Feb. 2. They visited several Methodist institutions in New Orleans, including St. Marks Community Center, the Methodist Home Hospital, and Dillard University.

On Sunday they attended worship services at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, then visited Felicity Street Methodist Church.

The group of 26 young people and four adults went by school bus. The adults were John Hereford, counselor, George McFerrin and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Henning.

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According to the best estimates of the health authorities, of the 185 million people of the United States, the 10 million Methodists will need 78,000 hospital beds during the year 1963. The denominational hospitals provide 19,761 of that number.



Methodism and Organization Men

By Gilbert Y. Taverner

"Great individuals, not great organization men, make a college or a university great," so wrote Mr. Harold W. Dodds, president-emeritus of Princeton University, in a recent report.

In the religious world Mr. Dodd's stimulating statement has its paraphrase: "Great individuals, not great organization men, make a parish or a denomination great." This statement maintains its veracity despite the importance of organization in the life of the Church, and creative organizational procedures in the fulfillment of Christ's Gospel. St. Paul was skilled in his use of the social structure we call "organization." Yet St. Paul is hardly to be considered an organization man. He was a great individual, identifiable for his uniqueness as well as for his ability to relate to the social structure of his time.

Universities and churches have been going through a trying area of late marked by an organizational-centeredness. This in turn is dominated by organizational men singularly engrossed in the care and feeding of organizational structure, and notably less concerned with the goals and purposes that organization is designed to serve. Hence Mr. Dodds' and other thoughtful persons' concern in education, and hence, our concern in the religious world.

Of all the Protestant churches our Methodist Church is clearly the most intricately organized. The values of Methodist structuring make us the envy of other less-organized groups; such values including, that it allows participation by large numbers of people; that it brings ethereally abstract plans down to workable patterns; that communication lines are more easily established; and that Methodism's intricate organizational structure enables a massive church to become more unified in its witness. But we are described as a church of "all harness and no horse" by some who envy us not at all. They see our complex structure as expensive, unwieldy, and sometimes undemocratic. On one point broad agreement is found within and outside Methodism, the need to evaluate thoroughly our organizational structure with an eye to Methodism's better serving as a witness to Christ's Gospel.

It would surprise the average Methodist parishioner to learn that sometimes up to 75% of a Methodist minister's time is spent on the nurturing of a parish organizational structure. A young man considering going into the Methodist ministry, but having some doubts, asked blandly, "When in the world do Methodist ministers find the time to do what most consider to be the work of ministers—preparing and preaching worthwhile sermons, counselling the distressed, and serving the needs of the sick? About all I find Methodist ministers doing is going to meetings, meetings, meetings." His youthful frankness bores through an immense amount of rationalization as to our Methodist organizational structuring and touches a tender spot.

The crucial test which organizational structure must always pass is "Does it serve the greater goals?" One gets the feeling in our Methodism that a tail-wagging-the-dog situation often develops in which an inordinate amount of attention is given to structuring our Christian witness, so much so that there is little time or resource left for actual witnessing. By the time the average

layman serving actively in his Methodist Church finishes with his board, committee, commission and subcommittee work, there is not time or energy left for vital experiences in learning more about the teachings of Christ, depth Bible Study, or other educational experiences directly related to his witness.

This situation may produce "top-drawer" organization men, but it hardly produces great individuals, and it is great individuals, not great organization men, that gives greatness to Christ's Church.

A key to developing such great individuals, laymen and ministers, in our Methodism, lies with the laity. When the laity expects its ministers to fulfill the unique tasks of the ministry, and allows the time and resources for such fulfillment, a giant step in the right direction will be taken. When the minister expects laymen to be great individuals and not cogs in the ecclesiastical machinery another great step will be

taken in Methodism. When ministers resist the alluring temptation to climb the organizationally minded Methodist ladder of success, and when increasingly the church makes possible the creative activity of great individuals, Methodism will turn an important corner.

Methodism's genius for organization has the ability to bring in a new era of creativity, if it remembers:

"Great individuals, not great organization men, make a parish or a denomination great." Consult St. Paul or John Wesley for definitive evidence of this fact.

members, had increased about 10,910 in 1961 to almost 12,000 in 1962. That represents a growth of about 10 per cent. That membership increase is being matched by progress in church extension was shown in a report of the organization of four new congregations in 1962. The new churches are in Casilda, Temperley, La Banda and San Javier.

New members and new churches mean that new ministers must be found. At the conference, Bishop Barbieri ordained four new ministers, making a total of 65 ministerial members in the conference. He also assigned as local (lay) preachers four young men, who have volunteered for two years of full-time church work. Comments the Rev. James Lloyd Knox of Tampa, Fla., missionary and Methodist news correspondent:

"The fact that there is a lack of
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Argentina Methodism Advances; New Conference To Be Formed

The Methodist Church in Argentina, one of four Methodist "Land of Decision" for the 1960-64 quadrennium, is on the move. That is apparent from actions and reports at the yearly meeting of the Argentina Annual Conference, held recently in suburban Buenos Aires: Items:

1—The delegates voted to form a new conference, the Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference, which will be the second conference in Argentina and a new unit in the worldwide Methodist Church.

2—An increase in membership (full and preparatory) to almost 12,000 during 1962 and the organization of four new congregations.

3—The ordination of four new ministers and the acceptance of four laymen as local (lay) preachers for two years.

4—A decision to open mission work among the Indians of Northern Argentina and the assignment of a minister, a doctor and a nurse to begin medical and evangelistic ministries.

The various forward steps taken by the Argentina Conference and the optimistic reports of continued advance in 1962 indicate that progress is being made by Methodism in this "Land of Decision" under the leadership of Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, one of Latin America's Protestant leaders.

The formation of the new Patagonia Provisional Conference is considered the conference' most important action. It illustrates clearly the growth of Methodist work and the intent of the church to spread its ministry from the Bolivian border in the north to Cape Horn in the south.

The new conference takes in about one-quarter of Argentina territory and has about 1,000,000 inhabitants. It encompasses the area from the city of Bahia Blanca (250 miles south of Buenos Aires) to the extreme southern tip of Argentina, and takes in country that includes, lakes, mountains and fjords. The centers of the conference are Bahia Blanca and Bariloche, a resort city in the Andes mountains. Among the churches are the one at Bariloche, where the international congregation worships in Spanish, German and English, and 15 congregations in the Chubut Valley comprising hardy Welsh immigrants.

Prior to the action of the Argentina Conference, the present Patagonia Conference was a district of the mother conference. The district superinten-

dent—and now one of the key leaders in the new conference—is the Rev. K. Siegfried Trommer, a World War II German prisoner-of-war in America (he served in Edwin Rommel's Afrika Corps) who went to Argentina as a Methodist missionary in 1954.

Reports to the Argentina Conference sessions showed that membership, including both full and preparatory



JERUSALEM, JORDAN -- King Hussein of Jordan (center, rear) is shown as he arrived at the Augusta Victoria Hospital in the Jordan section of Jerusalem. Preceding the King in foreground is Dr. George Farah, medical director of the service to Near East refugees. King Hussein assisted in ceremonies dedicating the new hospital which will specialize in research into a rare kind of anemia. The facility was established through a \$110,000 grant from the United States Health Foundation.

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ARGENTINA METHODISM

trained men to serve as pastors is lamentable, but the courage and faith of the young laymen who are giving this time in their lives to serve the church full-time gives reason for high hope."

In voting to open work among the 20-30,000 Indians in northern Argentina, the conference implemented the recommendations of Argentine pastors who have been studying the need for such work since 1959. It is planned that this new work will be comprehensive in nature, including evangelistic, medical, educational and social ministries.

Bishop Barbieri assigned to open the work Dr. and Mrs. Mario Mateos, an Argentine doctor and his wife who have been medical missionaries to Bolivia for three years; the Rev. Domingo Ferrairi, and Miss Elizabeth Stauffer, a Swiss Methodist nurse. The bishop said that an American nurse and an Argentine teacher will join soon in the Indian work.

In response to a plea from the South District of Buenos Aires, for a group ministry to be established, the conference witnessed the naming of five ministers to serve in this heavily industrialized area, where workers exercise influence on national life. The South District group ministry is a pilot project for Argentine Methodism in industrial evangelism.

"Most of these five workers are untrained in industrial evangelism, group work, specialization and a team ministry, but new methods will be employed to meet the reality of the urban social order in Argentina," Mr. Knox wrote.

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Methodist Briefs

COMMEND BOOK FOR STUDY

Sounding a hopeful note, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., has mailed to each pastor of the denomination a study book to be used in local churches in preparation for the 1963 General Assembly of the National Council of Churches (Dec. 1-7 in Philadelphia).

Signed by Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., chairman of the commission, and the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary, a letter accompanying the study book calls attention to "many evidences abroad today that point directly to the fact that the climate is more favorable than it has ever been before for positive and hopeful consideration of plans for a closer type of fellowship and cooperation between all branches of the Christian church."

"Methodism has had a large share in the creation and maintenance of this spirit," the letter points out, and expresses the hope "that our church will continue to exercise this place of leadership."

The study book, "Servants of the Eternal Christ," was written by the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, prominent clergyman of the United Church of Christ.

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PRAY FOR UNITY OF SPIRIT

In preparation for the Consultation on Church Union, scheduled for Ober-

lin, Ohio, Mar. 19-21, the Protestant denominations involved have been asked to participate, preferably on Sunday, Mar. 17, in a general prayer for a unity of spirit.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area, chairman of the Methodist Commission on Church Union, has invited all Methodist churches in this country to use the prayer.

In addition to The Methodist Church, the Consultation on Church Union includes the United Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Evangelical-United Brethren and the Disciples of Christ.

The prayer follows:

Eternal and most gracious God, we thank thee for thy Church, into which we have been called from many nations and races and walks of life. We bless thee for the constant sustaining presence of thy Holy Spirit, as he has moved among the baptized through all the centuries.

Forgive, O Lord, our lack of zeal to heal those divisions between us which flaw our proclamation of thy salvation to the world. Forgive us our narrowness of outlook, and our proud preoccupation with the structures we have built.

Grant us, we pray thee, the courage to give up our idolatries in church and world. Make us open to the insights others may bring to us. Above all, give us patience in the dry season to await the fresh revealing of thy Holy Spirit. These things we ask not alone, for the sake of thy Church, but that the world may hear and obey the word of salvation through thy Son, our one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Charles C. Parlin, Methodist layman from New York City, is secretary of the Consultation, and Bishop Phillips is a member of the executive committee.

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DANGERS IN SEPARATION

Thousands of Cuban refugees now in the U. S. face indefinite separation from families and homes, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief was told at its recent annual meeting in Los



RICHARD R. BROWN (left), special assistant on refugees for the U. S. Department of State, talks with Sidney D. Gamble, chairman of the Board of Managers of Church World Service, at an annual CWS board meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. In his speech to the Board of Managers Mr. Brown praised the record of U. S. Churches in aiding and resettling the world's refugees.



HEADS OF NATIONAL Council units discuss agenda of General Board meeting in Denver, Colo. From left are: Evangelical United Brethren Church Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Ind., an NCC vice-president and chairman of its Division of Christian Education; Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace of Shawnee Mission, Kan., president of United Church Women, an NCC department; and Dr. Earl S. Erb of New York, chairman of the NCC's Division of Foreign Missions and also a Council vice-president.

Angeles.

The Rev. Dr. Harold R. Hodgson, director of the Methodist refugee center in Miami called the situation an "appalling tragedy" with grave social consequences.

"Unless reunions are quickly facilitated, the social consequences will be divorce, suffering of orphaned children, prostitution through economic compulsion, and heartbroken people," he said.

The suspension of flights during the crisis last fall, he said, also suspended the reunion of thousands of people. He urged that U. S. churches keep the government informed about the situation.

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REVIVE OLD CUSTOM

The rejuvenation of an old Methodist custom, church anniversaries and the confirmation of new members are in the news of Methodist activities in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Den-

mark.

The Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia, the Rev. Dr. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, reports that the class-meeting, a hallmark of Methodism from the time of John Wesley, is having a revival in Sweden. And it is having a beneficial effect on church life generally.

Meet MOSES LEE



He is one of 76 Crusade Scholars now studying in this country. As a minister in Hong Kong's Wesley Village he distributed MCOR food, clothing and medicine to the destitute and sick, and has seen the program for servicemen overseas at work in and near our military bases.

To know him is to bring fuller appreciation of the Methodist projects carried out through your ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING dollars.

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- Crusade Scholarships
- Servicemen Overseas
- National Missions

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Preaching Assignments

The Aldersgate Year of Simultaneous Revivals

CHURCHES PARTICIPATING MARCH 24-28

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Participating Church
First, Alexandria
Horseshoe Dr., Alexandria
Trinity, Alexandria
Pineville
Natchitoches: First and
College Avenue

Visiting Minister
W.E. Trice
Boh Potter
Harvey Williamson
Woodrow Hearn

Host Pastor
Guy Hicks
Louis Coppage
Byrl Moreland
Kenneth McDowell

Iowa-Bell City-Hayes
Jennings
Winder-Oberlin

Lake Arthur
Lake Charles: First
Eastwood-Moss Bluff
Fairview-Sweet Lake
Oak Park
St. Luke
Simpson
University
Westlake

Leesville
Merryville-Broadlands
Raymond
Sulphur: Henning Memorial
Vinton
Welsh

MONROE DISTRICT

Participating Church
Bastrop: First Church
Memorial

Columbia
Crow Lake
Crowville
Delhi
Ferriday
Grayson
Kilbourne
Union
Mangham
Mer Rouge
Gordon Avenue
Monroe, Memorial
Monroe, St. Marks
Monroe, Southside
Monroe, Stone Avenue
Monroe, St. Paul's (Apr. 7-11)
Oak Grove
Oak Ridge
Rayville (Mar. 31-Apr. 5)
Pioneer

J.P. Woodland
D.W. Poole
R.C. Carter-Frank
Lankford
M.D. Felder
Bishop Dana Dawson
L. Gray Wilson
K.K. Carithers
A.S. Hurley
James Lawton
R.B. Crichtlow
Douglas McGuire
T.M. Langford
G.E. Blakely
Byrd L. Terry
Eddie Morgan
Bond Fleming
Jerry Means
Wm. J. Reid

Visiting Minister
Ira Flowers
Wm. P. Fraser
Lars Broadus
Geo. Burlew
A.D. St. Amant
Rupert Coles
James Jones
Bob Collie
V.L. Westbrook
W.M. Fennin
C.J.T. Cotton
Harold Hine
Floyd Durham
Marvin Corley
Warren Blakeman
Don Alverson
Roy Grant
Webb Pomeroy
Beverly Bond
W.F. Howell
Wilson Watson
Wm. B. Shaw

Fred O. Shirley
William F. Mayo

Rex Squyres
G.R. Messer
G.W. Pomeroy
S.S. Holladay, Jr.
H.A. Gibbs
D.M. Risinger
O.L. Golsen, Jr.
C.W. Quaid
James L. Stovall
G.C. Dean, Jr.
Kirby A. Vining
Halley C. Howell
D.W. Tohlne
J. Henry Bowdon, Sr.
James M. Poole
Oakley Lee

Pastor Host
R.L. Peyton
Wm. E. Nolan
M.S. Robertson
H. Roger White

Wm. V. Sirman
J.P. McKeithen
T.T. McKisson
A.E. Wingfield
David Strozler
Edwain A. Keasler
Wm. B. Shaw

Lloyd E. Williams
James O. Evans
Lea Joyner
I.A. Patton, Jr.
Ben R. Olphint
Wesley O. Lynch
S.F. Wendt
R.E. Walton
R.R. Meek

St. Andrews
St. Joseph
Tallulah (Mar. 3-8)
Waterproof
W. Monroe, First (Apr. 7-14)
W. Monroe, Claiborne
W. Monroe, McGuire
Winnsboro
Wisner

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Participating Church
Benton
Blanchard
Bossier City: Barksdale
First Church
Curtis Park

Coushatta
Greenwood
Haughton
Love Chapel
Holly Springs
Ida
Logansport
Longstreet
Mansfield
Mooringsport (Mar. 31-Apr. 5)
Pleasant Hill
Shreveport: Broadmoor
Caddo Heights
Cedar Grove
Mangum Memorial
Morningside
North Highland
Park Avenue
Summer Grove
Trinity
Wesley
Wynn Memorial
Stonewall
Zwolle

Visiting Minister
W.M. Jacobs
S.P. Emmanuel
Lonnie Sibley
Ralph Cain
Brady Forman
W.C. Blakely
T.M. Babington
Lael Jones
P.M. Caraway
Mrs. Lelia Hickman
W.F. Hall
Robert Galatas
John Casey
George W. Ross
Virgil Morris
Wm. C. Stegall
W.D. Boddie
Stone Caraway
Byron Desher, J.C. Skimmer
Merlin Merrill
J.C. Christie
Douglas Jackson
Sam Nader
K.G. Rorie
Douglas McLean
Roy Mouser
Jimmie Caraway
Ray Branton
D.L. Dykes, Jr.

Pastor Host
L.A. Carrington
Wm. H. McClung
A.M. Baker
J.H. Midyett
T.O. Crosby
D.T. Williams
Ladell J. Futch
I.A. Love
I.A. Love
David C. Stone
John G. Gieck
Conrad P. Edwards
Wm. R. Irving, Jr.
E. Lee McKay
John R. Johns
James T. Harris
W.M. Bentley
A.A. McKnight
John F. Kilpatrick
Ed P. Drake
G.W. Harkins
J.L. Beasley
O.W. Spinks
R.B. Holladay
John M. Lee
W.R. Wendt
C. Ed Henkel
Frank M. Stage, Jr.

CHURCHES PARTICIPATING WEEK OF MARCH 31-APRIL 4

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Participating Church
Angi-Varnado
Baker
Baton Rouge:

First Church
Ingleside
Istrouma
Jefferson
North Baton Rouge
St. Paul's
University, Reily Mem.
Winbourne
Bethel
Blackwater
Bluff Creek
Bogalusa
Clinton-Clear Creek
Deerford
Denham Springs
Donaldsonville-Grand River
Faithful-New River

Franklinton
Gonzales-Meadows Chapel
Greensbur-Wesley Chapel
Hammond
Jackson-Ethel
Kentwood
Livingston Circuit
Loranger-Cooper's Chapel
Magnolia
Pine Grove Circuit
Plaquemine
Ponchatoula
St. Francisville
Slaughter-New Roads
Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge
Wesley Chapel-Leo's
Landing
Zachary

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Participating Church
Berwick-Patterson

Visiting Minister
M. L. Davis
Don Wineinger

Bishop Arthur Moore
Spencer Wren
Fred Flurry
James Poole
Jack Midyett
Tracy Arnold
J. H. Bowdon, Sr.
Lloyd Williams
Stephen Wendt
Don Risinger
D. D. Lyons
Geo. F. Pearce
Ed Henkel
Joe E. Fogle
Taylor Wall
David Strozler
E. W. Sandel-
M. S. Robertson
R. H. Staples
Tom Crosby
W. H. Bengston
James L. Stovall
E. P. Drake
C. R. Hoffpauir
John Jones
Roger White
James D. Evans
Joe Robinson
Fred Shirley
Byrl Moreland
R. L. Tatum
Abe Conerly
R. M. Bentley
Lawrence Gilbert
Roy Garrett

Visiting Minister
George Harkins

Host Pastor
S. Alvin Mayo
Lael S. Jones

Dana Dawson, Jr.
H. G. Williamson
I. W. Flowers
Stone W. Caraway
Roy E. Mouser
John Winn, Jr.
Wm. E. Trice
T. M. Lancaster
G. R. Holcombe
Angus L. Carruth
James M. Wilkes
R. B. Crichtlow
L. M. Sibley
Wm. D. McLean
Ted T. Howes
Mrs. R. P. Carithers
K. K. Carithers
M. D. Felder
J. W. Lawton
John H. Casey
E. R. Thomas
J. B. Shearer
R. M. Collie
Robt. A. Townsend
C. J. T. Cotton
W. M. Jacobs
E. W. Day
J. E. Christie
G. E. Blakely
B. L. Terry
A. D. St. Amant, Jr.
W. P. Emanuel
C. A. Martin
J. S. Jones

Host Pastor
Wm. J. Reid

Church Point
Crowley:
First Church
Wesley
Franklin
Golden Meadow-Grand Isle
Houma:
First Church
Houma Heights
Iota-Maxie
Indian Bayou-Kaplan
Lafayette:
Ashury
Davidson Memorial
First Church
Melville-Palmetto
New Iberia
Opelousas
Port Barre
Rayne
Thibodaux

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Participating Church
New Orleans:
Aurora
Elysian Fields
Gentilly
Gretna
Inner City Parish:
Felicity-J. Wesley
St. Marks-Redemmer
Jefferson
Kenner
Lake Vista
Luling
Lutcher-LaPlace
Metairie-St. James
Munholland Memorial
Napoleon
Parker Memorial
St. Andrew
St. Bernard
St. Claude Hts.-Hope Ch.
St. Lukes
St. Paul's
Lacombe-St. Tammany

Ira Robinson
Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
Paul Carrol
A. G. Taylor
Kirby Vining

Cleburne Quaid
D. R. Dean
Lamont Rouse
S. S. Holladay

R. L. Jamieson
G. R. Messer
James T. Harris
B. P. Durhin
K. G. McDowell
Jolly B. Harper
Vernon Fairley
Robert Miller
Dan Tohlne

Visiting Minister
R. R. Branton
R. W. Bengtson
R. L. Peyton
Carl Lueg

Fred Schwendimann
Garland Dean
Albert A. Collins
Marvin H. Corley
Oakley Lee
Dr. Stuart Henry, Duke U.
Don Hall
Raymond Crofoot
Otis Spinks
Carl Lueg
Louis Coppage
Clark Bell
Walter Baker
Rex Squyres
Ollie Golsen
W. R. Irving
Wm. F. Mayo
Jack Tinnin

Chas. H. Giessen
Wystt D. Boddie
F. C. Lankford
A. S. Hurley
Wm. G. Blakely

Henry Rickey
Collins D. Pinkard
Calvin O. Lapuyade
James B. McCann

C. R. McCammon
H. R. Hine
R. R. Branton
George Burlaw
L. L. Booth
H. C. Blount, Jr.
Cecil C. Mims
Karl D. Wood, Sr.
Rupert D. Coles

Host Pastor
L. Ray Branton
Ned L. Stout
John B. Koelemay
Chas. S. Walker, Jr.

Lars L. Broadus
Lloyd A. Foreman
Albert A. Collins
Marvin H. Corley
Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.
James Adams
James E. Hodges
James W. Matthews, Jr.
A. W. Townsend, Jr.
Don W. Alverson
Reuel H. Allen
Robert L. Potter
James C. Skinner
Jefferson C. Wallace
James P. Woodland
Edwin J. Barksdale
Henry G. Ensenat

Pearl River-Talisheek
Trinity-Ashury

Ministers who are holding their own revivals:

New Orleans:
Algiers
Carrollton Avenue
St. Matthew's
Second
Covington
Slidell

RUSTON DISTRICT

Participating Church
Arcadia
Athens
Bernice
Calhoun
Chatham
Choudrant-Douglas
Cotton Valley
Downsville
Doyline-McIntyre
Dubach-Hilly
Dros
Farmerville
Gibbsland-Oak Grove
Harmony Chapel-Wesley Ch.
Haynesville
Hodge
Homer
Jonesboro
Marion
Minden, First
Minden, Lakeview
Pine Grove-Evergreen
Ruston, Grace, Wesley Ch.
Ruston, Trinity
Shongaloo-White Hall
Sibley
Simsboro
Springhill

J. P. McKeithen
Carl Lueg

John T. Redmon
Jack Cooke
C. Ebb Munden, III
W. Martin Fennin
Robt. C. Carter
Alfred M. Brown

Visiting Minister
A. A. McKnight
John D. Bell
D. T. Williams
Ladell Futch
Ted Smith
A. W. Coody
Boh Lawton
Ira Love
D. S. Durand
Oscar Cloyd
J. A. Knight
Robt. Holladay
Lea Joyner
W. E. Nolan
W. O. Lynch, Jr.
L. A. Carrington
Guy M. Hicks
Leonard Cooke
W. C. Barham
Clovis Chappel
Arthur Baker
S. B. Dampier
Trigg James
Gaston Foote
Conrad Edwards
Harold McClung
T. A. Brown
Jerome Cain

L.W. Taylor
Arby W. Coody, Sr.
W.W. Watson
S.B. Dampier
E.B. Emmerich
T.A. Brown
D.E. Wineinger
F.W. Schwendimann
B.P. Durbin

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J.L. Beasley
O.W. Spinks
R.B. Holladay
John M. Lee
W.R. Wendt
C. Ed Henkel
Frank M. Stage, Jr.

Host Pastor
Beverly E. Bond
V. L. Westbrook
Floyd M. Durham
R. E. Carter
Leon C. Scott
Wm. T. Hall, Jr.
W. O. Lynch, Jr.
Brady B. Forman
Edwin H. House, Jr.
Jerry A. Means
Jimmie D. Pyles
John D. Corley
James A. Jones
Eddie E. Morgan, Jr.
Kenneth G. Rorie
Terrall T. Lowe
Wm. P. Fraser
Eskel L. Tatum
N. D. Pearce
M. W. Merrill
L. Gray Wilson
W. W. Bevil
Geo W. Ross
Douglas L. McGuire
John F. Kellogg
W. G. Stegall
W. Paul Cassels
W. Ralph Cain



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON welcomes **Thomas Pitt** to the position of associate director of the Area Council at the time of the announcement of his selection at the meeting of the Council in Alexandria Mar. 12.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Malvern, Arkansas
March 15, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I are here in Malvern where I am to preach for a week at First Church. The Reverend John W. Lindsay is the minister. Brother Lindsay and I worked together at First Church, Little Rock, for five years, and Mrs. Walton and I have looked forward to these days of renewed fellowship with John, Shirley, and the children, as well as with the congregation here in Malvern.

Last Sunday morning I preached at First Church, New Orleans. That was the opening of a significant stewardship campaign in that church. The financial objective for the building indebtedness is \$250,000.00 to take care of all short-term obligations over a period of three years and to set up an attainable goal for the rest of the way. The budget for 1963-64 is included in this effort. There is a spirit of real optimism in evidence as the ministers and members of First Church, New Orleans, move into their campaign. The Reverend Clyde S. Clark is minister, and the Reverend Warren Levingston is associate.

We had a good meeting of the Area Council at Alexandria on Tuesday of this week. At that time I was pleased to announce the appointment, effective June 7th, of Mr. Thomas A. Pitt, of Monroe, as one of the Associate Area Directors. Mr. Pitt, the layman on the staff, comes to this office well equipped for the responsibilities connected with it. For some years he has been one of the executives of the Weeks Supply Company, Ltd., of Monroe, a firm dealing in the wholesale distribution of industrial, electrical and plumbing supplies. For all this time he has been outstanding as a leader in the local church, the district, and the Annual Conference. We are fortunate in having secured Mr. Pitt as one of our staff members in this new program of promotion and cultivation which we are launching at the next session of the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Walton and I enjoyed two days of good fellowship and rich inspiration at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Monroe on Wednesday and Thursday. The attendance was good and the program excellent. Our congratulations to all who had a part in this most successful conference.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton



DELEGATES at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held in Monroe last week voted on nominees to the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. Selected were: first, Mrs. Glenn Laskey (center), second Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick (not pictured), third, Mrs. Lee Tidwell (left), and alternate Mrs. Wideman Watson (right). From these and a similar number of nominees from the sixteen conferences in the jurisdiction will be selected next year six women to sit on the General Board the next quadrennium.

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NO. 12

Monroe District Lay Leader Named to Area Council Staff

At the meeting of the Area Council in Alexandria on Mar. 12, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton announced the layman who will serve as associate area director on the staff of the Area Council beginning June 7. He is Thomas A. Pitt, Monroe, district lay leader of the Monroe District. He will serve as an associate to the area director, Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, along with a minister whose name will be announced at Annual Conference.

Mr. Pitt is presently associated with Weeks Supply Co., Ltd., wholesale distributors of industrial, electrical and plumbing supplies, serving as manager

of the electrical department. He is quite active in national and regional organizations in this field of business.

He and Mrs. Pitt are charter members of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, where they are both quite active. Prior to becoming district lay leader, he served for four years as an associate. On the conference level he is co-chairman of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, a member of the policy committee of the 1000 Club and a member of the Conference Board of Missions.

In his district he has served on the District Board of Trustees, the District Board of Missions, the District Committee on Church Location and Building and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at Northeast State College.

He was named "Layman of the Year" and presented the Distinguished Layman's Award for 1962 by the Monroe District. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and treasurer of Glenwood Hospital, West Monroe.

Mr. Pitt is experienced in the conduct of workshops on Methodist Men, lay speaking, the 1000 Club and stewardship. In his position of leadership of lay activities in the district he has planned a number of retreats.

Mrs. Pitt, the former Gladys Thomas of Shreveport, is also very active in the church. She is currently president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in her local church and is kept quite busy in district and conference activities of that organization.

WILL VISIT TROOPS

Top officials of the Methodist chaplaincy program will visit U. S. troops in the Far East and Pacific for nearly three weeks, through Easter.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco, president of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, and the Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin of Washington, D. C., general secretary, will preach and conduct services for armed services personnel in Hawaii, the Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Taiwan, Okinawa, Japan and Korea.

Aldersgate Mission

"Warm Up Your Hearts." This, I trust, will be the slogan and prayer of each one during our Simultaneous Revivals.

John Wesley's life was filled with "good works" but they were weak and ineffective until his "heart-warming experience" on Aldersgate Street 225 years ago. It was out of this "heart-warming experience" The Methodist Church began and grew.

We would not cease our "good works," but we would give life to them through a renewed dedication of our lives to God, and a renewed consciousness of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This can become a reality as we open our hearts and give God a chance through our Revivals. "Warm Up Our Hearts, Oh God" is my prayer.

Alton A. McKnight, Chairman.
Conference Board of Evangelism



Mr. Pitt

Editorials

What's ahead for schools?

There has been a great deal of advance comment in the church press concerning the expected decision of the United States Supreme Court in the matter of Bible reading and the use of the Lord's Prayer in public school classrooms. A surprising number of these are taking for granted that the Court will rule that both practices are unconstitutional. We have not felt this way, believing the justices would might see these devotional practices in a different light than they did the required prayers in the state of New York last year. We still hold to this conviction on the ground that there is a difference between required prayers and permissive worship.

Strange alliances have appeared before the court in this case. The original litigations came from families that were atheistic and so-called "free thinkers." However these have been joined by a number of Jewish groups and some Protestant bodies. These have been alarming signs of an interpretation of separation of Church and State that does not seem to us as logical.

The case is now in the hands of the Court and their decision can be expected almost any time now. We are convinced that a bit of intercessory prayer at this time could not be interpreted as undue interference with the Court. We should be hoping the tribunal will uphold the right of a homeroom teacher to lead her group in the only sample of devotional exercise many of them will ever know. An adverse ruling will mean that many of them will never be introduced to these important elements of a full life.

It is apparent that the next attack on traditional character and moral education will seek to prohibit the observance of special days which

IT'S THE REACH THAT COUNTS



"FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND ME, AND REACHING OUT FOR THAT WHICH LIES AHEAD, I PRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE WHICH IS GOD'S CALL TO THE LIFE ABOVE, IN CHRIST JESUS"

—PHIL: 4:13, 14 (NEW ENG. BIBLE)

have their roots in the religious heritage of our land. God pity us if we are caught in a wave of removing every reference to God from our public schools. The next moves might then be to remove these references from our historic documents and even from the archives of our democratic institutions. Many sincere efforts to maintain the wall between Church and State may now be boomeranging in a dangerous way.

Great experiences and great expectations

Bishop McDowell used to tell the story of a college classmate named Jones. He was an outstanding student in every way and everybody expected him to turn the world upside down. A quarter of a century later the Bishop met a woman graduate of that college and they got to talking about old times and old friends. Finally Bishop McDowell asked her, "And what ever happened to Jones? We thought he would be in the United States Senate by now, and yet he seems to have dropped completely out of sight?" She answered, "Don't you know, Bishop? Why he caught up with his own horizons."

With many of us more is not happening in Christ's name because we do not expect more. We have caught up with our own horizons. St. Paul in writing to the Christians at Corinth was concerned that this should not happen to them. He put it this way: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love him."

Paul knew that great experiences can happen to men and women when they least expect them, but he also knew that for the most part our chances of being involved in great experiences grow dim when we catch up with our own horizons.

Wonderful as the past may be, we must not be content to dwell there, but must keep looking on and pressing on. What would we have done - where would we be - if dreamers all along the way had not moved their horizons out far beyond where they once were. We sometimes have the feeling that we might be about to catch up with God, but we never quite make it and this is what stretches our souls.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

YOUTH RALLY TIME

Last Friday's North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally came on a day when the heavens seemed to open up and the rains really came. As we drove to Conway in the pouring rain we speculated about just what kind of crowd would persevere and come on in spite of the rain. We thought that surely the attendance would be cut fifty per-cent by the adverse weather.

To our dismay, when we arrived at the auditorium we found it packed with young people and discovered from those in charge of registration that there were about 850 there, some 200 more than the previous high for this event. There is certainly no predicting how these young people will turn out for something they really want to do. The Youth Rally has become an institution with them and busloads were on the Hendrix campus from every corner of the conference.

Dr. Clark Ellzey of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. is one of the finest leaders we have heard in the area of family living. It was especially gratifying to hear him mix the practical illustrations from his own family with the theory and philosophy of the classroom. The adult leaders in the afternoon and the whole group at night were inspired to higher ideals of family life by what he said.

Most of the afternoon was spent in 20 discussion groups in which the youth had excellent leaders as they explored that ideal which was the theme of the rally, "The A-OK Home." We have a feeling that there are 800 Arkansas young people who are better members of their own families because of the experience of the youth rally.



HERE AND THERE

It is still difficult, however, even after almost two decades, for millions of people to realize that standards, theories measurements, and analyses of the pre-atomic age are no longer valid and that politics, education, industry, statesmanship, and even religion, must begin to think in new terms . . . p 57.

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The British are coming---!

At least 25 Methodist ministers will come from "the land of Wesley" in April and May for a series of Aldersgate missions in Methodist churches in the United States.

In doing so, they will assist American Methodists in commemorating the Aldersgate "spiritual rebirth" experience of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Methodists have designated 1963 as Aldersgate Year and are observing the 225th anniversary of Aldersgate with a 12-month emphasis on Christian experience and evangelism.

The British ministers will be in the U. S. from April 16 through May 19. They are coming at the request of 55 American Methodist ministers who participated in a Mission to British Methodism last April and May. The Aldersgate Missions will be under the auspices of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Lacour, staff member of the board, will be in charge.

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SHAPING UP REPORT

The Commission on Worship and the Hymnal Committee were hard at work, Feb. 18-21 in Chicago under the chairmanship of Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill.

Commenting on the work after the meeting adjourned, Bishop Voigt said that the commission feels it has made "good progress" and that "we are confident we will have a report that the church will like a lot."

Bishop Voigt pointed out that the report is to be presented to the 1964 General Conference and cannot be

Local Church Learns of Itself In Serving as Testing Ground

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When a local church serves as testing ground for a new program, it learns some things about itself as well as about the program.

At least that's the experience of First Methodist Church, Tifton, Ga., in serving as the pilot project in developing a plan which local churches might use for a seminar on mental health and in testing available resources. Reports of the pilot have been received here by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, Board of Christian Social Concerns, which is developing materials and projects in the field of mental health.

The participants not only evaluated the seminar program and made suggestions for improvements, but they also reported that they had discovered their own incomplete knowledge about community facilities, had become aware of their pastor's "tremendous load" and need for "help for intelligent laymen," and had been helped "to feel more concerned" about others in the community.

Seventy-five of the church's 1,150 members spent five evenings in the

made public at this time, but he predicted that the proposed new hymnal will have "outstanding features."

"We have found some wonderful new lyrics," he said, "and some very appealing hymn tunes."

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Richard D. Cheshire has been named director of development at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

—Dr. Don L. Calame, general director of the Department of United Church Men of the National Council of Churches, speaking in New York.

project. Most are leaders in the church, and a few had professional involvement in social welfare or mental health work. They heard talks by the Rev. Dale White of the division, Pastor George Zorn and others regarding mental health needs, the "pastoral role" of the minister and the layman, work with alcoholics and the relationship of mental health and spiritual wholeness.

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LEADERS OF LUTHERAN and Reformed and Presbyterian Churches gathered in Chicago for the second in a series of theological discussions aimed at clarifying the differences and similarities between the two traditions. Among the participants were, from left, Dr. William Fennell, United Church of Canada; Dr. Herbert J.A. Bouman, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Dr. George S. Hendry, United Presbyterian; and Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, Lutheran Church in America.

Conference on Economic Issues Planned March 26-28 In Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Agricultural experts and theologians are among the speakers announced for the Methodist Conference on Economic Issues in Agriculture, here March 26-28.

Participants representing agricultural leadership in the church, government and farm organizations will view problems and developments in the field and discuss possible contributions from the church and churchmen.

The theological perspective will be presented by the Rev. Jeffery Hopper of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. "What is happening to the church and church people in the agricultural sector" will be discussed by the Rev. Henry McCanna of the National Council of Churches' Department of the Church in Town and Country.

Other speakers will include Richard W. Reuter, director of Food for Peace; Harvey Edwards, director of American Freedom from Hunger Foundation; Walter W. Wilcox of the Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress; Phillip Aylesworth of the Federal Extension Service; Calvin L. Beale, head

Two major community organizations in Los Angeles have paid tribute to Bishop Gerald Kennedy for outstanding service to youth and in the field of human relations. The Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles gave the bishop the Judge Harry Hollzer Memorial Award. The Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America gave Bishop Kennedy a newly-created For God and Country Award and the Silver Beaver.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., has been awarded the Georgia Medal for Distinguished Public Service by the Associated Industries of Georgia.

of the Sector on Economic Research Service, Department of Agriculture; Richard H. Roberts, deputy assistant administrator of the Foreign Agriculture Service, Department of Agriculture.

Special panels are planned on agricultural unemployment and on migrant workers.

The conference is sponsored by units of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Board of Missions.

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One Great Hour To Be Observed Sunday, Mar. 24

Helping educate Crusade Scholars, helping relieve suffering and want throughout the world, helping home missions churches, and helping American military personnel abroad in their need for church services—all these add up to the benefits of One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be observed Sunday, March 24.

This is the third year of full Methodist participation in One Great Hour of Sharing on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Gifts do not go into a common fund, but are expended by the denomination receiving them.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is allocated as follows in The Methodist Church: 50 per cent each to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and the Crusade Scholarship Fund after two fixed amounts have been paid: \$75,000 capital funds for the Division of National Missions, and \$30,000 for the Ministry to Servicemen Overseas.



AS A PART of their three-week visit to the U.S. a group of 16 Russian churchmen attended the National Council of Churches' General Board meeting in Denver, Colo., and toured places of interest in the area. Scenes of that visit show (top left) Denver Mayor Richard Y. Batterson presenting a freshly minted silver dollar to Archbishop Nicodim, head of the delegation; (top right) Archbishop Nicodim addressing the Colorado State Senate; (bottom left) the Russian churchmen at the Red Rocks Amphitheater where the annual Easter sunrise service is held; and (bottom right) members of the delegation viewing some relics of the old American West at the Buffalo Bill Museum near Denver.



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON is shown with Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. as they participated in the Mar. 9 groundbreaking for the new adult center at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

New Adult Center Being Built At First Church, Baton Rouge

Tulane Freshmen Are Honored

Six members of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation of New Orleans are among 33 Tulane University freshmen elected to Phi Eta Sigma, a national Freshman honorary fraternity. They are: in the college of arts and sciences, Randy Bollinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bollinger, New Orleans 27, La., members of St. Andrews Methodist Church of New Orleans; Howard Bragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bragg, Jr., Arlington, Tenn.; Phil Mollere, son of Mrs. Carl Mollere, members of Lake Vista Methodist Church of New Orleans; Charles Klaveness, son of Mrs. Rosalie Klaveness, Houston, Texas; David Wright, son of Mrs. E. A. Wright, Neosho, Missouri; in the school of engineering, Kent Sutherlin, son of Mr. John A. Sutherlin Sr., members of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church of New Orleans.

Reception Held At USL Wesley By WSCS Group

A reception was held in the Wesley Foundation at U S L, Lafayette, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Barefield. Mrs. Clyde Eddlemon, Secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Society of First Church was chairman of the planning committee. Those assisting in planning and also in serving were: Mesdames R. R. Branton, Tom Clark, W. A. Curley, Guy McGahey, L. H. Pease of First Church and Mrs. May of Asbury Methodist and Mrs. Gilbert of Davidson Memorial. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hine of Davidson Memorial and the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. McCammon of Asbury greeted guests at the door. Receiving guests with Mr. and Mrs. Barefield were Dr. and Mrs. Z. T. Gallion, Chairman Board of Directors of Wesley Foundation, the Rev. and Mrs. Branton of First Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Cain of the Lafayette District and Miss Caroline Helquist, president of the Wesley Foundation. A large number called during the afternoon.

Saturday, March 9, 1963, the members of First Methodist gathered under sun-lit skies for a memorable and long-awaited occasion, the groundbreaking of their New Adult Center. First Methodist was most fortunate to have Bishop Aubrey G. Walton conduct the ceremony, assisted by Jones S. Davis, Chairman of the Official Board, L. P. Manson, Architect, A. R. Livingston, Chairman of the Building Committee, the Reverend Mr. D. W. Poole, Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Minister, the Reverend Mr. Hugh L. Baker, Jr., Associate Minister, and the Reverend Mr. James W. Ailor, Minister of the Parish.

The new building, which has been in the planning for 8 years, is being built and designed specifically for the adult division of the church. The functions of the center will be: housing of all of the adult classes of the Church School, a covered drive-in entrance, no steps in the entire building, so that sick, aged and infirm can come even in wheel chairs, the easing of the crowded conditions in the children and youth departments by taking adult classes out of their areas, modern facilities for the ever-expanding daily XYZ program. As the XYZ Club at First Methodist in Baton Rouge is very active, the new building, to them, is more than useful. Special rooms have been outfitted with tools and equipment for such activities as photography, carpentry, ceramics, quilting, and other interesting handicrafts.

Bids for the New Adult Center were opened February 28, and the low bid was received from Milton J. Womack for \$237,700. The Building Committee voted unanimously to award the contract to the low bidder. Construction of the building is now underway.

HERE AND THERE

The struggle will go on long after dead and buried. We are not at war today's leaders of Communism are with persons, but with ideas—with what the Apostle Paul once called "principalities and powers" . . . p. 22.

In the strategy of the Communist leaders there are no neutrals. The neutral of today is the object of attack tomorrow" . . . p. 22.

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Rev. Jerome Cain, Dr. Z.T. Gallion and Mrs. Gallion, Mrs. Barefield and Rev. Barefield, and Mrs. Clyde Eddlemon, at reception in Lafayette.



DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION confer with the Rev. Wayne Lindecker at Shreveport District meeting.



MEMBERS OF THE TEAM from the General Board of Education and district leaders of the New Orleans District at meeting held in Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans



A PART OF THE GROUP at tending the meeting in the Monroe District.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

MRS. G. C. SMITH was leader of the study on 'Prayer' held in the De Quincy Methodist Church during February. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY was observed at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Mar. 10. All the Scouts and their leaders sat together for the morning worship service. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

DR. ROBERTO PEDRAZA, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex. was the guest preacher at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, for the evening worship service on Feb. 10. Their pastor is the

CHAPLAIN (Lt) Danny Burttram of Fort Polk was guest speaker for the Mar. 5 meeting of the WSCS of First Methodist Church, DeRidder. He spoke to the group on the National Council of Churches. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is the pastor.

MR. J.S. MOON from Korea was the guest speaker for the Mar. 4 meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans. He spoke on "Korea As It was and Is Today." The Rev. E.J. Barksdale is the pastor.

DR. A.M. SEREX, a former pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was the guest preacher for the morning worship service at this church on Mar. 10. The present pastor of this church is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

MRS. J.L. INABNETT, an active member of Minden First Church, was presented the Woman of the Year Award at the annual Lions' Club Ladies Night Banquet in February.

LT. COL. JOHN WHITEFIELD, Transportation Officer at Fort Polk, spoke on 'Taiwan', February 24, at the church-wide study in DeRidder First Church, where the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is the pastor.

DR. CARL LUEG, New Orleans district Superintendent, and former pastor of Carrollton Methodist Church, was guest speaker in that church at the congregational dinner, February 28, which was the 'Kick off' for the Every Member Visitation program.

THE REV. JOHN WINN, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Baton Rouge, is guest teacher for the Lenten study in First Church in that city where Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor. Mr. Winn is using the Book of Romans for the discussions.

THE WSCS OF First Methodist Church, Pineville, will begin the study of "The Dimensions of Prayer," Mar. 12. The teacher for the course will be the Rev. George Dameron, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell is the pastor.

THE REV. A. G. TAYLOR, pastor of Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, is now conducting a service each Sunday afternoon for the patients of the Golden Age Home in Jena. The choir of the church under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Reeves furnished music for the service on Mar. 3.

THE REV. JOHN WINN, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the leader for the Family Fellowship at First Methodist Church of that city on Mar. 10. The group is engaged in a study of the Book of Romans. Dr. Dana Dawson is the pastor.

MR. A.D. MOORE, an attorney from Beaumont, Tex., was the speaker for the Feb. 20 meeting of the Men of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. He spoke on the subject of "Stewardship." The pastor

of this church is the Rev. George W. Pomeroy.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, will begin a study on "Dimensions of Prayer" on Mar. 12. Mrs. Guy M. Hicks will teach this book on successive Tuesdays through Apr. 9. She will be assisted by the ministers of the church in making the worship and prayer periods a helpful Lenten study. The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE ROLL OF THE MEMBERSHIP of the First Methodist Church, Jonesville, was called at both the morning and evening services, March 17, according to the pastor, the Rev. Roy Garrett. Following the roll call those who were absent and those who have not been active for some time will be contacted.

A FELLOWSHIP SUPPER will be held in the educational building of First Methodist Church, Jonesville, Friday, Mar. 22, just prior to the beginning of their revival. Following the supper there will be a period of prayer for the revival. A Prayer Vigil will be held in this church on Saturday, Mar. 23 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Their pastor is the Rev. Roy Garrett.

RESOURCE LEADERS for the Mar. 10 session of the study "The Church's Ministry to Persons of Special Need" at Haynesville Methodist Church, were Mrs. George Allen, local special education instructor, and Mr. Cliff Huddleston of the staff at Louisiana Tech. Mr. J. R. Sherman introduced the program and the visiting speakers. The Rev. K.G. Rorie is pastor.

THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY for the new Wesley Foundation building at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, is scheduled for Mar. 27. at 5:10 p.m. students are at work now clearing the site in anticipation of the start of this construction. The Rev. Bob Tatum is the director of this Wesley Foundation.

THE LIGHTHOUSE SUB-DISTRICT MYF participated in a Spiritual Life Retreat, Mar. 15-17, at First Methodist Church, Minden. On Mar. 24 this sub-district will hold its regular meeting at Pine Grove at 7:30 p.m. On that occasion several young people who have lived in foreign nations will give their ideas on the religious customs in those lands.

A CHRISTIAN WORKER'S SCHOOL was held at the Palestine Methodist Church, March 11-13. Mrs. J.A. McDaniel of Downsville taught the course "Understanding Children;" the Rev. Byrl Moreland taught "Guiding Youth" and the Rev. G.W. Dameron taught "Adult Work in the Church School." The churches participating in the school were Wesley, St. Paul, Ball, Clear Creek, Bently, Pollock, Boyce, Palestine and Pleasant Grove.

THE REV. MARSHALL PAINE, formerly youth director of Incleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and now pastor of the Port Allen Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the February meeting of the Methodist Men of Winbourne Methodist Church. The basketball team sponsored by this men's group was honored at the meeting. The pastor is the Rev. Thomas M. Lancaster.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of the Kenner Methodist Church was taken on a tour of the Holy Land by slides shown them recently by Mrs. Ella Dunbar. The Rev. Charles Flurry of the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, talked on alcoholism to thirty young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Kenner Church on Feb. 24. The Rev. Marvin H. Coreley is the pastor.

THE REV. BILL EUBANKS was the master of ceremonies for the Annual Senior and Older Youth Sweetheart Banquet at Istrouma Methodist Church, Feb. 16. The Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Hugh Baker, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The king and queen of the banquet were Irwin Lee Felps and Barbara Chaney. The Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the pastor.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of Wesley Methodist Church, DeRidder, sponsored a series of four lessons on the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, given by Floyd L. Martin during the month of February. This was an outgrowth of the

study, "Dimensions of Prayer," which the society completed under the direction of its president, Mrs. F. L. Martin, and Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Lake Charles District President. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot is the pastor.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was observed in the Trout Methodist Church, Mar. 1. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Martha Overbey, community worker for the area. On the evening of the same day the observance was held at the Urania Church with the ladies from Olla Methodist Church participating. This was the first time many of these ladies had participated in the World Day of Prayer service and offering. The Rev. E.W. Sandel is the pastor of the Trout and Urania churches, and the Rev. Ted Smith is the pastor of the Olla Church.

MR. C. B. ROBERTS, Director of the Monroe area and the Ruston Area Guidance Centers, was guest speaker for the mission study in Trinity Church, Ruston, February 24. The Clinics are under the supervision of the State Department of Hospitals. Mr. Roberts topic was "Personality and Family Counseling". Pastor at Trinity is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

THE VILLE PLATTE Methodist Youth Fellowship ended the winter season with a taffy party Mar. 2. Guests were invited by each member of the group. The Rev. W. R. Akin and Mrs. Tom Hewitt chaperoned the group. This group of young people has just completed a project of painting two Sunday School rooms. The group will attend a district retreat at Camp Brewer the last week-end in April. In May the group will be honored.

THE SENIOR HIGH MYF of the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church took an overnight field trip to the Dulac Community Center, Feb. 22-23. The group enjoyed the opportunity to become familiar with the church's work in that community. Three girls from this same church went on the WSCS Mission Tour, Mar. 8-9. Putsey Trice, Carrie Hanchey and Kathleen Roberts joined the group that visited mission projects in South Louisiana. They gave a report of their trip to the MYF on Mar. 10. Their pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

THE BOSSIER CITY FIRST Methodist bulletin congratulates Donald E. Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Barker of that church, for his selection as "Enlisted Man of the Month" at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, Philippines. The citation read: This selection was made on the basis of your professional performance of duty, moral and religious standards, contributions to the community, athletic achievements, conduct and appearance and stature as an exemplary representative of the U. S. Navy in the Philippines.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB OF First Methodist Church, Covington, celebrated their sixth birthday on Feb. 28 with a Father-Son Banquet. Rex Cox furnished the entertainment with a program of magic, with which he fooled all the sons, as well as the fathers. Bud Hood did the cooking and served a delicious meal of chicken and dumplings. The following new officers were installed: Jim Bradley, president; Fred Dodge, vice-president; J.K. Harrison, secretary; and L.A. Rosette, Sr. treasurer. Committee chairmen are: Edward Dutsch, attendance and membership; Henry Mayfield, program; Kenneth Masters, projects; Alton Smith, decorations; Jim Plummer, publicity; and B.U. Hood, food and refreshments.

MUNHOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH in Metairie presented the recently installed organ in a "Song Fest" on Sunday evening, February 24. Special music was presented by the Sanctuary Choir. Mr. Genter Stephens, choir director, discussed "The Place of the Organ in Christian Worship" Mrs. Hannah Cunningham made a talk on "The Old Organ, the New Organ, and the Organ Fund". Mr. Harlie Beagle of the Music Committee was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Lloyd White is organist. The Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., is pastor. The new Moller organ, with two manuals and electro-pneumatic action, has eleven ranks, each containing sixty-one pipes, and one additional rank with forty-two pipes.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR MARCH 31, 1963: "PREPARING FOR CHRIST'S COMING"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 13. Printed Lesson Text: Mark 13:24-37.

MEMORY SELECTION: Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13:33

AIM OF LESSON: To review what Christ said about his second coming; to discover what the early church believed about his second coming and to learn, so far as we are able, what the doctrine of the second coming of Christ means to Christian people today.

INTRODUCTION

At the close of last Sunday's lesson Jesus was about to leave the Temple for the last time. However, before he left, we are told, in Matthew 23, about the almost indescribable denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees by Jesus. A reading of this chapter will reveal to anyone just how completely Jesus broke with Jewish leadership on this final day of his active, public ministry.

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, his disciples called his attention to the strength and magnificence of the Temple building. The reply of Jesus was, "Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Jesus then went with his disciples out to the Mount of Olives which was not far from the Temple. There Peter, James, John and Andrew came to Jesus and asked him when these things would happen. We find the answer of Christ to this question in slightly different words and form in all three of the synoptic Gospels. Matthew has it in chapter 24, Mark in chapter 13 and Luke in chapter 21. In each case practically the entire chapter is given to the statement of Jesus. There is much in this reply of Jesus that is difficult to understand.

Many Bible scholars think that the difficulties in interpretation are caused by the fact that, in this discourse, Jesus talked to his disciples about four different events - his death, the destruction of Jerusalem, his second coming and the end of the world. It is thought by many that in recording what Jesus said about these four different events, the writers so intermingled his statements that it is difficult to determine of times which one of the four events he is talking about. Consequently, if teachers find this lesson somewhat difficult to teach, possibly they may find comfort in the fact that scholars have been puzzling over this discourse on last things across the centuries. One thing that has increased the difficulty is the statement in verse 30 which reads, "Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done."

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

Two of the things talked about in this discourse did come to pass within that generation. One was his death, about which we will study next Sunday. The other was the fall and destruction of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A. D. It is generally believed that Mark's Gospel was written not long before that time.

Rome, in general, was quite a lenient conqueror so long as its subjects paid tax and caused no trouble. However, petty Jewish rebellions became so annoying to Rome that Titus, a Roman General attacked Rome and, after a long siege, Jerusalem fell. Josephus, a Jewish historian, reports that 1,100,000 Jews were killed before and in the fall of the city. 97,000 were captured and dispersed. To the end the Jewish leaders expected the city to be saved by divine intervention. Early writers tell us that the Christian Jews in Jerusalem escaped before the city fell and fled to Pella, a town east of the Jor-

dan and about fifty miles north-east of Jerusalem. According to Josephus this was one of the most bloody sieges of history.

CHRIST'S EARLY RETURN EXPECTED

There can be no doubt that the disciples and others followers of Christ, in that day, believed that Christ was soon to return to earth. Furthermore they believed that Christ had taught that his return would come before their generation passed away. The writers of the New Testament believed this to be true.

They believed in the second coming of Christ and they believed that they would live to see it. Furthermore they believed that the end of the world would come when Jesus returned. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in such glowing terms of Christ's return and the end of the world that they seemed to be ready to quit work and wait for Christ's coming. It seemed to be necessary for Paul to write them the second letter to correct this non-work idea.

EARLY CHURCH MISINTERPRETED CHRIST'S WORDS

Although it is plainly evident to anyone the New Testament that the disciples and their followers expected Christ to return within their generation, it is also just as clear now that they in some way misinterpreted Christ's words. Christ did not come and the world did not end in their generation.

We may be quite sure that Christ did not purposely mislead them. Consequently we seem to be forced to the conclusion that they misunderstood the teachings of Jesus at this point.

MODERN BELIEFS ABOUT SECOND COMING

If the early church misjudged the doctrine of the second coming of Christ, we should not be surprised to find differences of opinion about it in later years. The fact is that there are not many doctrines in the New Testament about which church people have differed more widely. Sometimes strong feelings have accompanied these differences.

1. Some have said that Christ did return to earth at the time of his resurrection. While that would have been within the life of that generation, not many people take the position that Jesus was talking about his resurrection. Furthermore, the world did not end at the time of his resurrection. Rather it seemed but to begin to live.

2. Some took the position that Christ did return to earth on the Day of Pentecost. That too would have been within the life of that generation. However, again let us say that the world did not end with the Day of Pentecost. It began a new spiritual growth at that time that has blessed the world until today. If we believe in the Trinity, we believe that the Holy Spirit which came that day is a Person as Christ is a Person and they are not the same Person.

3. Most Christian people believe that in Christ's teaching about his second coming he was referring to an event of infinite importance which is yet to happen at a time and date known only to God. They believe that this momentous event, whatever it will be and whenever it occurs, will come about in accord with the teachings of Christ and in harmony with the will of God.

A SPIRIT OF EXPECTANCY

It is our feeling that the teachings about the second coming of Christ in the New Testament are calculated to create in the life of a Christian a spirit of expectancy. Christ may come at any time, the end of the world may come at any time, so we are exhorted

to "watch and pray." Because the future is so indefinite for us all, we should all live on tiptoe of expectancy. One difficulty with the church today is that it has lost to a large degree the spirit of expectancy. We are not expecting much to happen in the normal activities of the church. Consequently not much of extraordinary concern is happening.

It is our feeling, however, that we should keep in proper balance this spirit of expectancy. More than once we have heard people express their anticipation of the second coming of Christ with almost an hysterical joy. While a Christian should be able to face the second coming of Christ with a sense of peace and security, let us keep in mind that the second coming of Christ and the end of the world will mean the end of hope of salvation for the major portion of the millions who are the millions who are alive at that time. Hence our spirit of expectancy should be kept in proper balance between the eternal joys awaiting the Christian and the final doom that settles over the rest of the world.

THE LESSON'S MOST IMPORTANT TRUTH

Any truth taught in the Bible is important to Christian people. Some truths seem to apply more directly and more immediately to our personal lives than others. Perhaps that is the reason that the writer, forty-five years ago on active member of the Annual Conference, never devoted the full time of a sermon period to a discussion of the second coming of Christ.

As stated earlier in this discussion, the New Testament definitely teaches the second coming of Christ. The apostles definitely expected it would happen in their lifetime. In 1 John 2:18 the beloved apostle wrote, "Little children it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we KNOW that it is the last time." John made that positive statement, in a crisis of the Christian church, two thousand years ago.

There have been many world crises since John's day in which powerful men seemed to threaten the life of the church. In these crises, in early times, the Emperors of Rome were called the beast of Revelation of the antichrist. After Rome fell the Popes of Rome were called dangerous antichrists by some. In modern times, Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm II, Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler, and now Khrushchev turn have served the crisis prophets as the antichrist. In each of these world crises there have been religious minded people who have pointed to the living antichrist and predicted that the end of the world was at hand. These predictions have always impressed some because in every great world crisis there are conditions existing comparable to those predicted as signs of the end of the world. Nevertheless, after all of these crises, the world still stands.

In our lesson text Jesus says of the end of the world, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son." Despite this clear positive statement of Jesus there have been in the past frequent predictions, by religious minded people, foolishly fixing the day, and some even the hour, when the world end and Christ would return.

If we accept the words of Jesus, it is not merely presumptive, it is foolish for anyone to profess to have discovered this secret known to God alone. For aught we know, the end may come within the hour or it may be a billion trillion years away. Nevertheless, there is one thing we do know that should be of immediate, personal concern to each of us. It is that, in death, the "end of the world" will come for each of us. Of that, we may be certain. Furthermore we know that it could happen any minute and that for each of us it will happen, comparatively speaking, in the very near future.

It is our feeling that the one most important lesson Jesus taught as a climax to all he said about his second coming is summed up in verse 33 of our lesson text, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." So important was that truth that Jesus, in verses 34-36, gave an impressive illustration to demonstrate its importance and then repeats the warning of verse 33 in the closing verse of our lesson text, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch."

It is our feeling that these words hold the most important truth in today's lesson. We should "watch and pray" and be prepared. We should be prepared to live the only life we have at its best. If prepared to live, we will also be prepared to die. If we are prepared to live and prepared to die, we will also be for the end of the world, the second coming of Christ or any other eventuality that may unexpectedly crowd in upon us.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A religious survey of Greater Dallas recently disclosed that 70.5 percent of Dallas County's estimated 1.1 million residents belong to a church or synagogue. An additional 10.9 percent, children under nine years of age, are enrolled in religious education classes in Sunday schools, synagogue schools, or other church schools. The survey was conducted by some 15,000 volunteers from 400 churches and synagogues.

21 U.S. Marines, expert carpenters, bricklayers and welders, have helped to rebuild and modernize a Roman Catholic orphanage in the tiny village of Colle di Cadibona in Italy. Marines aboard the U.S.S. Power heard that the orphanage was falling into decay and that the parish priest had appealed in vain for funds to rebuild it, and decided to help.

The president of the National Association of Evangelicals has advocated a courteous but cautious approach toward the visit of a group of Russian churchmen touring this country. Dr. Robert A. Cook, speaking in Wheaton, Ill., warned Americans not to allow the visit to 'cause us to think subconsciously that the Soviet government has relaxed its opposition to religion.'

Efforts in the state legislature of Pennsylvania to legalize bingo for churches sustained a setback when Governor William W. Scranton and the organized legislative representatives of Protestant church groups registered their opposition to the move.

Memorial services were held throughout Britain to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Dr. David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and African explorer, Mar. 10. The British Broadcasting Corporation covered a service at St. James Congregational Church in Hamilton, where Livingstone worshipped as a boy.

The United Church of Canada's Board of Evangelism and Social Service decided at its recent annual meeting in Toronto that it would not participate officially in any crusade Evangelist Billy Graham may conduct in that country with the next few years. The decision was made after Dr. James R. Mutchmor, moderator of the United Church, asked what he should say if approached by the team members concerning the crusade.

Indifference and complacency were the factors which enabled Castro and the Communists to take over Cuba, it was recently asserted in Dallas, Tex. by exiled Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal of Havana. In an interview, the Cuban prelate warned that peoples of the Americas should exercise extreme caution that they don't lose their liberties as the Cubans did.

The American Friends Service Committee has called in Philadelphia for contributions of trading stamps to meet a need of 10,000 blankets for destitute Algerians. According to the agency's announcement, two and one-quarter books will provide a 90 per cent wool blanket.

The dean of Pacific School of Religion declared in Santa Barbara, Calif. That the public school do a better job of teaching some religious precepts than the church. Dr. Robert E. Fitch said that in America's pluralistic society, 'we cannot get religion into the public school. But,' he added, 'I also think that on certain basic questions of Christian ethics the public school does a better job than the church.'

The tradition and name of historic Graues Kloster School of East Berlin, the alma mater of such famous German leaders as Bismarck, will be carried on by the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID). Transfer of the school's name to the West Berlin institute was marked with ceremonies and speeches by prominent West German civic and religious leaders.

Pope John XXIII - man of surprises - unexpectedly granted a private audience to the atheist son-in-law of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. It was the first time that a leading figure from a communist country had met face to face with a Pope. 'The Pope is a great and good man,' Alexei I. Adzhubei, editor of Izvestia, told a Religious News Service correspondent after he and his wife, Rada, had spent 18 minutes with the pontiff in his private library.

On Rome speculated that the audience might prove to be the forerunner of an eventual meeting between the Pope and Premier Khrushchev.



METHODIST BISHOP Charles W. Brashares of Chicago shakes hands with Archpriest Vitaly M. Borovoy, right, as he greets members of a group of Russian churchmen visiting Chicago. The four and their interpreter are part of a delegation of 16 Soviet Church leaders who are in the U.S. for three weeks under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

Twenty-two chapels will be built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in the New England area during the next three years at a cost of 2,000,000 denominational officials recently announced in Boston. This New England building program is part of a Mormon world wide construction effort which resulted in 411 chapels going up in 1962 - more than one a day.

Many of us used to smile at the "two-by-two" efforts of the Mormon missionaries, but such results as these indicate that there are being taken seriously in many places.

Russia's camera fans are being urged to "do their bit" in the war against religion. A contest for the best atheistic photo has been announced by the State Museum of the History of Religion in Leningrad, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and the magazine Soviet Photo.

As we read hundreds of news releases from all over the world each week we never cease to marvel at the strange contradictions which continually mark the report on the state of religion in the Soviet Union. We who are such close friends of photography should resent this intrusion into that field too.

Church architects were urged recently in Seattle, Wash. to design "buildings for the fashioning of soldiers" to fight a war against evil rather than "escape hatches to heaven for nice people." The Rev. Darby Wood Betts, and archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of California, said the church has been relearning that "we are at war with evil rather than distributing baskets of goodies to the hungry" and that this concept ought to be reflected in church buildings.

Many of us would agree that the church building should fulfil such a function, but it is our observation that the architects can't agree on just which styles of churches are the "escape hatches" and which the "buildings for the fashioning of soldiers."

Police in Baltimore, Md., recently broke up a gang of teen-aged boys who were heckling 16-year-old William Murray - a key figure in an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Baltimore Public schools. William is the son of Mrs. Madalyn Murray, an atheist who brought the case before the high Court after the Maryland Court of Appeals ruled the religious practices constitutional.

A Baltimore police captain commented that "they haven't left him alone since this thing started." Here is another example of how young people are often exploited in serving the prejudices of adults.

It is interesting to note that sixty-six major Jewish religious and civic bodies submitted a joint brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in support of suits challenging religious exercises in the public schools. Signing the brief were the Synagogue Council of America, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish congregational and rabbinical bodies; and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, comprising six national Jewish agencies and 57 local Jewish community councils across the country.

We fail to see the reasons for the intensity with which our Jewish friends have entered into a strange alliance with the atheist to pursue this matter before the Supreme Court. More and more observers predict that the court will outlaw the practices and we are convinced this will be bad for the country in the long run.

Ultra-conservative churchmen recently chose Atlantic, Ga. as a spot for a rally protesting the visit of 16 Russian clergymen to this country. One of the speakers prominently on the program of the rally was Dr. Carl McIntire, head of the ultra-fundamentalist International Council of Christian Churches, who has zoomed back into the center of the "hate" movement directed at the National Council of Churches and other cooperative agencies.

For a number of years American churchmen of every theological persuasion have been flocking to Russia to analyze the religious situation and report their own individual findings. We cannot see the basis of such "religious inhospitalized" as was demonstrated in Atlanta and other cities visited by the Russians.

Religious leaders in Honolulu were quick to condemn a bill introduced in the Hawaiian Senate which would eliminate Christmas and Good Friday as state holidays. Among clergymen expressing shock at any attempt to eliminate the Christmas holidays were Evangelist Billy Graham, recuperating in Hawaii from an acute infection, and a rabbi who called the proposed legislation silly.

The measure was introduced by Sen. Kazuhisa Abe, a Buddhist and a director of the Hilo Hongwanji Mission. Some observers speculated that the bill, considered hopeless by most legislators, was introduced to dramatize the fact that Hawaiian Christians have two holidays and Buddhists, who number about 100,000 in the state, have none.

American military chaplains cooperating during World War II sparked the current ecumenical spirit which resulted in Protestant and Orthodox observers at the Vatican Council, the chief of the U.S. Air Force chaplains said recently in Miami.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING



MRS. MARY LEE BARBEE of First Church Monroe was in charge of the missions corsages. With her are Mrs. Janice Richardson of Bunkie, Mrs. Rosa McCulloch of DeRidder (or have we mixed identification?), and Miss Elizabeth Lowrey of Mansfield.



MRS. HAZEL DABNEY (left) of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Jurisdiction Secretary of Guilds; is being introduced in the early executive session by Conference Secretary Arline Tyler. Mrs. "Boots" Guthrie, recording secretary, is seated.



MRS. HELEN OWEN (left) of West Monroe First Church, and Mrs. Annie Seidenspinner of Monroe First Church, get a helping hand from bell-boy Robert Simmons as they pack packets full of reports and souvenirs for delegates.



NEW ORLEANS delegates arrived in Monroe in time for a leisurely breakfast. They are: (from left) Mrs. Milton Baldrige, N. O. Dist. Secretary; Miss Mildred A. Evans, Conference Spiritual Life Secretary; Miss Carol Kinabrew, publicity chm. St. Luke's Guild; Mrs. Beverly Biehler, president of Gretna Guild and dist. sec. of missionary education; and Mrs. Irene Black, N. O. Dist. historian.



MISS JERRY BECK (left) of Mansfield, Shreveport Dist. Secretary, chats with Mrs. Jane Phillips of Mer Rouge, Monroe Dist. Secretary, who gave the "Welcome", Mrs. Ruth Guthrie of Bastrop, conference supply secretary, Mrs. Bee Sandefur of Bunkie, conf. sec. of Christian social relations, and Mrs. Bessie Fairley of Opelousas, Lafayette dist. secretary.



MISS ARLINE TYLER (left) of Shreveport, conference secretary, is shown as she presided at the executive session Saturday morning, March 16. Mrs. "Boots" Guthrie, recording secretary is at the right.



MRS. CARL GALLAHER of New Orleans is shown in a typical position of the conference treasurer -- writing checks. She led the pledge services for Woman's Societies and for Guilds.



MRS. WARREN ORR of N. O., conf. sec. of literature, poses with a three-dimensional poster, one of many she placed at strategic places to focus attention on literature.

Louisiana Women Assemble in Monroe's First Church



MISS KATHLEEN GATES, a deaconess candidate, participated in the deaconess anniversary emphasis.



THREE OF THE HARDEST working officers at the conference were Mrs. George H. Thomas (left), recording secretary, Mrs. George Dameron, president, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, chairman of the program.



MRS. GLEN R. NORDYKE, Sr. conf. sec. of missionary service, was in charge of the deaconess 75th anniversary presentation on Wednesday.



MRS. CHENEY BERNARD PREVOST (left), principal at Sager Brown School Home and Codman School in Baldwin, reported for those institutions which are projects of the conference. With her is Mrs. C.R. McCammon, sec. of missionary personnel.



TWO OF THE principal speakers were Bishop Aubrey Walton (left) and Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of First Methodist in Evanston, Ill.



Dr. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Walton, and Bishop Walton.



MISS CAROLINE PORTER, retired deaconess and formerly from Louisiana, was a principal speaker before both groups, speaking to the women on "The Deaconess, Called, Confronted, Compelled", and to the Guild members on "Guilders Who Answered the Call". Miss Porter now resides in Tujunga, California.



BISHOP AUBREY addressed the delegates Thursday on the Aldersgate Witness theme.



MISS PATRICIA GIBSON, right, with Mrs. Dameron, preparatory to leading the worship.



THE WOMEN gather preparatory to hearing Bishop Walton, seated, right.



HEADQUARTERS hotel was the Frances and three meals and programs were held there.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Human Nature Can Improve

HUMAN NATURE -- Consider how much cold water has been poured on the world's ideals through the spout of these words, "You can't change human nature."

For instance, a civic reform begins to stir a city. Earnest citizens arouse themselves to cleanse the community of vice and corruption. Then the cynics come forth with their sneering comment, "You can't change human nature"; and the reform movement is left limping half-heartedly toward an ignoble end.

Again, millions of youth are enlisted in a war with the promise of insuring a peaceful world. They struggle, they die, many come back crippled, and the rest return to meet the pessimistic prattle: "But after all, you can't change human nature; man is a fighting animal, always has been always will be; therefore wars are inevitable." And succumbing to such skepticism, the survivors of one war prepare for another and international peace machinery like the United Nations is weakened.

The late Benito Mussolini, whose so-called dynamic realism years ago was impressing his own people and many of ours, declared "there is no revolution which can change human nature." Holding this belief, he banked on humanity's worst elements, capitalized its greeds, developed its deceitfulness, until at last he became the victim of its brutality and was left hanging by the heels, reviled by his own revolutionists, whose nature certainly he had not changed.

But this pessimism about the possible improvement of human nature runs counter to the convictions of our leading psychologists, philosophers and religions.

Professor Wm. E. Hocking, formerly of Harvard, asserts that human nature is the most plastic part of the living world. Of all animals, it is man in whom heredity counts for least and conscious building forces for most. Consider that man's infancy is longest, his instincts least fixed, his brain most unfinished at birth. Man differs from other living beings in the vim and deliberate intention of his self-shaping. Hocking sums up by saying: "To anyone who asserts as a dogma, 'Human nature never changes,' it is fair to reply, 'It is human nature to change itself.'"

And when we turn to the sphere of religion, we find that the great world faiths have spoken ill of original human nature, but they never despair of its possibilities. Our own Judeo-Christian faith holds ever before men the promise of improvement up toward the image of God.

Hugh Price Hughes, a long-time missionary in London's slums, was once challenged by an atheist to a public debate on religious faith. Hughes said he would accept, provided each debater could bring some products of his work. He was ready to exhibit any number of ex-drunkards, purified prostitutes, reformed thieves. The atheist had no such results to show, so the debate never came off. Religion does change lives.

Saint Paul reminds us that remaking ourselves is a continuing process. In my boyhood community revival services were held each winter and usually a number would be converted. Then during the summer some would "backslide." Their wills had been converted but their tastes had not. And they slipped back to what they liked to do. We can commit ourselves to Christ in a moment of decision. Conversion is a life-long development.

Sometimes we are converted in our passions but not in our pocket-books. We are decent but we are stingy. Sometimes we are converted in our religious sentiments but not in our politics. We are pious in our prayers but vote our prejudices.

The Lenten season is the traditional time for spiritual overhauling and renewal. And let us keep faith in man's possibilities.

In April 1912 the great new ship "Titanic" on its maiden voyage struck an iceberg and went down with some 1,500 passengers. Soon after, an American paper carried two cartoons of the tragedy. One was a picture of the ship crumbling like an egg shell. Underneath was this line: "The weakness of Man, the supremacy of Nature." Alongside was another drawing picturing one of the passengers, Mr. W.T. Stead, stepping aside to give his place -- the last place in the last lifeboat -- to a woman with a child. Underneath the picture was this line. "The weakness of Nature, the Supremacy of Man."

There is something inside man greater than anything outside him. Let's use it more.

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THE FOURTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER-



HIS VOICE raised in song, choir boys, such as this young fellow, help to portray the happy moment of Easter.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THE CROSS AND THE KEYS

A few years ago a friend gave me a small aluminum cross and told me to carry it in my pocket. Since then it has travelled thousands of miles. It is a silent partner of my house and car keys. It rides in my pocket by day and rests on the table beside my bed at night when I retire.

There seems to be a kinship between the cross and my car keys. My "gospel chair" has gone over Arkansas, and into Kansas and Missouri and Tennessee. It has touched down also in Louisiana and Texas. Every one of these trips has been on the Lord's work. There seems to be a vital relationship, then, between the cross and my car keys. Jesus said a long time ago that His followers must be witnesses in "Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." My car may not be able to carry me to the end of the earth, but it can and does carry me to a number of Jerusalems and Judeas and Samarias.

The cross must go with me in both body and spirit if I am to fulfil the call that God made to my several years ago. My automobile can be an instrument of God or an instrument of the devil. If the cross remains a close companion of those keys, then my car can become a means of blessing to many.

There are other keys that rest close to the cross. The keys to my home are there. Does the cross touch my home as it touches the small key

that opens it? Is my home Christian? Is it a blessing to those who come under its roof? Are the stories of the cross a part of our home life? As I turn the key in the lock do I have the feeling that I am about to enter a home where the cross is lifted high?

This small cross reminds me of something else. What about the "keys to the kingdom?" Jesus told His disciples that He was giving them the keys to the kingdom of heaven. But keys don't operate themselves. They must be handled by someone interested in opening the lock.

When He gave His followers the spiritual keys to heaven, it seems that Jesus was laying upon His followers the ageless task of opening up the kingdom of heaven to those who were on the outside. Think of the millions who lived then and who live now with sorrow, carelessness, loneliness, sin, anger. The Holy Spirit Himself cannot reach and change their lives unless they catch a view of the glories of eternal joy. If I do not try to unlock the doors of heaven, God cannot change their lives. Maybe that is what Jesus meant when He said that "Whatever you lock on earth shall be locked in heaven, and whatever you unlock on earth shall be unlocked in heaven". It seems to me that we are actually God's doorkeepers. That is why it is so important for me to keep the cross close to the keys. It helps to remind me of my holiest responsibility.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Necessity of Love

By The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft
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Read the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, Test: I Cor. 13:13- 'So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.' RSV

It is Paul's intention in this passage of scripture held by many as one of the most important in the Bible, to contrast two sets of things. The first set we may call the transient and is composed of three things: prophecies, tongues and knowledge. The second set we may call the permanent and it includes faith, hope and love.

In the light of this, the passage becomes one of the most demanding passages to be found anywhere. It demands that the good man examine himself in the light of this which is permanent.

Is love to be found in our actions? What of our worship? Is it sounding of cymbals and the braying of trumpets, a characteristic of heathen worship, but lacking in true love of God and man?

What of our prophecy or our preaching? Do we dangle the hearer over the flames of hell and give the impression that we could rejoice in their damnation as much as in their salvation? Or are we concerned with their souls and are willing to woo them and yearn over them with the accents of love?

Then what of our knowledge? Are we intellectual snobs whose cold detachment could save no one? Or do we have the fire of love that knows of the needs of men and the willingness to give ourselves for them?

What of our giving? Is it given out of a sense of duty without love? Do we stand on our little spot of high ground and throw out our scraps of charity as to a dog? Or do we give because the gift of love in Christ has been given to us?

Just exactly what is the motive for our giving ourselves to Christ? Is it pride, or self-display or self glory? Or is it because a Christ gave Himself for us that we might live for Him?

Paul could say that this love that is necessary is more than just the giving of a few coins for the needy and the dealing with other people's faults and needs. It is the response of the human love to the divine love which is received by simple faith in Jesus Christ. It is that which completes and crowns every human relationship. It is that which binds God to man and man to God.

It is the love that is embodied in Jesus Christ and through His resurrection signifies to the world its ultimate victory.

Therefore, let us shape our lives in accordance with these certainties

Let us see first, the first things. Let us place Christ and His love first in our life.



Build A Devotional

"A Thumb-nail Sketch"

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Revelation 1:5,6.

Contained in these few words is the sweep of the good news for each and everyone. In this sentence the Revelator links together God's continuous acts in His world. Here the prophetic message is once again declared in the latter part of the first Christian century. As Dr. Charles Laymon has written, "They picture Jehovah as one who has been at work in the past, who is active in the present, and who will continue to labor in the future." In Jesus Christ, God has acted in a decisive initiative which fulfills the hopes of men.

"To Him who loves us" is the keystone of the gospel. Personal victory and world-wide triumph is built on God's love in Christ. We have quoted, "God so loved the world" from early childhood. The cross is an expression of that love, not as a purchase price for an angry and reluctant deity. God's love is not indulgent but redemptive.

Elizabeth C. Clephane has expressed it in a familiar hymn:

"Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from by stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness."

"To Him - who has freed us" declares the unfailing faith in the power of Christ in the human heart. This freedom is not from responsibility, neither is it from the burdens of the day. Christians do not ask to live a sheltered

life untouched by the trials, tribulations and sorrow. This freedom is not even from temptation. It is freedom from a guilty past; it is freedom from fear; it is freedom from our weakness in falling into the pitfalls of life.

"--and made us a kingdom" is a phrase reminiscent of the promise made to Moses following the miraculous deliverance from the hands of the Egyptians. This promise is renewed and fulfilled in Christ. Think on the word "made" and immediately it dawns upon us that it is God's kingdom and that both in our personal life and in the society of mankind it is His gift. We are instruments in His hands to accomplish His eternal purpose, a purpose, that will not fail.

-R.B.



The Christian is not a man who is better than someone else, but one who is better than he would be if he were not a Christian.

Let The Children Come

Jesus learned much from the ancient religious teachings of His people. In Matthew 2:40 we read, "And the child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him." He knew the stories of the heroes of the Old Testament -- Solomon, Moses and the kings. He sang the shepherd's songs David wrote in the psalms.

Jesus went to the Synagogue for study and worship. The Synagogues were always built on the highest part of the town or village. They were real religious centers for the people. Special services were held on Sabbath days, Maker days and for religious festivals. Prayers and the Scriptures were read by the leader who was called the "Ruler." On week days the Jewish boys went every day to study the Hebrew law.

We are told in Matthew 2:41-42 that each year Jesus and his family went to Jerusalem to worship in the great Temple. It was a beautiful building made of marble, costly woods and much gold. There were nine gates. One of them, called the Gate Beautiful, still stands today. It was through this gate that Jesus rode into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday. Here too, Jesus learned the religious customs and teachings of the Old Testament. The Scribes were the teachers and they saw that every little boy memorized the Books of the law, the first five books of the Bible.

But most of all, Jesus grew in the wisdom of a personal love for God. He spoke of God as a Father and told many stories of the Father's love for all of his children around the world. He taught that the way to be truly happy was to love and obey our Heavenly Father in our daily walk of life. This is something that all of us can learn more about each day as we read our Bibles and say our prayers.

Aunt Feather

Poem For The Week

TO LOVE IS TO BLESS

Few people would curse a fellow-man
But to bless him, that they forgot.
Is that not the core of the command;
As to whether we love or not?

For if you love, you have already blest
And do we not hold in our hand;
The key to the secret of happiness---
To the kingdom of God in man?

- Sybil Nash Abrams

News from the Alexandria District

By the Rev. E. W. Sandel

MEMBERSHIP CLASS AT TRINITY

The membership training class at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, will also include the Junior Department of the Sunday School, even those who have already joined the church. This is being done because the lesson materials run parallel with what the membership class is studying and also because it will give a better foundation in churchmanship to those already holding membership in the Church.

The first session consisted of a film-strip: "This Is Your Church" and discussion about it. The class talked about some of the symbols in our church and about the various persons responsible for the worship service. This discussion also included a discussion of the ritual of the church.

During these classes the participants will visit churches of all denominations. March 6 they visited Prompt Succor Catholic Church. Here they were to see the symbols of this church, talk about its ritual and later compare it with our own Methodist church.

This group meets at Trinity each Wednesday evening at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.



**BALL CHURCH SERVES
LSU WESLEY GROUP**

The W.S.C.S. of the Ball Methodist Church served lunch to the Wesley Foundation members at LSU, Alexandria, in February. The group reported that they experienced a most enjoyable time fellowshiping with the group there. They also were present for the program presented by the youth at that time.

The ladies who served at this luncheon were Mrs. Cura Whatley, Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mrs. Eula Pickens and Mrs. Marie Roberts. They are pictured in the picture above serving. Mrs. Pickens, who is second from the left in the picture, is the mother of one of our students at St. Paul's Seminary in Kansas City, the Rev. Ed Pickens.

The Rev. Richard Hoffpauir, pastor of the Palestine Methodist Church, serves as Wesley Foundation Director for the Methodist Student Fellowship at L.S.U.

METHODIST PERSONALITY

Miss Laura Whatley, 17-year-old daughter of the J. F. Whatley's of Winnfield, was recently chosen by the Alexandria Town Talk as Basketball

Sweetheart for the week of February 9th. This is only one of many honors that has come to this active Methodist Young Person. She was chosen 1962 Homecoming Queen at Winnfield, Most Popular Girl, Senior Class Favorite and school beauty twice.

She is a member of the FHA and Speech Club and vice-president of the Student Council at her School. She is



an Honor Roll Student and reached the semi-finals in the Miss Teen-Age America Contest the qualifications which are both beauty and charm.

Her sister is Mrs. James Justiss, Jr., a member of Nolley Memorial Church, Jena.

Laura's ambition is to become a choral director and she has had a broad background in both vocal and piano studies. She received a rating of excellent in the Music Festival held at Louisiana Tech in 1962 with her vocal renditions.

Laura will enter Centenary this summer and while in Shreveport she will use a modeling scholarship won recently. She is an active member of the Winnfield Methodist Church and serves as treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Winnfield where the Rev. R. H. Staples is pastor.



SCOUT SUNDAY

Planning activities for Scout Sunday held February 10th were George Foote, Jr., junior assistant Scoutmaster, Bill Matthews, Scoutmaster, and Norman Landry, Jr., Senior Patrol Leader, from left, of Alexandria's Troop 10 at First Methodist Church. Scouts of the troop attended Church in a body on this day and were recognized at the morning services. Dr. Guy Hicks is the pastor.

Do You Know. . . .

. . . that Methodist Home Hospital placed 85 infants for adoption last year? This large number came about as a result of capacity operation of the agency throughout the year.

Protestant couples interested in adoption may write directly to the agency. Initial letters should be signed by both husband and wife and include at least the following information: Date of birth, date of marriage, reason for inability to have children, church affiliation and activities, feeling regarding the use of any type alcohol beverages, their occupation, income and information regarding health, housing, etc.

All correspondence is handled promptly, and if it appears that the couple meets initial requirements, they can usually be scheduled for a group meeting and interview at the agency within two to three months at which time further discussion takes place.

Inquiries may be addressed to:

Rev. L. D. Haughton, Superintendent

or

Miss Evelyn V. Murphree, Social Work Supervisor

Methodist Home Hospital

815 Washington Avenue

New Orleans 13, Louisiana



LOUIS FREEMAN, membership cultivation supt., is shown on the left, and on the right are Mr. Freeman, Julian A. Darden, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Jr., and Robert Sinner, all of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Broadmoor Methodist Church studies education and evangelism working together through out the total church in Workers' Conference shared by Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Commission on Education, and teachers and officers of the Church School. Louis Freeman, membership cultivation superintendent, Julian A. Darden, adult division superintendent, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Jr., church school superintendent, and Robert Sinner, chairman of Commission on Membership and Evangelism continue discussing organizing concern for people for whom the church carries responsibility at the close of the meeting.

Mr. Freeman presented information from church and church school records in charts, and he and Robert Sinner led the discussion with the total group in ways toward completing a program of expressing concern for all families for whom the church is responsible, for the total church primarily through the adult classes and membership and evangelism commissions, working with the pastor. The Rev. Barry Bailey is the pastor.

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No man ever makes a more important decision than that one he makes when he decides what his attitude toward money is to be.

Clanton Chapel Will Open Services March 31 at Dulac

The new building of the Clanton Chapel Methodist Church at Dulac will be opened for worship on Sunday, March 31 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Ira Robinson, a former pastor at Dulac and now pastor at Elizabeth, will preach. H. Carl Brunson, head resident of the Dulac Community Center, will present the building to the Rev. A. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendents, to be used as a place of worship. The Rev. C. D. Pinkard is the pastor.

This is the second new church building to be opened on the Houma Heights Charge this year. The new LaGrange Memorial Church on Bayou Blue was opened on December 16th. It, too, is a modern brick veneer structure.

The annual revival at Dulac will begin at 7 p.m. the same day. The Rev. L. W. Taylor, pastor at Sterlington, will do the preaching throughout the week.

Representatives of Denominations Speak at Parker

Dr. Frank Staff, professor of New Testament and Greek and the chairman of the Graduate Council at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was one of the speakers for the Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, series on "Getting To Know Our Religious Neighbors." The Rev. Reuel H. Allen is pastor of the church.

The purpose of the series, which continued for seven consecutive weeks, was to acquaint the Parker Church organization with the historical backgrounds, doctrinal beliefs, and distinctive features of seven different religious communions.

Each lecture was followed by a period of open discussion, with the speakers serving as resource persons. After the discussion period, the congregation met in the educational building of the church for an informal fellowship.

Sharing in the series were: Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Jr., superintendent of the New Orleans District, The Methodist Church; Rabbi Julian Feibleman of the congregation of Temple Senai, Judaism; the Rev. Kenneth Barr, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church; Dr. Paul Richards, pastor of Parkway Presbyterian Church; Dr. Stagg; the Rev. Leighton H. Nugent, associate Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church; and the Rev. Hubert F. Schiffer, S. J., associate professor of economics, Loyola University, Roman Catholic.

The sessions were well attended and extremely helpful, said Mr. Allen.



The smallest church in any conference will give the biggest preacher in the conference more than he can do.



BERWICK METHODIST Church's Jr. High Methodist Youth Fellowship and their guests here enjoy their Valentine Banquet. Counselors are Mrs. Charles Rourke and Mrs. R. P. Willis. The Rev. William Reid is pastor.



DR. FRANK STAGG as he spoke to members of the Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans (see the related article).



LAKEVIEW METHODIST Church MYF members held their Sweetheart Banquet Feb. 8. Shown here are the King and Queen, Steve Maddry and Anne Sanders, who reigned over the program. The Rev. L.G. Wilson is pastor.

Lakeview Hosts MYF Sub--Dist.

Lakeview Methodist Church was host for the Lighthouse Sub-district meeting January 28. The program was opened by Johnny Hruska who gave the invocation and welcome. Pam McNeil read the scripture followed by hymns led by David Hinton.

The program was then turned over to the Rev. L. G. Wilson, Lakeview pastor, who gave a very inspiring account of his experiences as a chaplain in the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

Business of the Sub-district was then discussed and led by Mary Bradshaw, president. Minutes were read by Judy Hamner.

No one ever makes us mad; we grow angry as a result of our own choice.

Lake Charles Church Holds Missions Study In Four-Week Session

The recently completed "Churchwide School of Missions" at First Methodist Church of Lake Charles, where Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor, proved to be very successful and helpful to the over 200 people who attended the four week session.

A complete Sunday evening fellowship was held during this period, starting with supper for everyone at 5:30, and these were taken care of in turn by the W.S.C.S., the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the DMA (Don't Mention Age) Group. The "Fun and Fellow-

ship" period which followed each supper was in charge of T. S. Richey, who filled it with visits from the "Druthers Brothers," a local high school boys' quartet, the McNeese State College's male quartet, under the direction of Edward Steiner, and two appearances by the local S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. chorus, "The Bayou Balladiers," Robert Landry, Director.

There were six study divisions in this program. The kindergarten group, in studying the book "The World Friends All Around Us," got a vision of the ministry around the world. Other

children's youth and adult groups had more specialized studies, including the Jr. High study of the physical handicapped.

On Feb. 23 these juniors had as their guests Miss Sandy Noah and Ronnie Gintz. Miss Noah is the first grade teacher in the Moss Bluff Elementary School, and last summer she was Program Director at the Lions Club Crippled Children's Camp which is near Leesville. Ronnie, who is blind (and a junior at Sulphur High School) was a counselor at the camp and he and Miss Noah told the juniors about the camps'

activities. Ronnie has written several hymns, one of which he played and sang for the group, "Tho' My Earthly Eyes are Blind, My Spirit Sees."

The adult group's theme for the four sessions was: "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Needs." On Jan. 27 they heard about "children with social handicaps," Feb. 3, "the aging—handicap or opportunity?" Feb. 10, "the physiologically handicapped," and the last session on Feb. 17th the subject covered persons handicapped by emotional disturbances.



MISS LINDA WATKINS and the kindergarten group who studied about Indians and made head-dresses.



RONNIE GINTZ at the piano with Miss Sandy Noah seated right behind him.



JUNIOR HIGH group with Miss Joanne Hill and Miss Martha Howell making scrapbooks for the Charity Hospital patients.

An address delivered to the National Council of Evangelism in session at Ocean City, New Jersey.

We have met here as leaders of evangelism of the several annual conferences of The Methodist Church.

Perhaps we should look at our evangelistic witness for the past four years. The several annual conferences have reported the following number received on profession of faith:

1959.....	380,204
1960.....	360,883
1961.....	345,118
1962.....	340,937

You will note that for the past four years there has been a smaller number received each year on profession of faith.

Each year there has been a population gain in the United States but a decrease in the number of new converts for Christ and The Methodist Church. I hope you will give us suggestions for changing this trend.

The only word I know to say about this annual decrease in our evangelistic ministry is that we do not have the evangelistic zeal or the redemptive concern for all persons.

We should face the situation of church attendance. For seventeen years we have had a church attendance boom. It has been necessary for many churches to have more than one worship service each Sunday morning. That has been good, and we rejoice in it. However, if we are to reach other people who are in need of Christ, we must go to them. *If we care, we will visit.* By going to a home we say two words by just being there. We may not witness effectively with our lips, but our lives say, "We care." If we do not visit, our lives say four words, "We do not care." We may preach and teach eloquently about how we care for persons; but if we do not visit, we do not care. Our behavior negates our pseudo-beliefs.

The questions before us are: Do we desire all people to attend our church worship services? Do we believe that every man needs Christ as Savior and Lord?

"A loving heart will visit a lonely heart."

The purpose of this message is to bring to you some evangelistic challenges which we face today.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CITY

Two generations ago 75% of our population lived in rural communities and 25% lived in urban communities. Today the figures are reversed. The cities of the United States dominate the political, economic, and moral life of this nation.

We have ministered to suburbia, but not so effectively as we should have. If during the past seventeen years we had started more new church organizations than we did, we should be reaching more persons on profession of faith now. The older churches receive more members by transfer of membership than by profession of faith.

There are three groups in the city, especially the inner city, which challenge us:

1. The minority groups comprised of different races and nationalities.
2. The low economic group which includes part of the first group.
3. The high economic group which is moving from suburbia to the inner city.

We must evangelize the cities, or our nation will become Godless and materialistic. I do not know the forms this evangelization should have. I know that our bishops, superintendents, pastors, and our Division of National Missions are greatly concerned. I hope you will give your best mind to this great challenge. Our leaders in some cities are trying to meet this challenge.

The city was a challenge to Jesus. "When he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it." He wept over Jerusalem, the most religious city of His day. Devout Jews from every nation came there to worship. It was a city which broke His heart. Hear His lament, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!"

The city is a challenge today. We have persons from every nation in some of our cities. We have large groups of minorities.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH

I sometimes think we need a book on *The Conversion of Methodism*. Our church should be, of course, a force rather than a field for evangelism. Methodism was born during an evangelistic movement. John Wesley had an experience of Christ which made him a new person. Instead of being "in church" he became "in Christ." We are praying that during the Aldersgate Year of Evangelism the members of The Methodist Church will have an experience of Christ as Savior and Lord and will become "in Christ" persons.

The church of the first century started with eleven persons plus the risen Christ, whom they obeyed. In ten days the eleven had become one hundred twenty. This same day the 120 plus the Holy Spirit had an increase of 3,000, and a few days later there was another increase of 5,000. This church was obedient to the living Christ. It was a praying church, filled with the Holy Spirit, witnessing to its Lord and Savior with boldness. It was a sharing, suffering, and joyous church which practiced the daily discipline of teaching and preaching Christ in the temple and in every house.

Today we are trying to have one or more units of THE TWELVE in every church. We believe that THE TWELVE must know the following:

1. Know Jesus Christ, Son of Man and Son of God, as Savior and Lord.
2. Know the life and teachings of our Savior and Lord.
3. Know and obey the will of God.
4. Know the history of the Christian movement.
5. Know and practice the beliefs and polity of The Methodist Church.
6. Know and possess a redemptive love for all persons.
7. Know how to witness with life and lips about Christ to

all persons.

Each unit of THE TWELVE in every local church should be a lay seminary class. Its interest should include the practice of prayer, study and discussion periods, and witnessing. It should be a group of individuals and teams which constitute a disciplined, redemptive fellowship, having for its objectives:

- a. The conversion of the church from a respectable club to a redemptive fellowship.
- b. The reformation of the community from a godless, materialistic society to the Kingdom of God on earth.
- c. Evangelization of the world.
- d. The practice of daily worship by families and individuals.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE FAMILY

Also there is the challenge of evangelizing the nation's citadel, which is the home and the family. The General Conference said, "The family is the basic unit of society."

More and more we are finding young couples who pride themselves on their morality and clean living, but have never been baptized or made a profession of faith in Christ or united with any church. In fact, the church does not exist as far as they are concerned.

Church families must be shown the need for grace at the table and for daily worship in the house. Church families must become interested in the family evangelism of their friends, neighbors, and associates.

The family must be helped to see that the family has the primary responsibility of teaching the child the daily habits of prayer and Bible reading. The family must be helped to see that the school, the church, and community organizations are here to help them in their task of Christian culture in the home.

As the family goes, the nation goes. Our supreme task is the evangelization of the family.

UNCONVENTIONAL EVANGELISM

Today we face the challenge of unconventional evangelism. Our Ohio Methodism, under the leadership of Bishop Hazen G. Werner, is leaving the sanctuary for the sidewalk. The Christian witness is being given in state recreational parks, county fairs, prisons, drive-in theaters, drag races, and suburbia shopping centers. We hope that this will be done in every annual conference.

CONVENTIONAL EVANGELISM

If we have unconventional evangelism, then there must be conventional evangelism.

What is conventional evangelism? I wonder if it is the following:

1. Invitation to Christian discipleship during the worship services in the sanctuary and in the church school.
2. Invitation to Christian discipleship in the home.
3. Training of boys and girls in Christian discipleship.

Yet there are many churches which do not have conventional evangelism. In them the invitation to Christian discipleship is never given during the church worship services or in the home, and training classes are not held for boys and girls or for adults. How can we help each church to have a regular program of conventional evangelism?

CHURCH EXPANSION

Every church desires to have adequate facilities for its children, young people, and adults. There has been a great movement of church building expansion on the present sites, or on new sites when the church decided to leave the inner city and move to suburbia. This constitutes a tremendous challenge.

We need a dual church expansion. As far as possible in our ever-expanding cities and suburbs, any church that expands its own facilities should expand by starting a new church organization.

We have noted that for a quadrennium now there has been a decrease each year in the number received on profession of faith. The question is, why? The population of the United States is increasing each year. We have a better trained ministry, more and finer buildings, and more churches have larger staffs than ever before. Many churches have provided secretaries for their pastors in order to release the pastors from detailed office work. The General Boards and Agencies and the Conference Boards and Agencies have larger budgets and larger staffs than ever before in our history.

Why the decrease in the number received on profession of faith? Let me try to give you one answer.

The net increase in membership of The Methodist Church for 1962 is 106,710. One annual conference had a net increase of 11,825 in church membership. This is 11% of our total net increase.

One jurisdiction with nearly two million members had a net increase of 10,571 church members.

Why did one annual conference have a larger net increase than a jurisdiction which has nearly nine times as many members as the particular annual conference? I believe one answer is as follows:

This annual conference, between 1950 and 1962, organized 90 new churches. Below is the record of those 90 new Methodist churches for the year 1962:

Members	19,318
Received on profession of faith	1,758
Amount given to World Service	\$29,497
Amount given to Advance Specials	\$18,354
Amount given to Conference Advance Specials	\$26,807
The greatest means of evangelism today is the organization of new churches.	

The 14 largest churches in Methodism in 1962 had 82,431 members and received 1,762 on profession of faith. The 90 new churches with 19,318 members received 1,758 on profession of faith. This is a testimony for the establishment of new churches.

My prayer is that in 1964 ten per cent of the ten million

Methodists will be given the opportunity to give for Church Extension a special contribution of \$100.00 each, which will be a loan fund administered by the Division of National Missions for the initial capital expenditures to start new churches. This will be a total of \$100,000,000.00 for a great Church Extension Crusade.

In 1944, this Methodist Church raised \$28,000,000.00 when we only had 8,046,129 members and our economy was not so good as it is at the present time.

A great missionary statesman of yesteryear used to preach year in and year out, "We must widen the base at home if we are to expand our missionary work in other lands." Our institutions must have supporting churches. We must not lose our institutions in the next forty years because of insufficient funds.

THE CHALLENGE OF MOBILITY

We have the difficult task and challenge of trying to follow Methodists as they move. Today Methodists are moving as they did in the pioneer days when they moved westward.

Below is a summary of an article by David Borff in the *New York Times Magazine* for August 26, 1962:

"47.3% of the people, or more than 75,000,000 persons, in the U. S. A. changed their addresses in the five years preceding the 1960 census. Of these, 47,500,000 are in the same county they originally were in, and an additional 13,600,000 are in another county in the same state, but 14,100,000 have moved across the state line.

"Sociological studies indicate that one-half of the counties are losing population with the various kinds of deterioration that this loss brings. They tell us that Negroes from the south and other deprived people are moving into our cities, while the middle class people are moving out. Low income people are inclined to move about in the same community while the high income group moves beyond county lines. Despite popular belief, white people have a higher rate of mobility than the Negroes—6.8% as compared to 4%. The young family moves more than the older family. If the head of the house is under 35, it seems that the family is twice as apt to move than if he is in the older age bracket."

This means that nearly half of the membership of The Methodist Church moved sometime during the five years previous to the 1960 census. We have a mobile membership.

Our General Board of Evangelism has assigned a member of our staff with a secretary to give full time to this ministry of the re-establishment of members. He wrote to the District Superintendents and pastors of churches which have more than a thousand members and explained our ministry as outlined in the *Discipline* for following members who move.

We have received 45,000 names and addresses of members who have moved their residence but not their membership. We have processed 40,000 of these names and forwarded them to superintendents and pastors. It takes much time to look up churches and districts. We are retarded by not having sufficient clerical help. If we had sufficient clerical help, we could handle three or four times this number.

As stated, we have written to very few pastors. If we wrote to all pastors, we would have perhaps 500,000 names and addresses each year. We try to get the pastors to send the names and addresses of moving members to the district superintendents in their respective annual conferences. However, some do not know, or do not know how to find, in what district the community is located to which the members have moved.

THE CHALLENGE OF COMMUNICATING

Under the direction of Leslic Ross and our Tidings Department of Christian Evangelistic Materials and TRAFICO, an unusual motion picture has been produced. It is "Conversion—Plus." It shows the witness of the group to a young married couple, and the witnessing of man to man. This film should be shown to every group in every local church. It will communicate the gospel in a new way with a terrific impact.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CAMPUS

Think of all the young people on our campuses and church camps today.

There are no second-generation Christians; every generation either accepts Christ or rejects Him. What a challenge it becomes to us when we realize this.

Mr. Khrushchev states that communists are not born. Individuals of each generation must be converted to communism. This is true in regard to Christianity. God does not have any grandchildren. All are children.

John Wesley was born into a Christian home. He went to a Christian school. He was reared in a Christian church. He became a priest in that church. He practiced daily holy habits. There came a time when for salvation he had to put his faith in Christ. Dr. Maldwyn Edwards speaks of the Aldersgate experience of Wesley as conversion.

The young people of our campuses and church camps need to have their own personal experience of Christ as Savior and Lord. Most of them have been born into Christian homes and brought up there. They have attended church school. They have been a part of church camps. They have been baptized and joined the church. They have had church culture. They need to know Christ in the forgiveness of their sins and as their Savior. They need Christian culture and Christian education which includes a personal experience of Christ as Savior and Lord.

A distinguished Christian educator said recently that, if our nation continues on the present trend of materialism, in 25 years there will be very little difference between the nations of Russia and the United States. The young people of the campus can stop this trend, but I believe it will be necessary for them to have a vital experience of Christ as Savior and Lord, if this adverse trend is to be stopped. Today's generation must know Christ—not only about Him—but know Him as personal Savior, if we are to have a spiritual nation.

These are challenges for evangelization of the people of our nation and of the world in these latter decades of the twentieth century.

In Memoriam

Fulton Farris

Fulton Farris, 84, a retired blacksmith of Cato (Faulkner County) Arkansas, passed away Feb. 20, 1963, in a Little Rock hospital. He came to Cato with his parents when a small child and attended Cato Methodist Church, joining the church when a young man. From that time on until death, his church and its activities were first in his heart and life. In 1900 he married Beulah Skinner and they dedicated their home open to all God's Servants.

In 1902, Mr. Farris wanted to learn the blacksmith trade and since his uncle, W. A. Farris, was a blacksmith he taught him the trade. They went into partnership at Cato until 1916 when Mr. W. A. Farris was forced to move to Florida for his health. Fulton kept the trade going until he retired in 1951, tore the blacksmith shop down that had stood since 1880 and gave all machinery to his son Paul.

He was superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years and served on the Board of Stewards for years.

Survivors include three sons, Emory Farris and Morris Farris, both of Fort Smith, and Paul Ferris of Blythe, California; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Springer of North Little Rock, Mrs. Carnell McGuran of Cato and Mrs. Dorothy Woodard of Cleburne, Texas; a brother, Wayne Farris of Little Rock; a sister, Mrs. Batrice Short of Little Rock; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral was February 21 in Little Rock by the Rev. J. P. Bright. Burial was at Cato cemetery.

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Mrs. Sarah Cabe

Mrs. Sarah Della Hope Cabe, aged 80, a resident of Benton, Arkansas, for the past 44 years, died February 12 at her home following a long illness. She was the widow of the Rev. Robert L. Cabe.

She was born and raised in the Shaw Community of Saline County and spent most of her married life in other parts of Arkansas before returning to Benton. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Fletcher Cabe and Robert Cabe, both of Benton, and Raymond Cabe of Eagle Pass, Texas; four daughters, Mrs. Grace Briner and Mrs. Elsie Johnson, both of Benton and Mrs. Bunnie Howard of Schenectady, N. Y. and Mrs. Marguerite Burgin of Garden Grove, Calif., ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Feb. 14 at the First Methodist Church by the Rev. Ed Dodson and burial was at Pinecrest Cemetery.

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HERE AND THERE

We can tell what people do not have by noting what it is that they seek frantically to secure—p. 20

A clearer understanding of the Christian enterprise and especially the study of Christ's method of continuing his work has made us see that a non-Church Christianity is contradiction in terms—p. 36

SIGNS OF HOPE
Elton Trueblood

Bishop Oxnam

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, 71, internationally-known Christian leader, died in White Plains, New York, March 12 following a long illness.

Private rites for the family were conducted March 14. Interment was made in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Later there is to be an open memorial service where tribute will be paid to Bishop Oxnam's ten years in the pastorate, ten years in Christian education and twenty-four years in the episcopacy. Centenarian Bishop Herbert Welch of New York will be in charge. Elected at Amsterdam in 1948 as a member of the first six-man praesidium of the newly-organized World Council of Churches, Bishop Oxnam served world-wide Christianity for six years as he earlier had served the churches of the U. S. during his presidency of the Federal Council of Churches.

Following Bishop Oxnam's ordination in 1916 he became the founder, pastor and director of the Church of All Nations in Los Angeles, at the same time serving as a professor in the University of Southern California. He crossed the country in 1927 to join the faculty of Boston University School of Theology. From here he was chosen in 1928 as president of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1936.

The new bishop was assigned to the Omaha Area. At the Uniting Conference in 1939 he was transferred to the Boston Area. Here he stayed until 1944 when he succeeded Bishop Francis J. McConnell in the New York Area.

His last episcopal service (1952-60) was in the Washington (D. C.) Area where he played a leading role in bringing what is now Wesley Theologi-



Bishop Oxnam

cal Seminary from its former home in Westminster, Md. to a new campus in the capital city adjacent to American University.

He is credited also with having had a major part in creating the new School of International Service at American University and for the new buildings of Sibley Hospital. He retired in 1960 to Scarsdale, N. Y. where he has been living with Mrs. Oxnam at 187 Garth Road.

Among the patriotic services for which Bishop Oxnam has received recognition are: special mediator on the national War Labor Board; member of the Civilian Advisory Committee to Secretary of the Navy; and member of the President's committee on Higher Education.

Bishop Oxnam was official visitor for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Army

and Navy chaplains, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 1945; was chairman of the Commission to Study Post-war Relief Conditions in Germany under President Truman and was honored by the Greek government with the Cross of the Royal Order of the Phoenix.

Distinguished service to The Methodist Church was given by Bishop Oxnam during twenty years as secretary and one year as president of the Council of Bishops. He was chosen to give the Episcopal Address at the 1948 General Conference. Bishop Oxnam was from 1940-48 president of the Commission on Public Information. More recently he has been president of the Council on World Service and Finance and chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. Both as presiding officer or member he served the boards of governors and trustees of numerous church-related institutions. Since his presidency of the World Council of Churches, he has been member of its executive and Central committees and has been a vice president of the National Council of Churches.

Twelve colleges and universities have invited Bishop Oxnam to deliver one of their endowed lectureships. Among these were the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale.

As author, Bishop Oxnam has published seventeen books and as editor, five. In addition he has written innumerable articles on social international and religious subjects for nationally circulated magazines.

Born in Sonora, Calif., August 14, 1891, Bishop Oxnam was educated in the University of Southern California (Phi Beta Kappa) and Boston University School of Theology, with graduate courses in Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also studied in the Orient in 1919 and in London in 1921.

More than twenty universities have honored the bishop with their doctorates. Included are Princeton, Northwestern, Yale and both his alma maters—Boston and U. S. C.

Mrs. Oxnam is the former Miss Ruth Fisher of California. They were married August 19, 1914. Their children are Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Philip H. Oxnam, Kenwood, Buffalo, N. Y. and Mrs. Robert (Bette Ruth) McCormack, Scarsdale, N. Y. There are eight grandchildren.

Methodist News in Brief

A MAN'S INFLUENCE COUNTS

A minister's personal influence in his relationship with potential theological students is the most important factor in recruiting young persons for the ministry.

This was the consensus of eight Protestant clergymen, all alumni of Boston University's School of Theology, who participated in the 10th written Boston University Symposium since the inception of the series in 1958. Title of this symposium was "How Does the Ministry Attract Recruits?"

Dean Walter G. Muelder of the School of Theology headed the group. Other participants were: Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston Area; President Dwight E. Loder of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.; the Rev. Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Detroit; President Stanley H. Martin of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va.; the Rev. Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City; Dean F. Thomas Trotter of Southern California School of Theology, Claremont; and the Rev. Dr. Martin L. Goslin of Webster Groves, Mo., minister of the First Congregational Church.

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The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Shipp of

Dallas, Tex., has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Allied Youth, Inc. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of Christian Herald and founder of Allied Youth.

A Bible reading program launched as a local experiment by the Roberts Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., is attracting much wider interest because readers of a column written by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Webb Garrison, heard of the Bible reading guide and wrote in, requesting copies. More than 7,000 copies of the reading plan were distributed last year, and it has been referred to in bulletins of the American Bible Society and the United Bible Societies (British).

Arthur A. Schuck, 67, for 12 years chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America, died Feb. 24 in Santa Barbara, Calif. A life-long Methodist, he was one of the few laymen ever to have delivered the Easter sermon in the Hollywood Bowl. The Rev. Arthur A. Schuck, his son, is a Methodist minister in Delano, Calif.

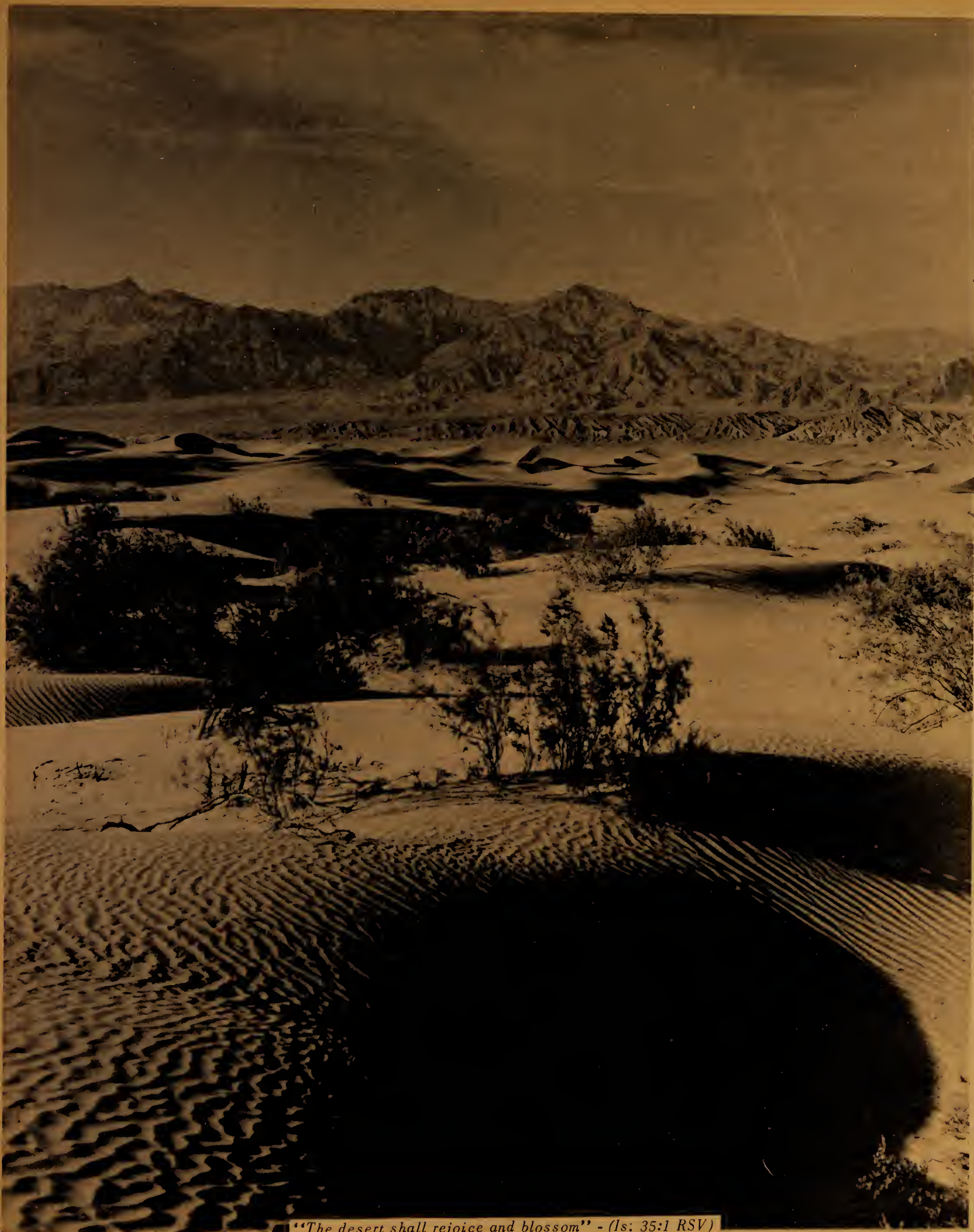
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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Concerning Revivals

Shreveport, Louisiana
March 23, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I returned to Shreveport this afternoon after a week of services at First Church, Malvern, Arkansas. We had a good meeting. We enjoyed the rich fellowship. It was good to be with old friends and to make new ones.

We are looking forward now to the two weeks of revival services in Louisiana in observance of Aldersgate. Mrs. Walton and I are planning to worship with various congregations over the Conference during these days of special services.

I hope that every church participating in these meetings will give such right-of-way to the revival that rich success may attend our efforts. May our people be much in prayer, regular in attendance, and loyal in support of the revival. This is the Lord's work and only our best is worthy.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton
Aubrey G. Walton

World Service and Finance Commission Meeting

Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, and chairman of the World Service and Finance Commission of the Louisiana Conference, has announced that the commission will be meeting on April 18 and 19 at Alexandria to hear budget requests from the various boards, commissions and agencies of the conference.

A communication has gone out from the Rev. John Koelemay, pastor of Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, and secretary of the commission to the representatives of these groups who are to make the budget presentations.

It seems just a little odd to hear some loafers pray for strength.

Aldersgate Revivals In Four Districts

Approximately 100 Methodist churches in four districts of Louisiana are engaged in simultaneous revival services this week in the first section of the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission which is a high point in this 225th anniversary year of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley, according to the Rev. A. A. McKnight, pastor of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, and conference secretary of evangelism.

The districts participating this week through Friday evening services are Alexandria District, Lake Charles District, Monroe District and Shreveport District.

Next week, March 31-April 4, 110 churches in the Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Orleans and Ruston Districts will be holding their simultaneous revivals. In the services of this week, the preaching is being done on an exchange basis

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WSCS Conference in Monroe Backs Mason-Laskey Statement

Recreation Workshop Scheduled Apr. 22 at Camp Egan, Okla.

The recreation workshop which has come to mean so much to leaders in our section will be held again this year at Camp Egan, near Tahlequah, Okla., April 22-27. The announcement came from Dr. Virgil D. Morris, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdictional Council.

This will be the sixteenth annual workshop planned especially for leaders and instructors in church recreation. There will be courses in party games, party planning, music, folk games, story telling, crafts, nature craft and philosophy of recreation.

The chairman of the workshop planning committee is the Rev. George A. Parlier, Oklahoma City, Director of youth work of the Board of Education of the Oklahoma Conference.

by the pastors from the four other districts. Next week the exchange will be reversed and the host pastors of this week will become the visiting evangelists.

The following statement was approved by the members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, with the request that it be published in The Louisiana Methodist:

"We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in session, March 12, 1963, in Monroe, Louisiana, approve the joint statement of Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Dr. Keith Mason, relative to the National Council of Churches, which appeared in the March 7, 1963, issue of The Louisiana Methodist.

"The Louisiana Annual Conference is fortunate that both Mrs. Laskey and Dr. Mason are members of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, and we commend and appreciate the dedicated leadership they are giving through the Council as well as through The Methodist Church.

"We pray God's continued guidance upon them as they serve in His Name."

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The Rev. William B. Bobbitt, Jr., associate pastor of Myers Park Church, discussed a series of eight articles which appeared in The Charlotte Observer recently under the title, "The Bible Belt—Do We Still Live In It?"



SHOWN DURING the recent Bible Conference in New Orleans, led by Dr. Webb Pomeroy of Centenary College were: the Rev. Lars Broadus, district director of church school administration; Dr. Pomeroy; and the Rev. Benedict Galoway, pastor of the host church, Rayne Memorial

VISITING FOLLOWING one of the Willson Lectures, delivered at Centenary College by Bishop Eugene Frank of St. Louis, were: Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Board of Education; Mr. J.C. Love, Ruston; Bishop Frank's son, and Bishop Frank.

Editorials

Churches and tax revision

The Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church has made official representations to the Treasury Department in protest of the proposed tax legislation which it feels is highly detrimental to the program of stewardship for the church and its institutions. We would like to share with you some of the statements included in this communication:

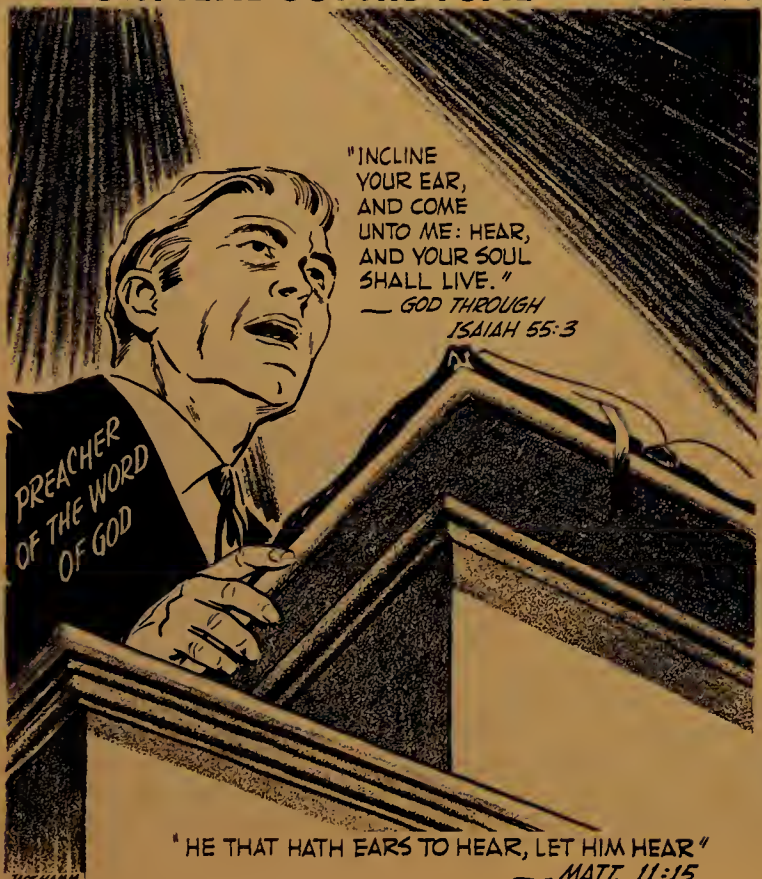
"It is the unanimous opinion of the Council, which represents more than 10 million Methodists, that the proposed tax legislation will be highly detrimental to those American institutions, such as churches, universities and colleges, hospitals and homes, and other eleemosynary institutions which now depend upon gifts for their grants and support.

"It is further the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Council that this proposed tax legislation will seriously affect our American civilization by gravely reducing the incentive to give-by penalizing the donor, and by making available to the churches and other organizations much less money for their program.

"The proposed tax revision should be commended for reduction in income tax rates. However, the provision of the proposed tax legislation which deducts 5% of gross income before giving credit for charitable gifts is a tremendous blow to our traditional and constitutional right for voluntary support of our religious and other eleemosynary institutions.

"In our opinion relief in the burden of the individual American taxpayer can be effected by a slightly less reduction in rate of income taxes and without any 5% floor before allowing credit for donations, local taxes. etc.

HE DOTTH SEND OUT HIS VOICE — PSA. 68:33



"We sincerely hope Congress will not enact this legislation and will protect those basic freedoms which have given our country its moral and spiritual heritage."

We feel that the Council, through its Executive Committee, has spoken well for the whole church and that we should all oppose the 5% floor before allowing credits for gifts and donations. It seems to us that it completely reverses a position which the government has taken since the beginning of the income tax. We just have not been able to find a logical reason for this kind of mathematics in the proposed tax legislation.

Challenge to the church press

In the next few weeks a number of national press and publicity groups will be holding their national conventions. Each of them will be challenged to face their responsibilities for interpreting the great issues which command the attention of contemporary church life. Not long ago a select group of editors of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish periodicals met in New York for a most unusual interchange of ideas. One of the most promising of these was that there should be organized a religious press association that would include publications of all the faiths.

This suggestion and many like it are coming to those responsible for the church press because of the rapid pace with which issues are coming to the forefront of church thinking. A few of these are the whole question of Federal aid to education; the opening of doors of communication by the Second Vatican Council; the Supreme Court decisions on prayer in the public schools; and the speed with which discussions of church unity are taking place.

Herein is a new challenge to the church press. Church history is taking place around us at such a pace that we won't have an opportunity to study about them in books. The events are happening too fast for this.

Your area publication is but a small wheel in the whole process of church communication, and yet we would like to have you accept with us the challenge of bringing to you the record and interpretation of these events

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

ALDERSGATE EXTRAS

The opportunity to be the preacher for the Aldersgate Witnessing mission at West Helena last week gave us an opportunity for some "extras." There was the chance to get to know the fine family of the pastor, James Meadors. There was the thrill of an old fashioned conversion at the close of the final service. These and many others are the rewards of Aldersgate, 1963.

However, we would like to share some of the other experiences of the week that meant a great deal to us. We have told a number of groups in the state about a group of Junior boys that had 53 teachers during one year. Maybe we exaggerated a bit, but not much. Then one Sunday morning a handsome gentleman came to be our teacher and he stayed for about five years and touched many of our lives. That man is Mr. Ervin Beisel, a businessman in West Helena. The preaching mission gave us a chance to visit with him and renew old ties of the home town of Paragould. As we thought of just how long ago we were in a Junior boys class it was remarkable to note how handsome and active he still is.

An experience of an entirely different nature was that of touring the giant electric generating plant that is now one of Helena's major industries. We have always wanted to see what one of these mechanical giants was like on the inside. We saw the great generator, largest in the world on a single shaft and learned something of the secret of how the steel tower ten stories high can do such a remarkable job of producing power.

After all, it was power we were talking about each service of the Aldersgate Mission.

Hooten Will Direct Nat. Tem. League

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Selection of the Rev. Caradine R. Hooton as national director of the National Temperance League was announced here following a meeting of the league's executive committee.

Dr. Hooton will take the position August 1, immediately following his retirement as general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Erwin F. Bohmfalk of Waco, Tex., league president, who said its offices would continue at 119 Constitution Ave., NE, here.

The committee also approved re-vamping of the league's program to emphasize education, research, leadership training and legislation. The organization's members are state-wide temperance and alcohol education units in 48 states and several denominational temperance agencies.

At the meeting, Roger Burgess, executive of the Methodist Division of Temperance and General Welfare, announced that the division had approved a \$10,000 grant to the league to assist in its program reorganization. He said this was provided from a special endowment for temperance work.

Dr. Hooton will be the group's first full-time executive, and an associate director is to be selected later. For several months Dr. Walter House has been acting director.

Hooton's retirement from the Methodist board was announced in January, following 14 years' service. Earlier he had practiced law and served pastorates in Texas and Oklahoma. He is to continue as executive director of the Methodist Corporation fund, an unsalaried position related to development of a new Methodist center here.

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Kennedy's Changes Proposed for Taxes Will Affect Church

President Kennedy's proposed changes in the federal income tax laws, if adopted by Congress, will "adversely affect" giving to churches and general benevolent causes.

This is the conviction of Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, executive secretary of the Section on Stewardship and Finance of The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill.

Commenting especially on the proposed five per cent floor on itemized deductions, Dr. Briggs said, "This approach to cutting the allowance for contributions is a reversal of government policy in regard to giving and taxation."

"This strike at reduction in the allowance for contributions is taking the focus off voluntary support of free institutions and welfare," Dr. Briggs charged.



TWO CHURCH LEADERS were commissioned by J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches (right), to carry Easter greetings from American churches to armed forces personnel in Alaska. The NCC representatives are Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C., a National Council vice-president (left); and Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer of New York, secretary of the United Church of Christ. They were commissioned at the Denver, Colo., meeting of the NCC's policy-making General Board. Bishop Lord and Dr. Buschmeyer will reach Alaska April 7 and tour bases until Easter Sunday, April 14.

Southeastern Jurisdiction Council Declares Right of Expressing Belief

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church declared March 5 its belief in the right of ministers and laymen to express themselves on current social issues.

The council's annual meeting also approved appeals for special funds for churches in Cuba and for Cuban refugees, furthered plans for improving the church's ministry in the Appalachian region, and supported a lay witness program during May.

In a resolution presented by its Committee on Christian Social Concerns, the council reaffirmed its belief

"in an unshackled pulpit" and "in the right and duty of every Methodist pastor and every layman to express what he believes to be the mind of Christ on every social issue of the day." No opposition was expressed or voted to the action, by some 75 council members.

The council authorized its president, Bishop Paul Neff Garber, to call a meeting of bishops and other church leaders in the Appalachian region to propose a program for the projected "Mission '76," aimed at strengthening the church's work in the area.



METHODIST AND Catholic clergymen join in the presentation of the reserve Officers Association "Chaplain of the Year Award" to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Maurice S. Kleinberg, far left, a rabbi who has flown from Korea to accept the honor in Washington, D.C. Making the award are, left to right, Chief of Army Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) Charles E. Brown, Jr., a Methodist; Brig. Gen. James E. Frank, USAR; and Father Morris N. Dummet of New Orleans, national chaplain for the association.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

March 31—Sunday	John 8:31-59
April 1	Matthew 25:31-46
April 2	Mark 13:1-13
April 3	Mark 10:17-31
April 4	Matthew 18:1-14
April 5	Luke 12:49-59
April 6	Luke 19:1-10
April 7—Palm Sunday	Luke 19:28-40

Bishop Wunderlich Guest Speaker For Rhein Main Chapel

FRANKFURT, Germany — Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich, who supervises Methodist work in both East and West Germany, was guest speaker for the World Day of Prayer program March 1 in the Rhein Main Air Base Chapel.

On the program theme, "More Than Conquerors," Bishop Wunderlich described the power found in prayer, service and cooperative Christian work. He praised devoted Christians in East Germany who have built churches and maintained strong programs despite various pressures. He also congratulated American servicemen for their generosity to humanitarian causes.

The program was sponsored by Protestant Men and Women of the Chapel. Participating chaplains included Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel B. Jorgensen, 7310th Air Base Wing chaplain and a member of Detroit Conference.

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World Service Group Opposes Tax Revisions

A national unit of The Methodist Church has spoken out against President Kennedy's proposed income tax revision program.

The executive committee of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance, meeting March 1 in Chicago warned that reducing the amount of contributions that can be deducted from income tax will be "highly detrimental" to institutions, such as churches, colleges, universities, hospitals and homes which depend upon gifts for their growth and support.

The council, which represents more than 10 million Methodists, maintains headquarters in Evanston, Ill. The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke is its general secretary and treasurer. The council's numerous functions include acting as a general budgetary agency for the denomination and as a central office for receiving and disbursing general administrative and benevolence funds.

Bishop Paul E. Martin of Houston, Tex., president of the council, presided at the Chicago meeting.

Prior to adopting the resolution, the executive committee had heard an address by a representative of the Government, Robert Carswell, special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Jackson Holy Week Speaker at North Highlands

The Rev. Dr. Douglas B. Jackson will be the speaker at the North Highlands Church during Holy Week. Dr. Jackson is professor of Sociology of Religion in Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology where he has been a member of the faculty since 1954. Dr. Jackson holds the following degrees: A.B. from Asbury College — Magnacumlaude; B.D. from Garrett Biblical Institute — with distinction; M. A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

Dr. Jackson is author of "Stumbling Blocks" and "The Downtown Church", and has written for the Adult Teacher, the Adult Student, Wesley Quarterly, and the Christian Advocate.

Dr. Jackson has been pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, Matthews, Indiana; Stidham Methodist Church, Lafayette, Indiana; and Bethany Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois. He has been assistant professor of sociology and social ethics, Candler School of Theology, Emory University; visiting professor, Yale School of Alcohol Studies, Garrett Biblical Institute and Rutgers School of Alcohol Studies.

The Rev. James B. Grambling will conduct the song services during this week. These services begin Sunday, April 7 and will continue each evening at 7 p.m. through April 12.

Alexandria Dist. Board of Missions

The Alexandria District Board of Missions met at Trinity Church, Alexandria on February 27th. Present for this meeting were ministers of the District, as well as the District Board of Missions, composed of representatives from each of the churches on charges in the District.

A large portion of the meeting was given over to a detailed discussion of World Service Benevolences and of the many mission projects, which would not be possible without our gifts of World Service. Charts and a 'map' of the Alexandria District were used effectively in this presentation, showing



SHOWN AS THEY worked on plans for this week's revival services at St. Luke Church, Lake Charles, are: Mr. Herbert Robinson, General chairman; the Rev. Ollie Golson, the pastor; and Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir.

the future plans for new Methodist churches within the Alexandria District.

The real test of a religious service is what difference it makes in the lives of those who attend.

Most of us belong to the generation our fathers and mothers worried about.

Note Burned at DeQuincy Church

Sunday, March 10, 1963, The DeQuincy Methodist Church celebrated with a 'Note-burning' ceremony as they were able to free their Sanctuary of all indebtedness. The Sanctuary was started in 1958 and occupied in January of 1959 under the leadership of The Reverend A. A. McKnight. The total cost of the building and its furnishings was \$74,500.00 and \$28,000.00 of this amount had to be borrowed in 1959 to finish payment. After the pastorate of Reverend McKnight, Reverend H. A. Gibbs served the church in 1959-1960. Since that time The Reverend Jack Winegeart has served this charge and is currently the pastor.

During the celebration which was directed by the District Superintendent, Dr. Leonard Cook, the Reverend E. W. Day and the Reverend A. A. McKnight, former pastors, also took part. The Official Board Chairman, Jim Boatman, Donnis Hines, a leading layman of the local congregation and Mrs. Ernie Smith, W.S.C.S. President, also assisted in the service.

Following the Morning Worship Hour and the Note-Burning Celebration, the W.S.C.S. sponsored a covered-dish luncheon and invited all to join them in the Fellowship Hall.



MISS SUE HAYES, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hays of Welsh, was named 'Sweetheart' of the Riceland MYF Banquet held at the Methodist Church in Gueydan, March 2. She was presented an engraved bracelet by the group. Sue is Vice-President of the Riceland Sub-District, and Treasurer of the MYF at the First Methodist Church, Welsh.

The Sanctuary will be dedicated on May 5, 1963 when Bishop Aubrey Walton will visit the DeQuincy congregation.

Prayer Vigil at Collinston

The Collinston Methodist Church held a 12-hour prayer vigil on March 23 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in preparation for their Aldersgate Revival.

Forty-eight persons participated in the continuous prayer and meditation for the revival and for the Every-Member Visitation which preceded it.

Ash Wednesday at Bonita-Jones

Ash Wednesday was observed on the Bonita-Jones charge with a celebration of Holy Communion at 6:30 a.m. at Bonita preceded by a Penitential Office for Ash Wednesday. At 10 a.m. the WSCS from Bonita and Jones met for a combined study of "The Arms of Compassion" at the Jones Church.

Holy Communion was celebrated at the Jones Church at noon, followed by lunch at the church.



PRESENT FOR THE recent dedication of the new home of the Rev. and Mrs. W.R. Wendt in Shreveport: (Back row) Dr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Wendt, Seguin, Tex., the Rev. W.R. Wendt; Bishop and Mrs. Dana Dawson; Mrs. W.R. Wendt; Mrs. S.C. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Stephen Wendt and the Rev. Stephen Wendt of Oak Ridge. In the front row are the grandchildren.

There is no better way to make ourselves a prey to communism than by dividing into warring groups.



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON breaks ground for the first unit of St. John Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Also shown (l. to r.) are: the Rev. D.W. Poole, Baton Rouge District Superintendent; Shelby Roper, chairman of the building committee; and Dr. Auris Mullins, chairman of the Official Board. The model of the new building is shown at the right.



NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

DR. JOE MICKLE, president of Centenary College, spoke Sunday evening, March 3, to the youth of the North Highlands Methodist Church. His subject was "The Student and His College".

THE REV. ELLIS "SONNY" BANKSTON of the Wesley Chapel Church, Greensburg, conducted the religious services for the regular worship hour at the Greenwell Springs Tuberculosis Hospital, Sunday, March 3.

MRS. A. G. TAYLOR, wife of the pastor of Nolley Memorial Church in Jena, is teaching the study "Dimensions of Prayer" for the Woman's Society in that church during March.

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK FULCO was guest speaker for the Methodist Men of Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport Monday evening, March 18. Pastor of Mangum is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

CARROLLTON METHODIST MEN heard the Crescent City Chorus at the supper meeting March 19. The ladies were also invited to hear his "barbershop" singing group. The Rev. Jack Cooke is pastor.

DELHI METHODIST MEN have contributed \$90 to student scholarship funds during this conference year. George Sumlin is president of the Delhi club and the Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor.

MRS. J.B. MOUTON OF SULPHUR was guest speaker for the program led by Mrs. Huey Johnson in the DeQuincy Woman's Society of Christian Service March 5. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

THE REV. RUEBEL H. ALLEN, pastor of Parker Memorial Church in New Orleans, spoke at the March 22 meeting of the Methodist Home Hospital Auxiliary.

MRS. J. WESLEY STEEN, member of Abbeville Methodist Church, was presented the "Citizen of the Year" award at the American Legion Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 17.

HOUMA HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH had a large audience present to see the World Service Movie "See All the People" on Sunday evening, March 3. Many came from both Dulac and Bayou Blue Methodist Churches. The Rev. C.D. Pinkard is the pastor.

MISSES ELMA ASHBY AND EDNA FLOY BROWN, foreign missionaries on furlough, were honored with an informal tea, March 3, given by the New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service and held in the St. Luke's Methodist Church.

TOMMY AND BOBBY AND THOMAS WORTHINGTON received the "God and Country" Award in the morning worship service at Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 3. Their pastor is the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid.

MR. R.C. PARKHILL, Superintendent of Evergreen Presbyterian Vocational School, spoke in the Haynesville pulpit March 17 in connection with the study concerning the handicapped. The pastor is the Rev. K. G. Rorie.

MANY CHURCHES have sent this page information concerning plans for evangelistic services during the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission. Since the meetings are simultaneous we cannot list all the plans, therefore we are mentioning none.

THE ANNUAL FATHER-SON/DAUGHTER dinner for the Methodist Men's Club of Lake Charles First Church was held on March 20. The program featured Mr. J.E. Mullican of DeQuincy, a magician. The Rev. George W. Pomeroy is pastor.

MR. TOM MATHENY, layman from First Church, Hammond, will be guest speaker at Nesom Memorial Methodist Church, Tickfaw, on Mar. 31 at 10:30 a.m. This day which has been designated as "Dinner and Donation Day" has been set aside to boost the building fund. The Rev. A.D. George is the pastor.

MR. ROBERT P. LAY, member of National Board of Evangelism, was the guest speaker for the February 26 meeting of Methodist Men of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Mr. Lay's spiritual and inspirational message was enjoyed by a large group of men. The Rev. W.R. Wendt is pastor.

THE DEQUINCY METHODIST CHURCH burned the final note for the amount of \$28,000 in ceremonies Sunday, March 10, with Lake Charles District Superintendent Leonard Cooke assisting. Also in the service were the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, The Rev. E.W. Day, and the Rev. A.A. McKnight. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

MR. FRANK SARVER, regular usher and assistant church school superintendent at University Church in Lake Charles, was in New York the first of March to receive the Badge of Courage award presented by the Professional Putter's Association to a handicapped person.

DR. DON HOLTER, president of St. Paul's Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, was guest preacher in the Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, March 3. Dr. Holter was a missionary in the Philippines and was interned in the infamous St. Thomas prison during World War II. Pastor at Broadmoor is the Rev. James T. Harris.

MR. C.D. BYERS taught a series on ethics in business for the adult class at Lake Vista Church in New Orleans. Dr. Eric A. Albrecht, professor of religion at Tulane, is bringing lectures on theistic religion and humanistic religion the last two Sundays in March. The pastor at Lake Vista is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

THE WOMEN OF BROADMOOR CHURCH, Baton Rouge, began the study of "Dimensions of Prayer" on March 26 and will conclude it April 16. Classes have panels and discussion for 45 minutes, followed by 45 minute lectures. The Rev. Barry Bailey, pastor, will speak three mornings and Mrs. Don Hartson will deliver one lecture.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB at Springhill Methodist Church heard the Rev. A. Jerome Cain, Lafayette district superintendent, speak at the March covered dist supper, after which the group filled the choir and sang a special number at the evening service. The Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor.

MISS ALICE ALSUP, missionary to India, spoke on "When I Served in East Asia" at the Sunday evening Service in the Grace Church at Ruston, March 17. Following the worship service, the commission on missions sponsored a reception honoring Miss Alsup. The Rev. George W. Ross is pastor.

FOURTEEN YOUNG ADULTS in the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, recently organized a new circle in the Woman's Society of Christian service. Mrs. Don Alverson, pastor's wife, is serving as co-ordinator for the group, and directing their study of "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World." The March meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Vern Easterling.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES ARE BEING CONDUCTED in the Jonesville Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Ray Lee Garrett. The junior class meets each Friday afternoon. Junior high and senior high students are having a class on "What It Means to be a Christian" on Sunday evenings. This is a refresh-

er for members, and is to acquaint non-members with Methodism.

THE REV. W.H. GILES, retired minister of the Louisiana Conference writes that he is back home in Luthersville, Georgia, following a two-week stay in the hospital, and recuperation requires two weeks indoors. He adds that the most enjoyable piece of mail he receives is the Louisiana Methodist with news and pictures of people and churches he knows and loves.

SHREVEPORT FIRST CHURCH OFFICIAL BOARD voted to sponsor the relocation of a Cuban refugee family, on recommendation of Mr. Bob Nelson, chairman of the commission of Christian social concerns. The obligation of the church will be to obtain living quarters and jobs for the family; in addition to temporarily supplying them with food and clothes until they are established. The Rev. D.L. Dykes is the pastor.

IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, New Orleans, the Junior Fellowship has been studying Hong Kong under the direction of Mrs. Dot Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hermann. The class has sung Chinese hymns at the evening worship service from books loaned by the Chinese Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. The primary and kindergarten choirs have been studying East Asian stories after choir practice on Wednesdays. The minister at St. Paul's is the Rev. E.J. Barksdale.

METHODIST MEN OF TRINITY Church in Ruston heard Mr. Mike Kavanough during the ladies' night dinner Wednesday, March 20. Mr. Kavanough is with the Foreign Service of the State Department and is visiting his hometown, Clay, before assuming new duties in the American Embassy in Manila, the Philippines. The Rev. Douglas McGuire, pastor at Trinity, and Mrs. McGuire visited the Kavanaughs in The Hague, Netherlands, last summer.

RED-LETTER DAY in Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, March 17, included the formal opening of the new building and choir room, the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary, and the twentieth anniversary of the Annie T. Munday Memorial Library. During the afternoon, "open house" was held in the new fellowship hall. Dr. B.C. Taylor, former pastor, was guest speaker in a special service. The Rev. Sam Nader and the Rev. Warren Blakeman are ministers of the church.

MRS. CLIFTON HARRIS, wife of a Pineville physician and a former missionary to China, was a speaker at a recent meeting of the Pineville Woman's Society during the study of "East Asia". Dr. and Mrs. Harris were Baptist missionaries for several years in China. Mrs. Harris was able to give the group a most informative talk on this part of Asia and to show some of the things brought back from that area. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell is the pastor of the Pineville Church.

CARROLL BRASHIER will serve as president of Methodist Men on the Downsville Circuit, for the next year. Other officers elected are W. B. Wells - vice president, Frank Ballard - secretary, Fordie Atkins - treasurer, Fred - McFarland - program chairman, Jim Bell - worship chairman. The pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman. Goals set up for the group include: increasing membership, promoting a special study at each meeting, sponsoring a layman's day program in each of the three churches, and participation in the conference scholarship program.

MUNHOLLAND CHURCH IN METAIRIE is promoting appreciation of Christian art through a new display case opposite the entrance to the church school where a different picture will be shown each week. The paintings are from a collection given to the children's division by Mr. Marshall Morrisette in memory of his wife. The frames of the pictures were made by Mr. Carl Hamalainen. The display case, also a gift from Mr. Morrisette, was constructed by Mr. Lloyd Holmes and his son, Chris. Pastor at Munholland is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR APRIL 7, 1963: "JESUS FULFILLS HIS MISSION"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:1 through 15:41. Printed Text: Mark 14:32-36, 15:24-31, 37-39.

MEMORY SELECTION: For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again. John 10:17.

AIM OF LESSON: To help adults to understand better the experience of Christ in Gethsemane; to make more meaningful the tragedy of the crucifixion and to discover, if we may, the meaning of Christ's death for us today.

When we come to study the experience of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross, we walk on holy ground. This study should be made with prayerful reverence.

Let us keep in mind that the crucifixion is not simply an historical event of the long ago. We are not studying the facts concerning the crucifixion of Jesus because we want to be informed about ancient history. We should fully realize that the crucifixion of Jesus is as full of meaning for the people of today as it was for those members of the early church who dared to die that this story might be told to the end of the ages.

MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS

In last Sunday's lesson we studied the statement Jesus made to his disciples on "last things" as he spoke to them on the Mount of Olives just outside of Jerusalem. It is generally believed that Christ then again retired to Bethany for the night. There is no record of an activities of Jesus on Wednesday of Passion Week.

The first part of Mark 14, from which the first selection of our lesson text is taken, has a record of the anointing of Jesus by Mary in the home of Simon the leper. It has also a record of Judas plotting with the Chief priests for the betrayal of Jesus, the observance of the feast of the passover and the institution of the Lord's Supper. All of these incidents were like highway signs pointing the way as Jesus moved steadily, purposefully toward the cross.

CHRIST'S DEATH WAS VOLUNTARY

Before we begin the study of the lesson text for today, it is our feeling that we should have well fixed in our minds the fact that Christ's death was voluntary. Jesus was not arrested, tried and crucified against his will. The whole process of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus could have been brought to a dead stop at any point, if Jesus had willed it. However, if at any point he had willed to save his own life, he could not have been the Savior of mankind. Hence he chose to die.

As proof that his death was voluntary, Jesus said, in John 10:17-18, "I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." When Peter drew his sword to save Jesus from arrest in Gethsemane, Jesus stopped him. He told Peter that a prayer would bring twelve legions (72,000) of angels to protect him if he desired that kind of protection.

Jesus did not stand in Pilate's court as a prisoner but as a volunteer. Nobody did or could crucify Jesus against his will. His death on the cross was a vital part of his life's program. We have finished our life's work as we enter death's door. Christ's life program included death also as well as the resurrection beyond death.

GETHSEMANE, SYMBOL OF LONELY SUFFERING

Gethsemane was a garden east of Jerusalem, at or near the foot of the Mount of Olives. It was

apparently the custom of Jesus and the disciples to go to Gethsemane for rest and prayer. It is likely that this custom, known to Judas, enabled him to lead the enemies of Jesus to him on the night of his arrest.

On this last night before his crucifixion, Jesus entered this garden. He left nine of the disciples at or near the entrance. He took Peter, James and John with him and went deeper into the garden. He then left these three and went further into the Garden and fell on the ground in prayer. This going a little "further" than the disciple was a characteristic of the life of Jesus. He went further than they and further than anyone else in the character of life he lived, in the service he rendered, in the truths he taught, in the agony of suffering he endured and in the sacrificial death he died.

Three times Jesus went alone to pray. Each time he returned, he found the three disciples asleep. Three times Jesus prayed that, if possible, the cup he was about to drink might be taken away. Each time he closed his prayer with the words, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."

This final statement in the prayer of Jesus is a basic element in all effective prayer. No prayer is effective that sets our will against the will of God and attempts to convert God to our way of thinking. This pattern of prayer Jesus used that night in Gethsemane should be a pattern for every prayer we pray.

In this prayer in the garden, Jesus suffered a loneliness that could be shared with no one, not even the chosen three. All of us, who have lived very long, have had similar experiences. We have had trials and sorrows which finally we had to bear alone. They were experiences we could share with no one but God.

AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM

After the soul-testing experience of Gethsemane and the complete surrender of his will to God's will Jesus passed through the mock trials before the Sanhedrin and the court of Pilate. He was finally condemned to be crucified and turned into the hands of Roman soldiers to carry out the sentence.

Stoning was the Jewish form of execution. Crucifixion was a Roman form of punishment. It was reserved for the lowest form of criminals and Roman enemies. No Roman citizen could be crucified. It was the leaders of the Jewish church who cried out in Pilate's court for this form of punishment for Jesus.

Crucifixion involved indescribable suffering. The victim was nailed hands and feet to a cross which was then raised in an upright position. The sufferer was then left there to die of utter exhaustion. At times the victims might live two or three days. Mark tells us that Pilate "marveled" when he was told that Jesus had died before sundown of the day of crucifixion. Even then soldiers broke the legs of the thieves that they might die earlier and drove a spear into the side of the Lord.

There are two things that stand out as we look on this awesome scene of the crucifixion.

First, we see man at his worst. Here Jewish leaders, who were supposed to be the best people on earth, are seen hounding an innocent Man to the most shameful death one could die. They did this for the very small reason they feared that his life and teachings might interfere with their powers as leaders of the Jewish Church.

When Pilate declared him innocent and was about to release him, they led the wild rabble in the vicious cry, "Crucify him, crucify him!" They followed him to Calvary and mocked and scoffed while he died. This must have been man at his worst.

Second, we see God at his best. We see here what Jesus meant when he said, "God so loved

the world that he gave." We see here the Saviour of the world being murdered by jealous friends while he prays, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Nowhere else do we have pictured so impressively and so profoundly the deathless love of God for lost men. We always feel that God is good; on Calvary we see God at his best.

ENEMIES MADE TO TESTIFY

It appears that God caused practically every group that had to do with the crucifixion of Jesus to leave a testimony in his favor. Pilate said, "I find no fault in the man." Pilate's wife said to Pilate, "Have nothing to do with this just man." The chief priests said, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." Judas said, "I have betrayed the innocent blood." The thief on the cross said, "This man hath done nothing amiss." Yet in the face of it all, Christ died on the cross for us.

WHY NECESSARY FOR CHRIST TO DIE?

Theologians of different faiths have varied and sometimes confusing answers to this question. We do not have the space or inclination to discuss some of these theories.

While we do not fully understand why it was necessary for Christ to die on the cross or just how his sacrificial death made possible our salvation, there are some things we believe are self-evident.

We may know that Christ's death on the cross was necessary else the repeated prayer of Christ in Gethsemane would have been answered and the cup would have passed without his drinking it to the dregs. When that prayer went unanswered and God's will was done, we find Christ hanging on the cross and we know it was necessary.

The chief priests, the arch conspirators in the plan to destroy Jesus, uttered a profound truth, even though in mockery, as they watched Jesus dying on the cross. They said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." The primary purpose of Jesus in coming to earth was to save others. Nevertheless, he could not save others and save himself. Hence, if he is to fulfill his mission on earth it seemed to be necessary for him to lose his life on the cross in order to demonstrate for all time the eternal love of God and his saving, forgiving grace.

The death of Christ on the cross was in keeping with self-evident law of life. That law is that there can be no such thing as saviourhood without suffering. That is true whether it be the mother of a wayward son, a patriot on the battlefield, a coast guard in a blinding storm of the Red Cross nurse on her mission of mercy. If saviourhood means suffering in the common walks of life, we will not be surprised that supreme suffering was the price Christ paid in order to be the Saviour of the world.

THE MEANING OF THE CRUCIFIXION

We say the statement somewhere that on one of the crosses a man died in sin, on another a man died to sin and on another a Man died for sin. Paul tells us in Romans 5:6 "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly," in 1 Peter 3:18 we read, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust."

The crucifixion of Christ did not seem to have any far-reaching effects in the minds of those present that day. For the soldiers it was a job to be done, a command to be obeyed. For Christ's followers it seemed to be the end of a beautiful dream. For the enemies of Jesus it seemed to be a victory over a potential trouble maker. For the Roman government it was just the suppression of another effort at rebellion. For the eternal God it meant the perfection of a plan of redemption by which all men everywhere throughout all time might become children of God and heirs of everlasting life. For Christ it was the fulfillment of his mission on earth. This must have been uppermost in his mind when he said "It is finished."

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

It brings a feeling of satisfaction to the soldier about his routine duty when he can report to his commanding officer, "Mission accomplished." It was a long journey from the banks of the Jordan, where Jesus was baptized, to the cross on Calvary, where he gave his all to make perfect the plan of salvation. May we say, in reverence, that it must have brought a sense of satisfaction even to God Himself when this high mission of the Master was complete. Let us never forget that we too have a mission. It is to make effective in our day the plan of salvation Christ provided at such a tremendous cost.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Premier Fidel Castro, in a two-hour speech broadcast by Havana Radio, recently lashed out at three Protestant sects founded in the United States which he charged were "agents of the imperialists" and "enemies of the revolution." He singled out the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Evangelists of Gideon and the Pentecostal Church, saying that they were "a vanguard for penetrating Latin America." He called them "imperialist sharks" because "they have very little to offer the hungry except marvels in the next life."

Fidel should at least give them credit for that. The way we see it, he can neither offer the hungry food for this life nor hope for the next.

A public school teacher in Wayne, N.J. has been suspended for a week because he refused to use the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. School officials did say that another reason for his suspension was that he recommended books by John Steinbeck to his junior high school English classes. The teacher, Alfred Piaget, Jr., denied the latter charge.

We have had a feeling for sometime that the "under God" part of the Pledge of Allegiance, placed there only a few years ago by Congressional action, would soon be a target for the extreme church-state separatists. This case could become a test of whether the expression is constitutional. It will be another interesting one to watch.

Another group has joined the cheering section against the use of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools. The Northern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has protested the use of the prayer in opening ceremonies in public schools. Ernest Besig, executive director of ACLU, said he had received complaints that the prayer was being recited by a fifth grade class as part of a daily ceremony which included the salute to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

Again let us say that we feel groups like these are helping to destroy fundamental foundations of our whole way of life when they enter alliances such as this.

Archbishop Nicodim crossed the finish line first at the Indianapolis Speedway recently, well ahead of cars containing his fellow Russian churchmen and their American hosts. The impromptu "race" began when the leader of the Russian delegation of churchmen now touring this country made inquiries about the purposes of the annual Memorial Day race. The Russian prelate rode once around the track in the 1963 pace car and decided he liked it well enough to go a second lap.

And just think, they wouldn't let Khrushchev go to Disneyland. He may bar future visits by churchmen if they are going to receive this kind of preferential treatment.

Alexei I. Adzhubei, son-in-law of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev, told newsmen in Milan, Italy that Pope John XXIII had given him a "sealed envelope" to deliver to the Russian leader. The editor *Izvestia*, reporting on his recent visit with the pontiff, said; "All I can say of my meeting with Pope John is that he gave me a sealed envelope with numerous stamps, asking me to pass it on to Premier Khrushchev."

Maybe the two are just exchanging stamps for their collections, or this could be the opening

wedge for an entirely new group of conversations initiated by the Pope.

North Carolina Senate's Judiciary Committee has killed a bill which would have abolished the death penalty and made a life sentence mandatory without hope of parole in certain cases. Earlier at committee hearings the measure had been strongly backed by religious leaders and prison officials. It was introduced by a minister-legislator, Sen. Charles Strong of Guilford County.

It may be some time yet in coming, but we believe news stories of legislators that have met recently or are still meeting indicate continuing efforts on the part of churchmen and many strong supporters to reduce the number of states in which capital punishment is used. This we feel is a good move.

The executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals said recently in Winona Lake, Ind. that if the Supreme Court's ruling of prayer and Bible reading in the public schools does not put an end to the present confusion over the subject evangelicals



METHODIST BISHOP Fred Pierce Corson, right, and Roman Catholic Archbishop John J. Krol are shown in a Philadelphia television studio where they appeared together on a program devoted to "the search for Christian Unity." The Philadelphia churchmen joined in endorsing closer Protestant-Catholic relations. Bishop Corson is president of the World Methodist Council.

should support legislation that does. In a speech to an NAE-sponsored conference on Church-State relations, Dr. George L. Ford said "the public school yard is probably about the bloodiest battleground in this present conflict on Church and State."

An Anglican magazine printed in Calcutta, India has criticized action taken by the Council of the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican) in permitting three dioceses in Pakistan to proceed with union plans with other Protestant denominations. The three dioceses are planning to proceed with merger plans for a Christian body to be known as the United Churches of North India and Pakistan. The Anglican Church has rejected the proposal which would include Methodists, Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Baptists and the United Church of Northern India.

Associates of Juan D. Peron have announced in Madrid, Spain that the excommunication of the deposed Argentine dictator has been lifted by the Roman Catholic Church. According to members of the Peron entourage, the former dictator addressed

a letter to Pope John XXIII in late December, in which he was said to have stated he was a repentant and faithful member of the church and desirous of "reconciliation."

In Cork, Ireland, members of that city's Jewish community have presented the only known copy of Josepe Rivera's famous painting "St. Augustine's Roman Catholic parish. Given as a gesture of gratitude for the friendliness of Cork's Catholics, the painting was commissioned by solicitor Gerald Y. Goldberg on behalf of the Jewish community.

Two Protestant missionaries - an American and a Filipino - were shot to death by a firing squad after Communist guerillas ambushed their jeep outside the town of Dalat, South Vietnam. Executed before the eyes of their wives and children were Elwood Jacobson of Forrester, Miss., and Gaspar Alfonse Paqueban Mikil of Salcido, Ilocos Sur province, in the Philippines.

A Canadian Southern Baptist Conference was recently organized in Kamloops, British Columbia, looking toward the eventual formation of a Canadian Baptist Convention on a par with the state conventions in the United States. At present Southern Baptist churches in Canada are affiliated with the denomination's Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

A 4,500-word "Statement of Baptist Faith and Message" has been issued by a special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on which the denomination will act at its annual sessions in Kansas City, Mo., May 7-10. The statement was drawn up to "serve as information" for the Southern Baptist churches across the country and as "guidelines to the various agencies" of the convention. It is similar to the last such statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925.

The Third World Congress of the Lay Apostolate will be held in Rome about 18 months after the closing of the Second Vatican Council. This was decided by the Permanent Committee of International Congresses for the Apostolate of the Laity. The committee said that about six months before the worldwide congress of Roman Catholic laymen, a group of some 300 experts will begin to study the methods most suitable for putting into practice decisions made by the Ecumenical Council concerning the Laity.

Lay leaders of the United Church of Christ have been urged by a Protestant theologian to "rediscover" the Biblical origin and meaning of the word "layman." Dr. Allen O. Miller, professor of systematic theology and philosophy at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., stressed that according to the Bible the Laity, or "laos", are the "people of God." He stated, "It is time our people are discouraged from apologizing for being people of God."

Evangelist Billy Graham, in a Roman Catholic hospital in Honolulu with an acute case of gastro intestinal infection, has been forced to withdraw from a major Asia crusade after doctors ordered him to rest for two months. The minister commented, "Certainly God must have a purpose in this. This is the first time in my ministry that I have ever had to postpone a crusade".

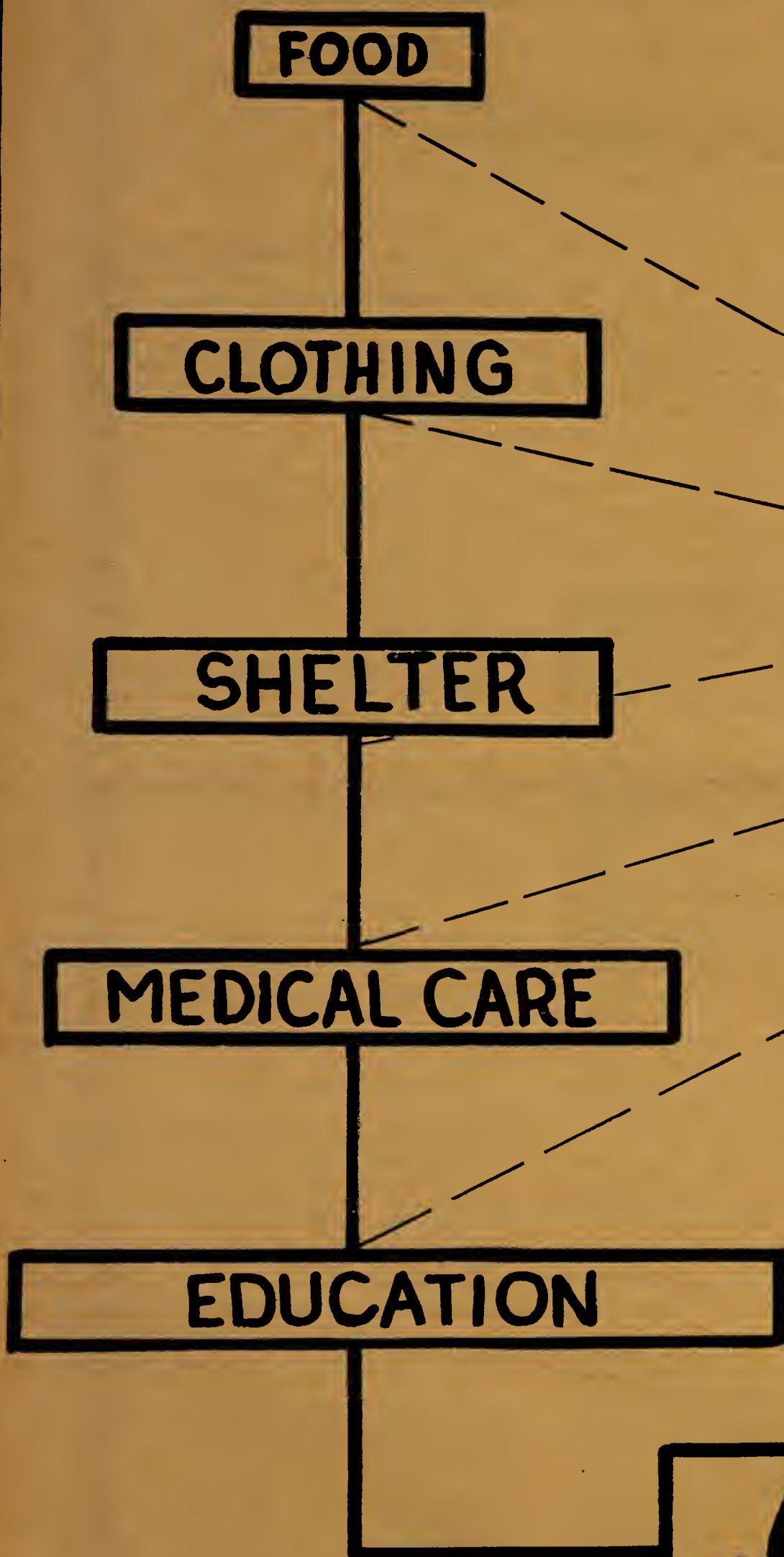
An airborne "Noah's Ark" will be sent by Vermont church members to the people of Tanganyika, Africa to provide food for distressed areas, it has been announced by the Committee for our Christian World Mission of the Vermont Congregational Conference. Some 10,000 chickens and 35 or more bulls and breeding heifers will be included in the shipment.

A Congressional committee has been told in Washington that any church-related college which becomes dependent on federal aid will find difficulty in maintaining "its integrity as a religious institution." Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, told the House Committee on Education and Labor that "obligatory religious studies and exercises would certainly be out under the logical conditions of such public tax aid."

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By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanun

Christ's Gospel Is Everlasting

TODAY IS OURS -- In the Italian town of Rimini there stands a monument to mark the spot where Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon. That event is considered one of the decisive turning points of history. But how little the life of Julius Caesar affects our living today. Except for the school boys struggling with their study of Latin, Caesar's Gallic wars might as well never have been fought; and as I remember, most schoolboys wish they had never been fought. But the poor Carpenter who was put to death by a minion of the proud Caesars -- He still lives, the most potent figure on our planet. As long as man hungers and thirsts after righteousness; as long as he is rebellious enough to need a master; as long as he is guilty enough to need atonement; as long as he is so helpless as to need a Savior -- so long will Christ live, for He is the answer to those enduring hungers.

The gospel of Jesus is everlasting because He is the Eternal Contemporary.

And Christ helps us to experience an eternal present. A number of years ago a minister was writing a book. He was telling a pretty wise but worldly old friend that he thought he would call it: "Live for Tomorrow." The friend thought the title rather an unhappy one, for he said it suggested what religious writers often do urge -- namely, the sacrificing of the present for the sake of the future. He said that we ought to live today to the full. Why not call the book: "Live for Today"?

His criticism had a good point. A strategy of successful living is to seize the day, live it to the fullest, unclouded by tomorrow's troubles and unhastened by tomorrow's hopes. And that is exactly what Jesus did teach. He did not bid men to rush through this world with blinders on, as if it were a vale of tears or a den of iniquity in which they must not tarry on their way to heaven. He urged men to live each day to the limit of its possibilities. He said, "Be not anxious for the morrow..... Behold the fowls of the air." The bird does not spoil a beautiful March day by chirping, "Yes today may be sunny and warm, but remember March is fickle and the winter is not over." The bird lives the present.

Most of us do not enter vividly into the here and now. The late Irwin Edman of Columbia said. "So great is the impact of events upon us, that we are losing the capacity to realize the present at all. Even in quiet times, most people live for the most part at second hand, by labels and cliches passing for experiences."

Ah, yes, how much of life we miss in getting on the next thing, and in worrying whether we are getting on. How little we get out of passing experiences, compared with the poet who lives the moments so intensely or the child who enters into them so wholeheartedly. We must beware of bankrupting our todays by paying interest on the regrets of yesterday and borrowing in advance the troubles of tomorrow.

Yet we cannot live wisely for today without taking thought for tomorrow. We have an expression for those who spend all they make in self-indulgent pleasures. We say, "They are living it up." It is the modern version of the old saying, "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." But such pleasures carried to excess leave a "hang-over" which depresses the morning after.

The foolish person "lives it up"; godly men live up to today so that they "lay up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come."

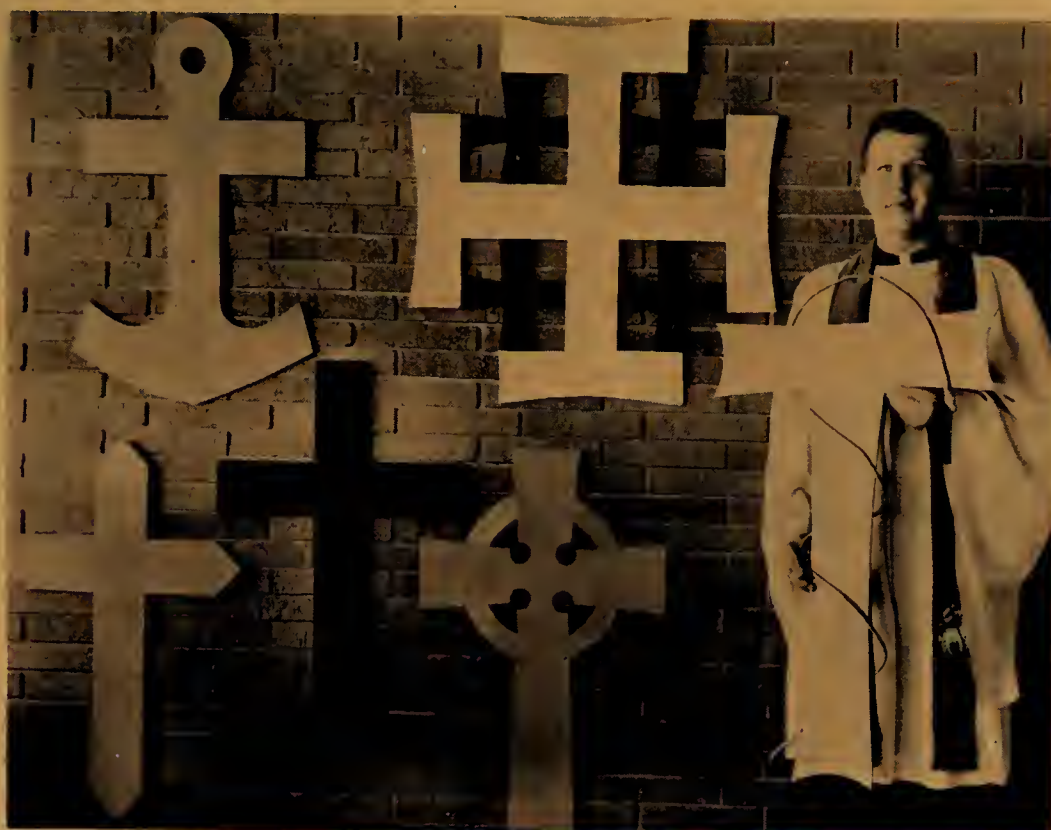
I know of two successful men who were told that they had cancer. One of them engaged a helicopter and flew over a magnificent new business skyscraper which he was completing. He was seeking satisfaction in contemplating the work he had done before he died. The other, also a leading builder and real estate man, said to me: "I don't worry about how soon I have to go. I shall be glad to see my Katherine! We was looking confidently ahead."

Would we fully live our todays? Then be like Browning who could say:

"My times are in His hand,
Who said, 'A whole I planned.'
Trust God, see all, nor be afraid."

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THE THIRD WEEK BEFORE EASTER-



ALBION, MICH., -- The Rev. W. E. Lauterbach, Lutheran, displays one of the several different kinds of crosses which are used at each midweek Lenten Service in the church.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THE GENERAL AND THE PREACHER

In the fifth chapter of II Kings we read about Naaman the commander in chief of the Syrian army who lived nearly three thousand years ago. As general of the King's military forces he had often brought victory to his people. That made him very important in everyone's eyes. Because mankind has always looked up to great military leaders. General Naaman had gained his high position the "hard way". Not by political pull. That was good.

But Naaman was afflicted with an incurable disease. He had leprosy. He would have gone to the best clinic in Damascus if they would have allowed him to enter it. But in those days a leper was not allowed to mingle with people. When one had leprosy his high position meant nothing. He had to live apart from his officers, his friends, even his family. Nobody dared to come near him. Nobody could cure him. In his loneliness and suffering he was miserable. But what could he do?

A Jewish slave girl, the personal servant of Mrs. Naaman heard about his trouble. Seeing the sorrow and the problems of the Naaman family, the girl made a suggestion. If Naaman would go and see Elisha, she said this man of God could and would invoke God's healing ministry and cure the leprosy.

Mrs. Naaman told her husband. He was overjoyed. He sent a letter and some rich gifts to the king of Israel and asked his friend to send this man of God to him. He thought he could order God's servants around just like he ordered soldiers around. But Elisha did not obey. and Naaman was not in any position to trade on his own terms. So

he finally swallowed his pride and went to see God's prophet. Then instead of taking orders from this important military man, Elisha sent an order to Naaman. "Go and wash in the Jordan River." The muddy old Jordan, where the poor people bathed and washed their clothes? That was no place for an important man to be seen, let alone to take a bath.

Now Naaman was really angry. At first he walked away from Elisha, trying to think of a good way to punish him. But after all, if he should kill him, who could heal his leprosy? On the other hand, why didn't Elisha wave his hand over Naaman and heal him? Witch doctors had done it for ages. They did not always heal, but they put on a show that made the sick person feel important. Besides, the rivers of Damascus were much cleaner than the Jordan. Why couldn't he have bathed at home where he could be given some respect? But Mister Elisha said, "no". No waving of hands. No washing at just any place. He was important to the Syrian army but he was just another leper in God's sight.

After much arguing he finally did as the prophet ordered. And he was immediately healed. He could have saved time if he had taken Elisha's orders at the start. But human nature was the same then as it is now. People wanted to be bowed down to. They wanted to take God on their terms. They wanted to try running the world without God. Maybe we can see in Naaman's experience a lesson for today. We seem to want the same privileges as he did. But "God is no respecter of persons".



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Paul's Autobiography

By The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft
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Read I Cor. 15:9-11; Text: I Cor. 15:10 - "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Often times all we know of a Biblical figure is to be found in a single passage of scripture or a single sentence in the scripture. These often tell us much concerning the individual. In one sense this is not true of Paul, we have much of his life and his teachings and in another sense, in this short passage, we have an autobiography of Paul's personality.

Here he lists three traits of his and it can be truly said that these traits are characteristic of all of Paul's life and must be found in the truly Christian leader of any generation.

First of all, these words from the lips of Paul himself tell us of his utter humility. He says he is the least of the apostles and he has been given an office for which he was not worthy. Never would he claim that his success was due to his own efforts. Rather, he says, whatever he has been able to do has been by the grace of God. His was truly a humility that could accept the taunts of men for it was a humility which felt that he deserved what ever could be said about him. He had persecuted the Church. He had allowed the stoning of Stephen. But by the grace of God, God was able to use him in the building of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

But in the stating of this position he has a flash of legitimate pride. He knew what he had done and what the other had done and in a moment declares his own worth. He is not false in this humility just mentioned. Rather he has pride in what he has done. He always remembers, however, and always speaks of not what he has done, but of what God has enabled him to do.

Then Paul is always aware of the fact that he does his work as a part of a team. He is not alone in the proclaiming of the word. Others proclaim the same gospel and together they are to teach men of the Christ and His message of Love to all men.

These traits must be found in our life today if we are to be effective Christians. These must become not just outward appearance but the true nature of our being.

In all things we must be humble, remembering the source of our Power is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone. That without Him we will fail utterly. But at the same time, we must have a sense of our own worth. We must know where we are before we can make plans

for the future of our days. Always mindful of the enabling grace of God.

We must remember we are part of a team. This can be a source of great strength. We have the help of many in the great work of the Christ. We are not alone in the task. We labor with christian friends around the world.

And above all, we have the greater sense of fellowship with the Christ. This Easter season is a time of rededication to the living Christ. Let each of us in this Lenten Period pray for the indwelling power of Christ. If we will and truly mean what we are praying for, we will find the indwelling Power in our lives.



Build A Devotional THE ETERNAL BENEDICTION

"Grace to you and peace from him who was and who is to come--" Revelation 1:4.

A flash-back movie is where you start with a present experience and go back over the past as it relates to the present. During the telling of the story you know that the person telling the story is alive but you are interested in the way he got to the place where he is. Now it seems that the Revelator got his history out of kilter when he pronounces his blessing upon the Seven Churches, "--who is and who was and who is coming".

It is more than a flash-back, it is a dynamic experience that brings the past into sharper focus. The concern about the historical Jesus is little more than curiosity until He becomes a vital factor in the "now" of our lives. The disciples did not raise any questions that Jesus had lived with them and and shared their humble fare but this was not enough to call them from behind locked doors to challenge a pagan world. It was not until it became real to them that He is that they shook off the shackles of fear and marched triumphantly out to declare His Lord-

Let The Children Come

As Jesus went about the countryside teaching and preaching, he met all kinds of people. He was interested in every one. He visited in their homes and talked to them where they worked. Whatever their problem or trouble was, he had the right words to help them.

Jesus often spoke of homes--fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. He knew that in a family there were good times and bad. Read in Matthew 10:36-37 and you will see that he recognized that there could be trouble in the household. Too, in these verses, he recognized the possibility of loving too much. Love can become selfish and even cruel if it is not tempered with thoughtfulness toward all.

Jesus was familiar with the church of His day and with some of the things that needed to be changed. Today in the little town of Nazareth the traveler is led up a steep hill to the synagogue on the hill. It stands upon the very spot where the synagogue to which Jesus went stood. He attended school there with the other boys of the village. He learned the Old Testament lessons from the ancient scrolls. Some leaders were not as good as others and He knew that. When He was older and spent much time in and around Jerusalem, he often went to the Temple there.

Traders and their wares were also known to Jesus. The main routes for the camel caravans which carried rich good from the coast town of Caesarea to the inland towns and on to Egypt came across the very paths which He knew best. He must have heard and enjoyed the stories of far away places as any other boy would have done. In His teachings later He stressed the world beyond the boundaries that He knew in His little country.

Turn in your Bibles and read these and other stories.:
Matthew 16:13-18; Luke 15:1-7; and John 5: 1-9.

Aunt Feather

ed in the declaration that Christ will be victorious. The first Christians were certain that they were not fighting a losing battle. Their hope in the future was power for the present. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) His way is the path we must walk, His truth is our freedom and His life is our peace. His way, truth, and life will be triumphant!"

R.B.

"GOD GIVE US MEN"

God give us men whose minds inhabit heaven,
Absorbing wisdom from the God who rules supreme;
And learning how from him to be evangelists
Of flaming Truth, with power to cleanse, redeem.

God give us men whose hearts abide in heaven,
That know his spirit guides us from above;
Who can, in constant, wearying, daily pressure,
Point people to the Kingly Christ of love.

God give us men with lips empowered from heaven,
Yet walking in the earth with men in toil;
And in the midst of sin, and hate, and envy,
Proclaim that Christ is Victor, Savior, Lord of all.

--Albert W. Cooper
From "The Church School"

"To Every Time A Purpose"

The President's Message

(Delivered at the Annual meeting in Monroe, March 13)



Mrs. G. W. Dameron

The title selected for this message is an adaptation of Ecclesiastes 3:1. A more modern writer and theologian, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, has stated it in another way. His words are: "(God)—sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time".

To assign to God the purposes and tasks He may have for our lives is not within the province of the human mind. Yet, if we are to accept Jesus Christ's interpretation of the greatest commandments, those who bear the name of Christian are challenged to the tasks involved in spiritual renewal, dynamic discipleship, and effective witness. For this reason, we set before the members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, and all the women of the Church, the task of realizing what it means to be "Called To Be Disciples—Sent To Be Apostles".

Let us examine briefly these two words—disciple and apostle. A disciple is a student and a follower, trained and disciplined by the master whom he

follows. As Jesus spoke to men of varied vocations and said, "Follow me"; so, in our time, every Christian is called to Christian discipleship. Elton Trueblood, in his book *The Company of the Committed*, says that the great new Christian fact of our day is that thousands of men and women, involved in secular occupations, openly affirm that they are ministers of Christ in common life. But, if Christ had had merely disciples, He would not have been different from other religious leaders or other teachers. The difference lay in the fact that all of Jesus' disciples were potential apostles—or ambassadors—ready to be sent out into the world to testify to, and evangelize for, their faith in the Christ and His teachings.

The Latin for "missionary" is the equivalent for the Greek "apostle", both meaning "one who is sent". In the early days of the Church and extending into the nineteenth century, "to be sent" meant to travel to some new geographical frontier and there seek to win converts to the Christian faith. In part, this is still true of the "sending" mission of the Church. But today's frontiers are different. They are no longer so much a matter of geography as they are of human relations. Because every situation and condition which affects the welfare of persons—whether in the fields of science, the personal encounter between racial and cultural groups, conflicting ideologies, or spiritual renewal—is world-wide and a part of every local community scene, all of us must be, like the early disciples, potential apostles. But our potentialities must not remain dormant. They must be developed and used.

MODERN FRONTIERS

The frontiers of our day are as untried as full of risk as the geographical frontiers which challenged the early missionaries, and they demand that we respond to the call to discipleship, and through discipline and dedication, prepare to be sent as apostles. Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, in the Foreword to the 23rd Annual Report of the Woman's Division, says, "The headlines in papers on Saturday may have more influence overseas than the sermons in churches or mission centers on Sunday, hence our concern about social action. The support of missions is a

part of our mission, but the latter involves sacrificial living as well as sacrificial giving".

Further evidence of the breakdown in the geographical emphasis of the missionary enterprise is to be seen in the personnel exchange program, in which the Woman's Division is cooperating. In this program, returned missionaries from abroad are working in home projects and deaconesses are rendering valuable service in overseas agencies of the Woman's Division.

OUR MISSION TODAY

What, then are some of the purposes toward which we should strive in our time, and some of the tasks which we may be called to fulfill? Perhaps, the first is that we should come to a fresh understanding of "Our Mission Today". The Church-wide study for 1963-64, will be based on the text by Tracy K. Jones, Jr., "Our Mission Today". In his book, Mr. Jones makes it clear that the Mission is God's mission, and because this is true, the mission itself does not change. But missionary eras do change. Old concepts of what comprised a mission field, of what kind of person a missionary was, and of the strategies he employed to do his work, must change as we close one missionary era and enter a new one. We do know, however, that the factors which confront the Church as it enters upon this new missionary period are so numerous, so complex, and so urgent that Christians are called to complete obedience to the sovereign God and to a discovery of His purposes for our lives, as individuals and as a Church.

Tracy Jones says, "The mission field today is a world-wide church confronting a world of unbelief." This statement causes us to consider wherein lies this world of unbelief. First of all, the tremendous population increases, especially among non-Christian peoples, and the resurgence of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam are reducing the percentage of Christians in the world. Today, the percentage of Christians in the total world population is 33%. It is estimated that, if present trends continue, the percentage will drop by the year 2000 to 20%—or 1 in 5.

In this world, so rife with unbelief, Methodist women can be proud that today the Church Center, across from

the United Nations Plaza, in New York, stands as a silent witness of the Christian Church to the many non-Christian persons who cross the threshold of the United Nations. Built on property purchased by the Woman's Division with money from designated invested funds, which could not be used for its on-going program, the Church Center is the only religious building near the United Nations. Among its appointments is a chapel in which devotionals will be conducted daily by outstanding leaders. Through The Methodist Church has taken the initiative in financing this building, its facilities are being offered for ecumenical programming.

THE DEACONESS MOVEMENT

The action of the "adventurous church" is not confined to our day. In May, 1888, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church authorized the establishment of the Deaconess Movement, followed later by similar actions in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. Miss Frances Willard wrote of this movement, "No action (was) more fully freighted with hope for humanity". Once committed to the acceptance of deaconesses, the Methodist Church entered this new program with zeal and enthusiasm. Women applied insuch numbers that by 1917—just 29 years after the beginning of the movement—the Methodist Episcopal Church had 922 deaconesses on its active rolls. This year, we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement. The goal of the Methodist Church is to commission 75 deaconesses in this 75th Anniversary year. Can we again recruit with the power and zeal of those early years. How many from the Louisiana Conference will join "this endless line of splendor"?

It is said that when you want to get an idea across, wrap it up in a person. The Christian faith is more than an idea, but it still depends on persons—deaconesses, missionaries, home missionaries, contract workers, professionally qualified women—to get it across. Recently, twenty-five lay Christians were asked to tell the major influence that caused them to change from nominal Christians to committed Christians. Without exception, they named a person. The Reverend Billy Graham, speaking at the University of Illinois, told of seeing 4,000 Communist youth in Moscow, parade for one hour, affirming their faith in communism, and pledging themselves to their evangelistic cause. As they marched, they chanted, "We will win the world for communism in this decade". Today, the Church calls for men and women—young, middle-aged, and, in some cases, retired, to go out with equal dedication to win the world for Christ.

RECRUITS NEEDED

This year The Methodist Church needs 221 regular career missionaries to serve in 25 countries overseas and an almost unlimited number of workers in missionary endeavors in the United States. In issuing its call, the Board of Missions said, "One of the great new factors in the church's world-wide mission is the growing recognition that every Christian is, in a real sense, a missionary. It is his responsibility to witness for Christ in whatever place and under whatever

circumstances he finds himself. However, there always has been, and always will be, need for those who cross boundaries of nation, language, race, culture and class to proclaim the Gospel. These people we know as missionaries. They constitute that part of the church which has always been in the vanguard of Christianity's advance into new areas".

In addition to the regular career missionary, the church needs at least 105 young men and women to serve as special term workers overseas and at home. The special term missionary program has been a vital part of the missionary outreach of the church. Since its inception in 1948, 825 persons have served—or are serving—as special term missionaries in 30 countries. The young people, working in this program, do similar work to that of the much publicized Peace Corps. Yet the number who go out under the Church is small compared to the 20,000 Peace Corps applicants in one year. In no sense does the Church compete with the Peace Corps nor discredit its contribution in the countries where it serves. But let us never forget that those who go out under the banner of the Church go out with a ministry to the whole man, supplementing skill and knowledge with an uncalculating Christian love unmatched by any other group or agency.

If blame is to be placed anywhere because more workers do not go out under the Church, perhaps we, in the church, are at fault. A group of Peace Corps members were asked why they did not volunteer their service through the church. Their answers were direct and startling. They did not know the Church had such a program and they did not have enough Christian knowledge and conviction to represent the Church. Does this not challenge us with our responsibility as mothers and church leaders to confront our youth with the opportunities for service through the Church? And does it not challenge us, who are largely the teachers of youth, to a depth study of our own Christian faith and convictions and how to make them relevant to this world?

SEEK THE MINDS OF MEN

This brings us to another need and opportunity in this emerging missionary era: the mission to the minds of men. One of the most startling displays at the Assembly in Atlantic City was the one which showed by moving belts the comparative quantity and rapidity with which literature from the communist world, the western world, and the Christian world are produced. In terms of water, the communist literature might be compared to a flood; the western literature to a stream, and the Christian literature to a trickle. The Russians are spending something over \$100,000,000 dollars a year to produce and distribute, without charge, material through which they see to communicate their atheistic philosophy. To teach the 44% of the people of the world over 15 years of age who are illiterate to read is not enough. They must be provided with Christian literature. To this end, the Division of World Mission of The Methodist Church has launched a major program to reach unevangelized masses through the printed word and mass communication media.

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District Officers Report at Annual W.S.C.S. Meeting



ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT - Mrs. S.E. Richardson and Mrs. A.R. Scheffer focused attention on communication programs of their members - follow-up communication with a twenty-foot panarama of clippings from *THE LOUISIANA METHODIST* entailing work that had been accomplished by local societies.



BATON ROUGE DISTRICT - Mrs. I. Luster James and Mrs. W.A. Ragon emphasized the visitation programs of their members - a follow-up of the depth-survey made in local communities.



LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT - Mrs. R. L. Compton (for Mrs. J. Glenn Williams) and Mrs. A.J. McGrede displayed praying hands to symbolize the district retreat which strengthened the spiritual life of all units in the district.



RUSTON DISTRICT - Mrs. W.F. Manning (for Mrs. L. C. Aycock) and Mrs. Cecil Read read a telegram citing accomplishments of members.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT - Mrs. J.W. Murray and Mrs. W. D. Snelling exhibited a want-ad recruiting volunteer workers. Paper doll cut-out represented new societies in district with arms outstretched to join other units. (below, center)

NEW ORLEANS - Mrs. R.R. Cahal and Mrs. Max Clayton had a telephone conversation about the visitation and cultivation programs. ↙

THE EMPHASIS was on district and local work Friday, March 15, when the conference Woman's Society was in session at Monroe. Action snapshots with unsatisfactory lighting did not do justice to ladies or posters. The latter reflected light, often blotting out wording and pictures. Reports were made by district presidents and promotion secretaries. Numerous substitutions were necessary due to illness of epidemic proportions which hit the last day of the meeting.



MONROE DISTRICT - Mrs. S.A. Seegers and Mrs. S.B. Dampier (for Mrs. H.R. White) reported the highlight of the year to be entertaining the annual conference. All societies of the district cooperated.

← **LAFAYETTE DISTRICT** - Mrs. Eloi and Mrs. Tom Clark (for Mrs. P.D. Lambert) presented statistics as warmed by the fire of 41 local societies, with fire extinguisher representing loss of members.

AFTER REPORTS, officers formed a cross while Mrs. Lee Tidwell (for Mrs. B.F. Patterson, Jr.) narrated highlights of the year.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Close at home is the educational program of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, which has, through the years, been a mission to our minds, as well as to our hearts and our wills to act.

These are only a few of the tasks that call for fulfillment in our day, and only a few of the purposes that beckon in our time. Perhaps, the perfect text for us, according to Elton Trueblood, is I Corinthians 16:9: "A side door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries". The facing of our adversaries calls for individual spiritual renewal and the recognition that the Christian Church is still "the symbol of man's highest aspiration and deepest commitment". In this Aldersgate Year, we are called to a study of the Book of Romans with the thought that in study and devotion

we may capture — or recapture — the heart-warming experience of the founder of Methodism. In our search for spiritual growth, we are challenged to reappraise our spiritual experience and our mission; to recognize that quietness before God is not cessation from mental activity; and to understand that the spiritual life is not escape from life but entrance into life.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1965, the Woman's Society will celebrate its 25th anniversary. We can review with humble pride the accomplishments of the past quarter century. Great advances were made in financial giving, in membership growth, in new mission projects opened, and in forward steps in many areas of social action. Yet, as we look to the future, we are challenged by both the needs and the opportunities which confront us. A great missionary program lags

in financial support, when giving through pledge fails by \$800,000 to bring in the amount needed. A decreasing membership in Society and Guild is a concern which opens up a wide door for creative approaches to the womanhood of the church. The limited response of young people to the call of God for service in the Church confronts us with the need to reappraise our Christian witness as parents and as church leaders.

The problems inherent in these facts are both real and urgent, but they are not hopeless of solution. Already we know many of the factors which have entered into these conditions. In some measure, they reflect the changes which are a part of the new missionary era. If the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society is to move forward and if we, as individuals, are truly a part of "The Company of the Committed", we will return to our local Societies and Guilds

determined to reverse these trends.

The Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild are a way of life — a noble way of life. The principles on which its foundation was laid still guide its destiny, and we, too, can go on and on. The words which Noreen Dunn Tatum used in her book, *A Crown of Service*, to pay tribute to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at its birth can be brought up to date, the verbs changed to the present tense, and be as appropriate now as then. With the changes indicated, I quote, "No other woman's organization in the world has a more glorious past or a more promising future. It stands unexcelled in its sincerity of purpose, depth of spirituality, in numerical strength, and in opportunity for service in a world of unprecedented

To our time there is a purpose — and a task to fulfill. Discovery and Commitment are up to us.

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Summer Service Projects Open For Methodist Students

Methodist college students, who for 15 years have been afforded opportunities each summer to participate in the mission of the church in a vital and concrete way through service projects, will have several such opportunities during the summer of 1963.

Seven service projects have been scheduled for this summer by the sponsoring agencies—the Methodist Student Movement (national organization for Methodist college students) with the aid of the Methodist Boards of Missions, Education and Christian Social Concerns. As in past years, the majority of this year's projects are in the area of missions. The projects are:

Alaska work camp, Mexico work camp, Hawaii leadership training project, New York inner-city project, Wisconsin lay institute, students-in-industry project in Atlanta, Ga., and students-in-government project in Washington, D.C.

Students participating in summer service projects as an expression of their Christian faith, their desire to serve others and their commitment to the mission of the church. The study phase of the projects is intended to afford insight in interpreting the nature of the Christian mission, the vocation of the Christian student and the relationship of the Christian Gospel to the community in which the project is located. The worship and physical work phases of each project combine with the study and fellowship features to provide a total experience for the student as part of a close-knit Christian community. Each of the projects

will last about six weeks.

Students who have completed their sophomore year or its equivalent in college are eligible to participate in summer service projects. The agencies sponsoring the projects say that participating students should be deeply committed Christians with a desire to share their faith, a willingness to do hard physical work and at wish to serve others.

In most cases, participants will have stringent living conditions. Students are expected to pay the cost of travel to and from the project plus certain fees to cover various costs of the project. Experienced adult leadership will be provided for each project.

The sponsors say that three categories of students are especially needed now for the 1963 projects: 1. Men, 2. International (foreign) students, 3. American students representing minority groups. Sufficient applications have been received from women students.

The final deadline for applications to be sent to the appropriate places for any of the projects is May 1.

Applications and requests for information about the projects should be

sent as follows:

Hawaii leadership training project, Wisconsin lay institute, Alaska work camp, Mexico work camp—The Rev. Robert A. Davis, Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Students-in-government project, students-in-industry project — The Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, 1000 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D.C.

New York inner-city project—Dr. William B. Gould, Methodist Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

Brief resumes of the projects other than those previously announced:

Alaska—The work camp will be located at Birchwood Camp Grounds near Anchorage. Activities will include some building of camp facilities, study, fellowship and worship. Living conditions will be rustic. The work campers will assemble in Seattle, Wash., and fly together to Anchorage. Dates are June 18 to August 1.

Hawaii— This program will serve four churches on the island of Hawaii. The group will work primarily in the field of Methodist Youth Fellowship program, especially the development and training of leaders. They also will serve as camp counselors in some of the summer camps and work in local churches. The dates are June 23 to August 24.

Mexico— This work camp will be held in a rural community in the state of Puebla. It will include work in sanitation, agricultural demonstration and recreation. In addition, there will be an attempt to focus the attention of students on an exchange of ideas with Mexican students. Christianity and its relevance to the revolutionary situation in Latin America will be explored. The dates are June 20 to August 13.

New York — One of the foremost problems confronting the church in the United States is that of the inner-city. The New York City service projects will be undertaken in an area where those problems are intense. The project will be developed around selected Methodist centers in the inner-city. The dates are July 1 to August 15.

Lay Institute— This project will be held at Onieda, Wis., and will center around an in-depth study of the life and mission of the church. It will emphasize Bible study, theology and spiritual disciplines. It will be a four-week project, beginning at the end of June.

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BOARD OF PENSIONS ELECTS

EVANSTON, Ill. — At its semi-annual meeting here March 13, the General Board of Pensions elected a Denver minister to the recently-created post of associate general secretary and filled two vacancies on the 27-member board.

The Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference and a member of the General Board of Pensions, will begin his new duties Sept. 1 at the board headquarters in Evanston.

Charles B. Peterson, Jr., a Dallas, Tex., banker, was elected to fill a vacancy on the board left by the death of William H. Wilcox of Stillwater, Okla., and the Rev. R. W. O. Knowles of Liberal, Kansas, was elected to replace the Rev. Everett W. Freeman of Hutchinson, Kansas, who retired from board membership.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit, board president, presided at the meeting.

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Evangelical United Brethren And Methodist Churches Take Further Steps Toward Union

By Dr. Ewing T. Wayland
Editor, Christian Advocate

Members of the Commission on Church Union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church are agreed there are no insurmountable obstacles to the union of these denominations. This consensus, reached in a joint meeting of the two commissions in Cleveland, Ohio, March 18, was based on the work of twenty study committees of the joint commission.

According to EUB Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Ind. and Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Dever, Colo., the co-chairmen of the joint commission, the study committees which had completed their studies of the issues involved in the proposed union were dissolved by action of the joint commission and five new committees were authorized to begin development of a plan which could become the basis of union of the two churches.

The new committees are Confession of Faith and Ritual; Ministry; Ecclesiastical Program and Organization; Relations Outside the U.S.A. and Institutions and Property.

These new committees met for organization and preparatory work immediately following adjournment of the joint commission session and are expected to make their initial reports to the next joint commission meeting in Nashville, Tenn., September 19-20.

Present plans call for the development of a statement of principles for a plan and basis of union by the time of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church which meets in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26.

Pending favorable action by that body the joint commission will proceed to develop a complete plan and basis of union which would be submitted to the General Conference of the EUB Church in October 1966.

If the EUB General Conference approves the proposal, the proposed plan and basis of union would be submitted to the annual conferences of both de-

nominations during 1967.

If action by the annual conferences to the proposal is approved by the necessary majorities, the proposal then comes before the Methodist General Conference of 1968 for action. It is anticipated that a specially called session of the EUB General Conference at the time of the 1968 Methodist General Conference could become the Uniting Conference for the two denominations.

In other action at the Cleveland meeting the joint commission voted to put into practice a general guide for the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and understanding between the two denominations. Recommendations of the guide will include official exchanges of representatives at the denominations' General Conferences, at meetings of bishops, general boards, general denominational meetings, annual conference sessions, meetings of conference and district superintendents, meetings of administrators and trustees of institutions, meetings on local church levels and pulpit exchanges.

Delegated to the executive commit-

tee of the joint commission for study and recommendations were matters of special interest such as the name of the united church, representation on boards and agencies, tenure of bishops, methods of designating conference superintendents and review of forms of administration.

Bishops of the EUB Church are elected for four-year terms, subject to re-election at succeeding General Conferences. Methodist bishops are elected for life tenure by Jurisdictional (regional) Conferences.

"Conference superintendents" of annual conferences of the EUB Church are elected by annual conferences for four-year terms but may be limited by the conferences to two consecutive terms. Their counterparts, Methodist superintendents, are named annually by the presiding bishop of the annual conference. District superintendents may serve no more than six years in any nine-year period.

Bishop Mueller reported to the joint commission on a recent visit to Germany where union conversations are being held by EUB's and Methodists. Secretaries to the joint commission are Bishop J. Gordon Howard of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N.J.

In Memoriam



Miss Ida Bush

Miss Ida Louise Bush was born in DeWitt, Arkansas August 29, 1887. After having finished her education she taught in the public schools of her community several years. Later, after moving to Little Rock in 1908, she entered the business world and was employed in the office of one of her brothers who was a building contractor.

Miss Bush lost no time in finding her new church home but joined Winfield Methodist Church October 25, 1908. She became a charter member of the Lila Ashby Bible Class of that church. She was loyal and faithful in her attendance and service to her class and her church until a few years ago when ill health overtook her.

In her home life she was just as true to her responsibilities as in her church work. Until about four weeks before she passed away she made a home for her bachelor brothers.

After an illness of about four weeks she was called to her Eternal Home February 26, 1963. She was a devoted sister and a loving friend and was truly faithful unto death. She is greatly missed by brothers, friends and associates and has left a void which no other can fill.

A Friend.

Mrs. F. Hutchinson

Mrs. Bertie Anderson Hutchinson, 84, widow of Dr. Forney Hutchinson, one of Methodism's great preachers, died Feb. 27 in the home of a son, Kelsey Hutchinson in Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Hutchinson, a semi-invalid the last eight years, died of pneumonia, with which she became ill Tuesday, a relative said. Her husband, a former pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, died in 1957.

The couple came to Tulsa in 1934 when he became pastor of Boston Avenue church. He had previously been pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, 14 years, and the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., two years.

After leaving Boston Avenue in 1946, he was pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Shawnee two years after which he retired and he and his wife returned to Tulsa.

Mrs. Hutchinson was born and reared in Little Rock, Ark., where she was organist of the Hunter Memorial Methodist Church when her husband became its pastor. He later was pastor of the Central Church in Hot Springs, First Church in Little Rock, and First Church in Tearkana.

She was a member of the Boston Avenue Church and its Woman's Society of Christian Service and formerly was active in many church affairs.

Also surviving are another son, Forney Jr. of Tulsa, employe relations manager of the Sunray DX Oil Co.; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Fayen of Alameda, Calif.; a sister, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Kelsey Hutchinson is a member of the Texaco, Inc., legal counsel.

Another son, Paul, an atomic energy

plant engineer, died two months ago.

Funeral services were held March 1 in Stanleys Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Memorial Park, Tulsa.



Pat Beaird

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Beaird, 63, executive vice-president of the Methodist Publishing House, which has its headquarters here, died of pneumonia March 17 in a Nashville hospital.

Mr. Beaird had been in the Methodist book publishing business for more than 40 years.

He joined the publishing house staff in 1922. In 1924, he was given responsibility for developing a book publishing program under the name of Cokesbury Press. In 1940, he was named director of the house's publishing division and manager of its book publishing division. He became executive vice-president in 1956.

While serving in executive positions with the publishing house, Mr. Beaird provided leadership and guidance in the development and publication of *The Interpreter's Bible*, which has been called Christendom's most comprehensive Bible commentary.

He was a founder and the first president of the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association. He was a past president of the publishers' section, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, and he held many other offices.

A native of Tyler, Texas, Mr. Beaird was a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, where he was a member of the school's first freshman class. In 1960, S.M.U. gave him its annual Distinguished Alumnus Award.

In 1959, McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., presented him an honorary doctor of literature degree.

He was a member of West End Methodist Church, Nashville. Funeral services were scheduled for March 19 at that church, with burial at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Nashville.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Richard M. Kinney, West Point, N. Y.; two grandchildren; and a sister, Miss Marjorie Beaird, San Antonio, Texas.



Mrs. Annie Sadler

Mrs. Annie M. Sadler, aged 90, of Rison, widow of Dr. H. D. Sadler, and mother of the Rev. Harold B. Sadler of Little Rock, died March 23, at Pine Bluff.

She was a native of Cleveland County and a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Rison.

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She was past president of the Rison Parent-Teacher Association and had taught a Sunday School class at the Rison Methodist Church for 30 years.

Survivors include two other sons, Guy M. Sadler of Rison and Tom Sadler of Pine Bluff; and a sister, Mrs. Lillian McCullars of Little Rock. Funeral was Monday at the Rison Methodist Church. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery.



Dr. Alf Lier

The Rev. Dr. Alf Lier, 64, dean of the Union Methodist Theological Seminary at Gothenburg, Sweden, and a Methodist leader in Scandinavia for many years, died in February of a heart attack.

Since 1956, Dr. Lier had been head of the seminary, which trains most of the Methodist ministers who serve in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. In addition to being dean, he taught New Testament.

Dr. Lier had been a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church and to the Northern Europe Central Conference. Before joining the staff of the seminary, he had been pastor of some of the largest Methodist churches in Norway and a district superintendent. He was a graduate of Oslo University in Norway and Uppsala University in Sweden, having earned the doctor of philosophy degree at the latter school.



Rev. James Berckman

The Rev. James H. H. Berckman, 67, a Methodist missionary to China and Malaya for 42 years and the holder of one of the most responsible offices in Malayan Methodism, died March 7 in Singapore, still in active service. His American home was Albertville, Ala.

Mr. Berckman's death came after a prolonged illness and many operations. Despite considerable suffering, he continued to handle his work as field treasurer for Malaya of the Division of World Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, until only a few weeks before his death. The funeral was March 8 in Singapore.

Mr. Berckman first went out as a missionary in 1921 and for 29 years did pastoral and evangelistic work in China. He was pastor of some of the leading Methodist churches in China, including Allen Memorial Churches in Shanghai and Carriger Memorial Church in Changchow. He also served as hospital chaplain, district superintendent and director of adult educa-

tion. From 1945 to 1950, he did relief work and was on the staff of the mission treasurer's office in Shanghai.

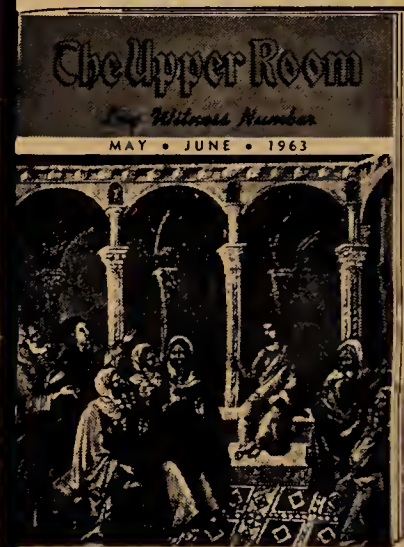
Evacuated from China in 1950 after the Communist take-over, Mr. Berckman was transferred to Malaya in 1951, where he had served the last 12 years. In Singapore he had served on the board of directors of the Singapore American School and the board of governors of the Anglo-Chinese School (Methodist).

Mr. Berckman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Ruth Berckman, and two sons, Howard C. Berckman and Edward M. Berckman.



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BATON ROUGE	April 17	First Church, Baton Rouge	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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LAFAYETTE	March 19	First Church, Houma	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
	March 21	Asbury, Lafayette	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
LAKE CHARLES	April 15	First Church, Lake Charles	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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	April 2	Mansfield	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
	April 3	Noel Memorial, Shreveport	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Aldersgate Reports

New Orleans, Louisiana
March 30, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I am pleased to hear the good reports that are coming to us from the many revivals being conducted this week in the Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, and Lake Charles Districts. Mrs. Walton and I enjoyed the opportunity, on our way home from Malvern, Arkansas, to worship in several of the churches where meetings were in progress in the Shreveport and Alexandria Districts.

We are all looking forward to the services next week in the Ruston, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and New Orleans Districts. Let us keep these revival efforts in our thoughts and prayers.

It is good that these revivals were scheduled to be held just before Holy Week and Easter. These days constitute the high moments spiritually of the Christian year. The proper observance of the Lenten Season prepares us for a deeper appreciation and richer experience of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Our hope is that our people will use these days as times of prayer, meditation, self-examination, and personal dedication. May the Risen Christ be present with each of you as we meet in our respective churches on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Sincerely,

Aubrey S. Walton

Bastrop Minister, Layman Named To Centenary College Positions

Two prominent Bastrop Methodists, one minister and one layman, have accepted appointments on the administrative staff of Methodist-related Centenary College, Shreveport.

President Joe J. Mickle has announced that the Rev. William Earl Nolan, who now serves the Memorial-Beekman charge in and near Bastrop, will become Centenary's Director of Alumni Affairs and Student Procurement, effective April 15, and that Walter C. Hohmann, now Superintendent of Schools for Morehouse Parish, will take over as Dean of Students and Director of Admissions on July 1.

Both men are Centenary alumni and former varsity athletes.

Mr. Nolan, a Bastrop native, attended Centenary from 1950 to 1954, receiving his B.A. degree in the latter year. He was awarded the B.D. degree at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, serving two pastorates in the North Texas Conference at the same time, then returned to Louisiana.

After three years as student-supply pastor at Coushatta, Mr. Nolan served for two years as assistant pastor at First Methodist Church of Monroe. He has been in the Memorial-Beekman charge for three years.

While at Centenary he was a squadman on the Gent basketball teams coached by F. H. "Buss" Delaney.

Mr. Hohmann, a Chicago native, was a guard and blocking back on the fine Gent football squads mentored by Curtis Parker during the early and middle thirties, a gaining the nickname "Cowboy" from teammates and fans.

He received his B.S. degree in 1937 and after seven years of teaching and coaching at Clarksville, Tex., entered the Morehouse Parish school system as a visiting teacher. He subsequently served for ten years as principal at Bastrop High School and moved up to the parish superintendency in 1959.

An active layman in the First Methodist Church, he has been a member of the Official Board and a regular Sunday School teacher.

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LEADERS TO STUDY EXTENSION
PHILADELPHIA — Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh will give the keynote address and serve as chairman of a 12-state Methodist Conference on Church Extension in Philadelphia March 28-29.

The conference, sponsored by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, will study the possibilities of a huge church building program in the church's Northeastern Jurisdiction. Delegates will include Board of Missions personnel and district superintendents from 20 annual conferences in 12 states.

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WILL ENTERTAIN AND WITNESS
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Under the auspices of the Board of Evangelism, a group of nationally-known athletes and musicians will go to Daytona Beach, Fla., April 9-12 both to entertain and to witness for Christ to the thousands of college students expected to be vacationing there.

They are going at the invitation of the Daytona Beach ministerial association, city council, and junior chamber of commerce. The effort will be coordinated with others in an over-all program being planned by leaders of the resort.

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Alexandria Dist. Training School Held for Workers

A Leadership Training School for the Alexandria District was held Monday, March 4 at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria. This school was held for all church school workers, general and divisional superintendents, chairmen of the commissions on education, lay leaders and all other interested persons.

The training given in this school was designed to help churches of all sizes. Present for this school were members of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church from Nashville: Dr. Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr., and Randle Dew. They were assisted by Dr. Bentley Sloane, Miss Shelia Nuttall and the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education.

Dr. Lindecker, in speaking to the group, emphasized that "the Church School is also the Church. The Church is not always identified with 'what members! . . . but the Church is us. We are the 'Body of Christ'."

Mr. Dew stressed the fact that the basic nature of the Church is the gathering of people of mutual concerns "an 'I-Thou-relationship', in which we lend mutual help and aid to each other. Each of us is a minister, each is a leader to each and everyone. Study and worship actually develop new skills and our skills should develop people in the Church. Sunday School teachers should feel themselves a part of a team."

Mr. Dow said that "many people have



LEADERS for the workshop included, from left, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Miss Shelia Nuttall and the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert.

Please Note:

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forgotten the Holy Spirit in the Church; that it is better when 'two' or 'three' are gathered together in the name of Christ. The whole team should work together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

This School was preceded by an Alexandria District staff meeting and dinner.

Leadership Training Schools of this type were to be held in the remainder of the districts throughout the State.

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Two new publications have been produced by the Board of Missions of the church, one for general use by all church members and the other for all persons interested in Methodist work in the city. The publications are the 1963 Prayer Calendar and the Urban Fact Book.



THE REV. FRED S. FLURRY Alexandria District Supt., is shown here addressing a panel held during the school. Others, from left, are Mrs. Martha Overby, the Rev. Cecil Benoit, Mrs. M. Hancock, Dr. Wayne Lindecker and Randle Dew.

Editorials

The changes of Holy Week

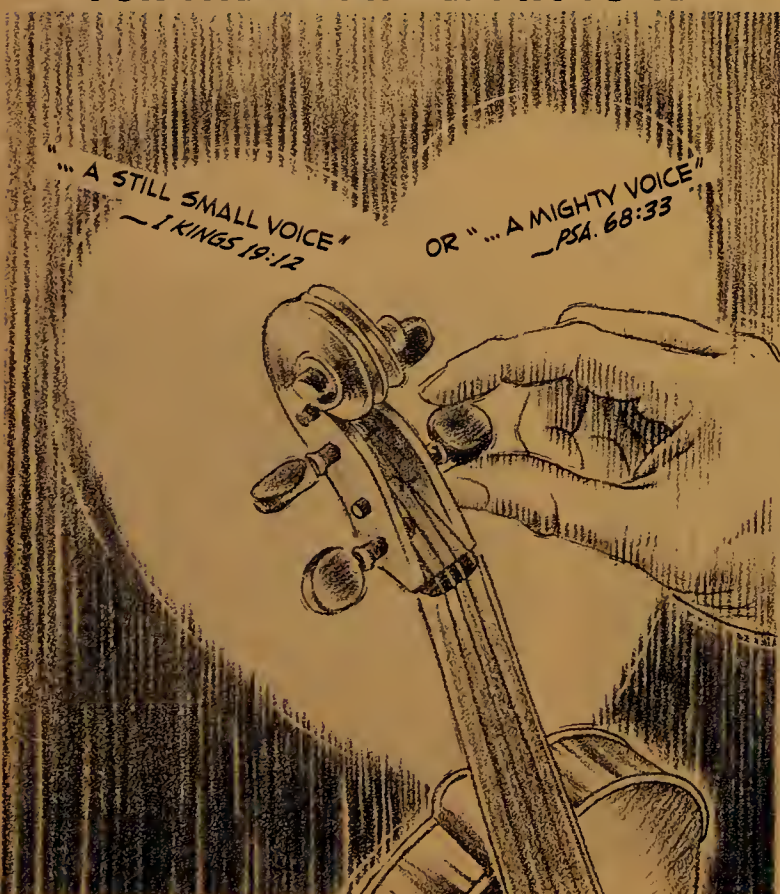
As happened during that first significant week so long ago, great changes can take place in the attitudes and actions of people during the days between Palm Sunday and Easter. If we are seriously concerned to see changes for the good in our own lives and the lives of those we love we should take seriously the challenge to make a spiritual pilgrimage during the days of Holy Week. As we move into this time next Sunday let us be reminded that the same people who were so loud in their willingness to crown Jesus as "Lord of Lords" on the first day of the week were just as anxious to crown him with thorns on Thursday.

Although a few of those closest to Jesus were prepared during these few days for a deeper understanding of his true Messiahship, the majority of the populace was being prepared by strange subversive forces to destroy the image of the one who claimed to be the Lord. As we move through these days let us take care that no one takes from us our conviction that the one who died on Calvary is our Saviour and Lord.

Let us take an inward look to see if we are the kind of people that could be changed so soon from worshipping him to reviling him. Let us guard against such a possibility by traveling a course that will guarantee us that not only will we sing "Crown Him With Many Crowns" on Palm Sunday, but that we will also be prepared to sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" on Easter.

There will be within the reach of most of you carefully planned worship services during Holy Week. We urge you to enter into these with all your heart and soul. Where it will not be possible for you to do so, then make use of one of the many fine devotional guides

FOR THE HEART KEPT IN TUNE



Counsel with faith instead of fear

At the recent 14th anniversary dinner for Religion in American Life, Inc. Governor Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, an active Baptist layman, called for Americans to "heed the trumpet call to take counsel with our faith instead of our fears," in answer to those who speak pessimistically about the nation's future.

Addressing more than 1,000 church, business, government and labor leaders gathered for the occasion, Governor Hatfield called for greater "spiritual commitment" and said that church and synagogue members should see the relevancy of their faith in the light of the needs of America today.

He said "We see great increases in church attendance, church organizations and treasuries, but so we find the power, the manifestations of God's will in the marketplace of America?" He continued "The challenge America faces today can only be answered by the armor of the Judeo-Christian faith," as he urged a deeper personal relationship with God, based on knowledge.

These were most appropriate words and will find their most apt implementation through those who are a part of the Religion in Life organization. This is a nationwide, interreligious program to promote spiritual values and encourage attendance at worship services in churches and synagogues. It is sponsored by a committee of 75 laymen and women and 29 national religious bodies underwrite its overhead expenses.

American business, through the Advertising Council, annually donates time and space for the program. Television, radio, newspapers, billboards, platform posters and car cards carry the RIAL "Worship This Week" message from coast to coast as a public service.

The RIAL national chairman, Roger Hull, who is president of the Mutual of New York Life Insurance Co., in a summary of the organization's program, said that "on a budget of about \$189,000 we have been able to present the 'worship this week' message because more than \$10 million of free time and space is made available through the Advertising Council



the EDITOR'S CORNER

Oberlin Talks on Union

During recent days representatives of six major denominations have been meeting together in Oberlin, O., to take a serious look at the question of merger as proposed by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church in December, 1960.

The consultation is composed of representatives of the United Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, Christian (Disciples), Evangelical United Brethren Churches and the United Church of Christ. The delegates voted to ask their respective Churches for "authority to enter into the development of a plan of union when, and if, the consultation decides that it is appropriate to begin such work." Until such official authorization is voted the talks will be nothing more than consultations between interested individuals.

Early in the meeting the group reversed a former decision and decided to open the meeting to the press. The first meeting of the Consultation on Church Union, held last April in Washington, had been closed to the press. Appeals for open meetings were recently made in an editorial in The Christian Century and in a speech by Dr. Everett C. Parker, director of communications for the United Church of Christ.

There is already more agreement among Church bodies on the form of worship than is commonly supposed. One of the study commission reported. Calling unity in worship "the ultimate achievement of unity of the church," the report pointed to the "increased recognition that the normative Christian worship includes in the service the Word and the Sacrament." The report acknowledged, however, that there are still significant differences both in theology and practice.

From time to time we will be bringing you additional reports of the discussion at Oberlin and their possible bearing on future discussions on church union.

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Leaders Report Progress In Unity

By Arthur Moore

OBERLIN, OHIO. "Noticeable progress" has been made in church union consultations involving The Methodist Church and five other denominations, according to Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver. This evaluation was made by Bishop Phillips, chairman of the Commission on Church Union of The Methodist Church, following the second Consultation on Church Union at Oberlin, Ohio, March 19-21.

The Consultation was set up to consider possible union among The Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. At its first meeting in Washington, D. C., in 1962, the Disciples of Christ and the Evangelical United Brethren Church (with which The Methodist Church is discussing merger) were invited to participate in the Oberlin and later talks. Also present were observer-consultants from several other denominations in the United States and Canada.

As an indication of progress, the Consultation voted to ask the participating delegations to seek authority from their respective denominations to enter into the preparation of a plan of union "just as soon as the Consultation agrees that we have sufficient theological consensus to make such an effort promising under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." No time schedule was set up for preparing such a plan.

Describing this year's Consultation, Bishop Phillips said, "I feel that noticeable progress has been made over last year's conversations. The talks are moving at greater speed than I had anticipated and are demonstrating more of a cutting edge. We know each other and each other's positions better and we do not have to clear away the underbrush."

"There was an honest attempt here to say what we mean and this in itself

has brought us closer together. Seeking to work toward a possible plan of union will bring into focus basic questions of order, orders and organization, all of which must be resolved. Nowhere have I found evidence of any desire to build a massive organization simply for its own sake."

The Consultation discussed broad questions of faith and order in three general areas: Scripture, Tradition and the Guardians of Tradition; a sociological Analysis of the Participating Communion; and Worship and Witness of the Church. Background papers on these subjects had been written by distinguished scholars, including Dr. Albert C. Outler of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

The Consultation is scheduled to meet again in April, 1964, at Princeton, New Jersey. The Methodist delegation at the Consultation is composed of nine members of the Commission on Union of the denomination. Present at Oberlin were: Bishop Phillips, Bishop Gerald Ensley, of the Iowa Area; Rev. Jolly B. Harper, superintendent Shreveport District, La.; President Charles F. Marsh, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N. J.; President

Norman L. Trott, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Lawrence E. Guderian, superintendent Forest Grove District, Ore. (alternate); Dr. Melvin W. Hyde, President, Evansville College, Evansville, Ind. (alternate); and Professor Alvin J. Lindgren, Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill. (alternate).

Mr. Parlin, an attorney and a president of the World Council of Churches, is secretary of the Consultation on Church Union as well as of the Methodist Commission on Church Union.

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Following is the complete text of the closing statement issued by the Consultation:

At the end of this the second meeting of the Consultation on Church Union, the representatives of the six participating communions join in thanksgiving to God for the measure of progress which He has enabled us to make in the increase of mutual understanding and appreciation. The members of the Consultation who met last year express their thankfulness for the significant contribution already made by the representatives of the two communions added to our Consultation since that meeting, The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. All of us join in thankfulness for the interest, participation and presence with us of the observer-consultants from other communions from this country and Canada.

We believe that the Consultation has reached an important consensus on

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

April 7—Palm Sun Luke 19:28-40
April 8 Mark 11:11-19
April 9 Matthew 26:1-13
April 10 John 12:20-23
April 11 John 13:1-11
April 12 John 19:1-16
April 13 John 19:31-42
April 14—E'str Sun John 20:1-18

the crucial question of authority in the church. On the basis of this consensus we find ourselves now ready to grapple with the sharp issues that in our history have been causes of division and walls of separation between us.

Some of the major matters upon which we must now concentrate are: 1. the place and authority of the ordained ministry including the historic episcopate in a united church and its relationship to Word and Sacrament and its measure of responsibility for keeping the church true to the apostolic witness to Jesus Christ as set forth in the Bible and for leading the church in effective and renewed relevance to the true needs of men and nations.

2. The place in the living tradition of the church of creeds, liturgical practices, and confessions of faith in relation to Holy Scripture, which we have agreed has central and unique authority under Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

3. The doctrine of the Sacraments. We believe that we begin to see how to find a way by which varied practices of worship may enrich and instruct us all in the worship of a united church.

We believe that on the basis of further agreement on these vital matters we can begin later to discuss how to develop organization to serve the mission of a "united church truly catholic, truly reformed and truly evangelical."

We have asked the delegations of each participating communion to seek authority from its plenary body to enter into the preparation of a plan of union so that no unnecessary delay may keep us from moving beyond the exploration phase of our work just as soon as the consultation agrees that we have sufficient theological consensus to make such an effort promising under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

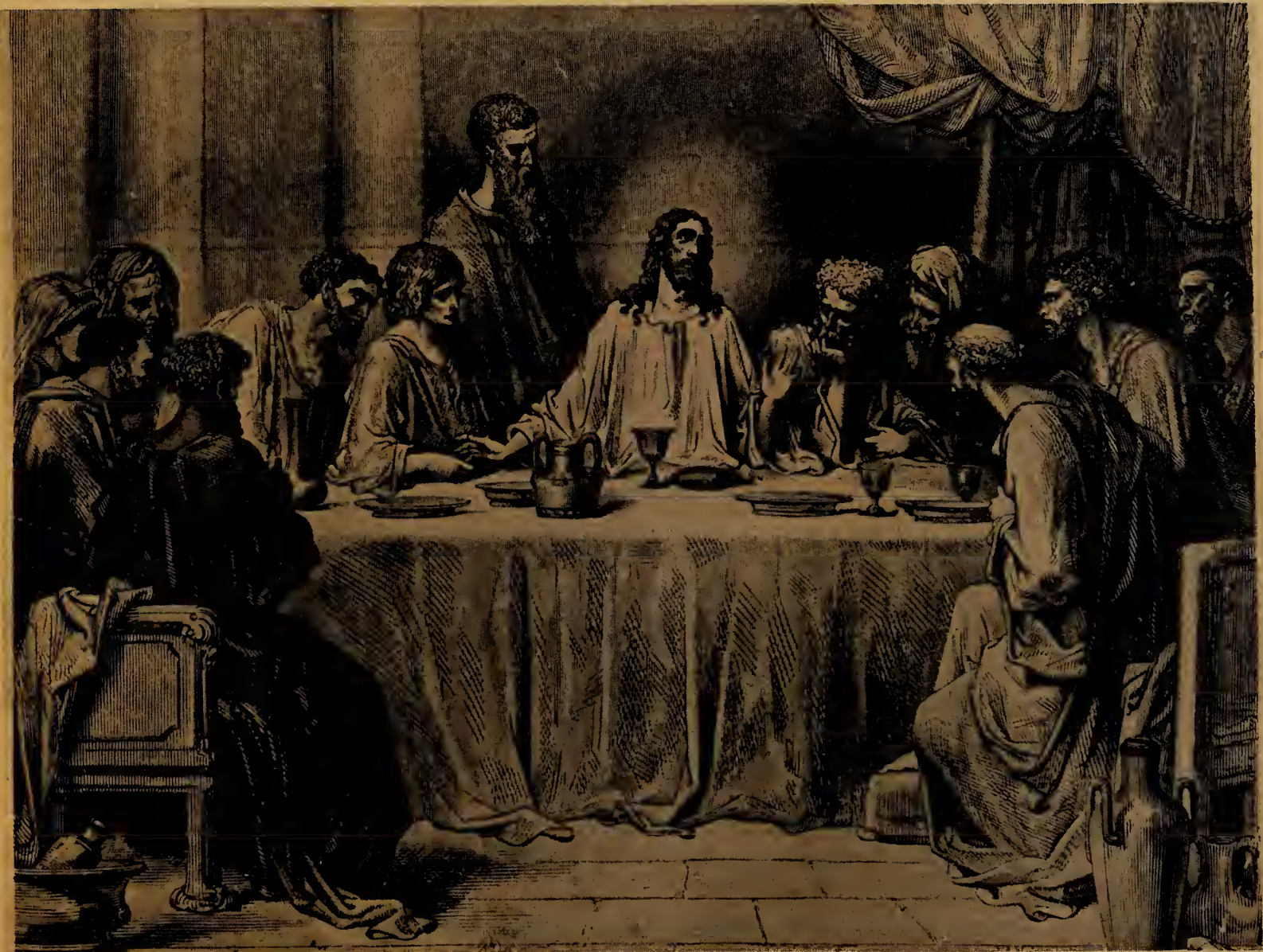
For this Divine guidance of our Consultation, that we may be obedient to the will of Christ, we ask our members and ministers and all our fellow Christians to pray.

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Board of Pensions In Annual Meeting

Judge Vinson M. Mouser of Columbia, La., served his position as recording secretary of the General Board of Pensions, during their annual meeting at Evanston, Ill., Mar. 13.

At the meeting the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, was elected to the recently-created post of associate general secretary.



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LAYMEN of St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, annually hold a pancake breakfast for the benefit of Alaska Methodist University. Shown here helping in the kitchen are, from left, R.F. Matson, Sidney Singleton and Sam Muery.



THE REV. W. W. BEVILL of Pine Grove Church, Ruston District, is shown here presenting the chairman of the Official Board and the church treasurer a check for \$5,000, a bequest left to the church by the late Mrs. J.A. Alford, a retired minister of Pine Grove, Mr. Bevill, Dist Supt. Luman Douglas, and H. G. Dunn, treasurer.



COLLINSTON Methodist Church EMV vistors were commissioned during services March 10, shown here. The program of visitation at Collinston began March 10 and ends May 5.

Ruston District Hosts Retreat For Sub-district

The Lighthouse Subdistrict MYF of the Ruston District held a Spiritual Life Retreat at the First Methodist Church, Minden on March 15, 16, 17. There were approximately 55 youth and five adults in attendance. Worship meditations were given each evening by Richard Hruska of Centenary College; each morning by Charles Parks of Centenary College. These programs were led by Johnnie Hruska, Marilyn Brown, Karr McClendon and Cathy Miller.

Resource groups were led by the Rev. John Kellogg of Shongaloo on the Bible; Hugh Dunn of Shreveport on Personal Faith; and the Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. led Personal Enrichment.

The youth enjoyed a Banquet on Saturday evening with the theme "Praying Hands." Charles Marvin spoke on Spiritual Growth; Miss Mary Bradshaw talked about the origination of the picture "Praying Hands"; Miss Carolyn Parker told about the "Hands of Service"; Miss Dot Batton told about "Prayer Circles." The youth also enjoyed group singing led by Emcee David Hinton, beginning with their theme "Power of the Lord."

Sunday morning service included the



NORTH HIGHLANDS Junior Choir members of Jonesville are shown here participating in a sharing program at the end of the church's mission study. This choir has participated in a number of programs since the start, including a hymn singing in November, and a service of carols and a pageant in December. Mrs. Roy Garrett is choir director.

youth worshipping together with the congregation and the youth rendered a choir special. Don Hinton conducted the Sunday School. All the recreation was led by the Haynesville and Homer M.Y.F. under the direction of Walter Cadenhead, Karen Kinard and Sylvia Sale. Miss Mary Bradshaw of Cotton

Valley is President of this group. The entire planning of meals was under the direction of Mrs. Clovis Watson. The entire Spiritual Life Retreat was under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Miller, counselor of the Lighthouse Subdistrict M.Y.F.

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Eloquence is a poor substitute for integrity.

North Highlands Has Successful Study

Over 100 people participated each Sunday night during the month of February when the North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, conducted its annual Church-wide Study. Snack suppers were prepared each Sunday night by the WSCS.

Under the direction of the Commission and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, studies were held for all age groups. Four and five year olds studies Japan. Primary children had a mission study "Persons of Special Need", Juniors studies "The Rim of East Asia". The Adult and Senior groups heard our minister, George Harkins, present The Book of Romans.

On consecutive Sunday nights laymen gave the following talks: Charles Morrison spoke on Missions in General; Jack Timmons, Advance Specials; John Dixon, District Missions; and Guy S. Moore on Conference Missions and World Service.

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WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS

MEMPHIS — Continued efforts toward improved race relations were approved here March 4 by delegates to the 23rd annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. The vote, without opposition, confirmed the ratification a year ago by the jurisdiction's enlarged executive committee of the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.



OLLA METHODIST CHURCH young people are shown here during their Feb. 22 Sweetheart Banquet. The Rev. C. D. Pinkard of Houma was speaker. The Rev. Ted Smith is the minister.



OAK PARK METHODIST Church of Lake Charles has recently completed a building and remodeling program. Shown here is the church's adult choir in the remodeled sanctuary. A new educational wing with nine classrooms has been constructed. The Rev. Donald M. Risinger is pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

CHAPLAIN DANNY W. BURTTRAM of Fort Polk was guest speaker in the First Methodist Church of Leesville on Sunday morning, March 24. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the pastor.

THIS PAPER joins Bossier City First Methodist Church in extending best wishes to Mrs. Sadie Martin who celebrated her 91st birthday on March 14.

HAYNESVILLE YOUTH who attended the MYF Sub-district weekend retreat held at Minden in March were Walter Cadenhead, Pat Forehand, Karen Kinard, Ken Rorie, and Sylvia Sale. The Rev. K.G. Rorie is their pastor.

MONROE FIRST CHURCH, the Rev. George Harbuck pastor, will have noon day Lenten Services each day of Holy Week, inviting the community to worship. Communion service will be held on Maundy Thursday.

A GIDEON SPEAKER was in the pulpit of the Jonesboro Methodist Church on Sunday evening, March 24. Mr. Hale Shadow, prominent business man of Ruston, spoke to the congregation of which the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum is pastor.

DR. MARSHALL E. BRETZ, minister of music in Trinity Church, Ruston, was presented in an organ recital in Howard Auditorium, Ruston, on Sunday afternoon, March 17.

JAMES P. SCHWARTZ, president of the Metropolitan New Orleans Crime Commission, spoke on that subject to the members of the Young Adult Fellowship of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans March 17.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS of Faithful and New River Churches were guests of the Grand River youth fellowship at a fish fry on a Friday night in March. Their pastors are the Reverends K.K. and Rose P. Carithers.

KEN LANIER is serving as general chairman of the Every Member Visitation in Abbeville Methodist Church, with Wilmer Delcambre as visitation chairman. The Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., is the pastor.

JOHN CHADWICK was recommended for a local preacher's license by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Baton Rouge's First Methodist Church. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Chadwick, Baton Rouge. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is his pastor.

DR. R.E. CHANDLER, director of the Asbury Methodist Choir in Lafayette, has announced that an Easter Cantata "From Olivet to Calvary" will be presented in that Church on Palm Sunday. The Rev. C. Robert McCammon is the pastor.

THE REV. HARRY E. EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church of Franklinton on Sunday morning, March 17. The pastor is the Rev. M. David Felder.

THE YOUTH OF BROADMOOR Methodist Church in Baton Rouge had charge of the Sunday evening Service on March 17. Participating were Maellen Ervin, Warren Oldham, Cheryl Jackson, Barry Kemp, and Tommy Williams. The Rev. Barry Bailey is their pastor.

"OF THE CHURCH AND MAN", panel discussions sponsored by the Alexandria-Pineville Ministerial Association, was on television Saturday, March 23, at 4:30 p.m. Panel members discussing the subject "Right vs. Wrong" were the Rev. Kenneth McDowell,

the Rev. J.T. Walworth, and Chaplain C.O. Arrendall.

MRS. CLYDE FRAZIER, wife of the pastor of Lake Vista Methodist Church in New Orleans, reviewed the book "Dear Papa" by Thera Ferre Bjorn, for the Methodist Home Hospital on Friday, March 29. The benefit review was held in New Orleans First Methodist Church.

LOUISIANA MEMORIAL CHURCH in Opelousas had as guest speaker, March 19, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of Baton Rouge First Methodist. Dr. Dawson showed slides and told of his visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer at the family night dinner. The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., is the pastor.

THE SENIOR MYF OF ST. PAUL'S Church in New Orleans sponsored a spaghetti supper during March. Proceeds were divided between the church general fund and the senior MYF treasury. Everett Miller is president of the group and Rollie and Fran Downhour are counselors. The Rev. E. J. Barksdale is the pastor.



G.R. ANDRUSS (left), recently retired by the J.C. Penny Co. after serving as manager of the Houma store for 22 years, asked for the opportunity to devote most of his time to First Church, Houma. Now chairman of the commission on membership and evangelism, he was in charge of all preparations for the revival. Looking at the outdoor sign with him are the pastor, Dr. Henry A. Rickey, and associate district lay leader, Hartwell Lewis.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI Concert Singers will be presented in a concert of sacred music in the sanctuary of Alexandria's First Methodist Church, Tuesday night, April 9. Director of the forty-voice Choral group is James Coleman, a native of Pineville. Pastor of the Alexandria church is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

MEMBERS OF THE BROADMOOR Junior High MYF, Shreveport, went on a camping trip to Crystal Springs Recreation Area in Arkansas the last week-end in February. Sixteen campers were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClung, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrell, Mr. Archie Epes, counselor, and the associate pastor, the Rev. John W. Hassler.

SOUTHSIDE METHODIST MEN, Monroe, had their annual chicken barbecue in March. Approximately 500 plates were served at the church or delivered. The men plan to use the money made from this barbecue to sponsor the recreation program and to do some other work around the church and grounds. Gene Boozer is president of the group and the Rev. Lea Joyner is the pastor.

HARRY ESKEW, director of the choirs at Parker Memorial Church in New Orleans, presented a special service of Charles Wesley's hymns in that church on Sunday evening, March 24. After relating the history of the hymns, he led the choir and congregation in singing them. The pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

BOB HOLLADAY was in charge of the program for the Sub-District MYF meeting held in the Douglas Methodist Church on Monday, March 18. The theme

was "Jesus Christ is Lord of My Life as an Evangelist". Bob is a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston, where the Rev. Douglas McGuire is pastor.

MRS. C.A. BURNS presided during a seminar for parents of teenagers at the Lake Charles First Church the first Sunday in March. Also on the Sunday evening fellowship program leading a study of the Old Testament was Rabbi Jerome Mark. Miss Bonnie Mae Smith led a symposium for teachers in the adult division. The Rev. George W. Pomeroy is pastor.

AMONG THE MANY CHURCHES honoring the Campfire Girls on their 53rd anniversary Sunday, March 17, was the DeRidder First Methodist Church which has 29 girls belonging to the organization. Campfire leaders from that church are Mrs. L.L. Kilman, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Hooks, Mrs. H.A. Bremer, Mrs. Jimmie Hooks, Mrs. J.E. Stephenson, and Mrs. R.D. Hayes. Pastor at DeRidder is the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson.

THE FOUR YOUTH from Istrouma who made the mission tour sponsored by the Woman's Society were Jo Ellen Hargis, Jack Gregory, Charlotte Greer, and Kay Whitfield. The seven Methodist institutions visited were St. Mark's People's Community Center, Methodist Home Hospital, McDonell Methodist Center, Dulac Community Center, Sager-Brown Home, and the Lafayette Wesley Foundation. The Rev. Ira Flowers is pastor of Istrouma.

THE MID-WEEK BULLETIN of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, is sprinting over a ten-week period a complete history of the work of the local and world-wide church. The members are urged to save the bulletins to have a complete story. Chairman of the Every Member Canvass in that church is Mr. Earl McKenzie, assisted by Harold Miller, Jack Ratley, R.H. Shirley, Gortha Ware, H.K. Poulan, C. Burton Weekley, Jim Herndon, and Lynn Maxwell. The pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of Haynesville Methodist Church plans to appoint a special committee to investigate procedures for operating a cemetery, looking toward operating and maintaining Shady Grove Cemetery, a thirteen-acre tract owned by Haynesville Methodists. At one time oil royalties amounted to several hundred dollars a month on the tract, but royalties have declined to less than maintenance cost. Haynesville pastor is the Rev. K.G. Rorie.

THE SENIOR AND OLDER YOUTH Fellowship of Lake Charles First Church chartered a bus for a mission tour the week end of March 23. They visited Centenary College, the Wesleyan Foundation, Shreveport, and the Children's Home in Ruston, spending the night in the dormitory of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in Ruston, and attending worship service Sunday morning in Trinity Church, Ruston. Dr. George Pomeroy is their pastor and the Rev. Donald J. Hall is associate minister.

THE WELSH FIRST CHURCH senior and intermediate MYF groups attended the worship service at Temple Sinai, Lake Charles, Friday night, March 15. This was a family night occasion, so after worship the MYFers were invited to have fellowship with the young people of the Temple. They were taken on an informative tour of the worship area by Rabbi Jerome Mark who explained to them the meaning of Jewish symbolism as used in their services. In addition to counselors Mrs. J.W. McCown and Mrs. Walter Hayes, there were 22 boys and girls in attendance. The Rev. Oakley Lee is their pastor.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of St. Joseph has been presented a copy of Sallman's "Head of Christ", size 26 X 32, in loving memory of a former member, German Baker, who died July 25, 1962. This presentation was made by the Osborn family. Mr. Baker became a member of the St. Joseph Church in 1904, and was one of its most prominent and faithful members. Some years prior to his death he was responsible in a large measure for the construction of the new sanctuary and educational building in that he urged the members to raise the money and matched it dollar for dollar. The pastor at St. Joseph is the Rev. A. W. Coody.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR APRIL 14, 1963: "CHRIST IS RISEN"



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 15:42 Through 16:8. Printed Text: Mark 15:42 Through 16:7.

MEMORY SELECTION: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I Peter 1:3

AIM OF THE LESSON: To make more real and more meaningful the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to come to a better understanding of the meaning of it all for people of today.

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Today we come to the Easter lesson. Easter Sunday is commonly considered to be the high point in the church calendar for the year. Since on Easter Sunday we generally study some phase of the resurrection of Jesus, it is our feeling that such a lesson may also be the high point in the Sunday School program for the year.

The resurrection of Jesus has been the major battleground between enemies and followers of Christ across the centuries. This is true because enemies of Christ feel that to concede the resurrection of Christ is to concede everything for which Christianity stands. Followers of Christ believe that the destruction of faith in the resurrection of Christ would destroy the very foundation on which the superstructure of the Christian church and the Christian religion stands.

There are many questions raised about the life of Jesus. Was he born of a virgin? Did he live a sinless life? Did he really perform the many miracles recorded in the Gospels? There are many other questions. However, the most vital, crucial question ever asked about Jesus is, Did he rise from the dead? If I believe that he arose from the dead, as I do, I can believe anything else the New Testament teaches about Jesus. If I did not believe in his resurrection, I would have only a passing interest, if any interest at all, in the many other questions raised about him. The Christian church will stand or fall as faith in the resurrection of Christ stands or falls.

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JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Today's lesson begins with a discussion of the port Joseph of Arimathea played in the burial of Jesus. The only time Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in the New Testament is in connection with the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Furthermore, this is the only mention of the town of Arimathea. No one is certain of its location. Some think it was near Lydda in the north west corner of Judea about twenty-five miles from Jerusalem.

Joseph of Arimathea was a rich friend of Jesus. We are told that he was a just and good man, "looking for the kingdom of God." Before the crucifixion he was evidently not a very brave man. He was a secret follower of Christ because of fear of the Jews. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish court which tried Jesus in the early morning hours before he was carried into the court of Pilate. Though a member of the Sanhedrin, he took no part in the trial either for or against Jesus. Most like he was not present.

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"WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED"

Sabbath after sabbath we say of Jesus, in re-

peating the Apostles' Creed, "was crucified, dead, and buried." It is of this statement that we study in the first part of our lesson today.

When Jesus died on the cross his friends, his relatives and even his disciples were so bewildered, so frustrated and possibly so frightened that they seemed to disappear. Hastings Dictionary of the Bible, in its brief article on Joseph of Arimathea says "It was common for friends of the crucified to purchase their bodies, which would else have been cast out or refuse, a prey to carrion birds and beasts." When we read this statement we realize how important it was that Jesus did have a friend, Joseph of Arimathea, who went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus that he might give it proper burial. He was assisted in this by Nicodemus, the ruler who came to Jesus by night.

When Pilate was convinced that Jesus was dead, he gave his body to these two friends for burial. The body of Jesus was wrapped in linen cloth and laid in a rock-hewn tomb which Joseph of Arimathea had apparently provided for his own burial. A great stone was placed in the entrance of the tomb. In accord with a request by Jewish authorities, a Roman seal was placed on the door of the tomb and a Roman guard was placed before the tomb to watch it.

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WOMEN AT THE TOMB

The second part of our lesson text is a record of the visit of some women to the tomb of Jesus in the early hours of the first Easter morning. Jesus was crucified Friday and buried late in the day. His body stayed in the tomb through Saturday, the Jewish sabbath. The Sabbath day ended with sundown Saturday. Early Sunday morning the women went to the tomb of Jesus to anoint the dead body of their dead Friend.

They expected to find a dark tomb holding the dead body of Jesus. Instead they found an empty grave lighted by an angel's garments that were as white as snow. They were frightened, as we would have been. However, the angel stilled their fears with the words, "He is risen, he is not here."

If we examine the grave stones in our older cemeteries, over and over we read the words "Here lies -----." The epitaph which angels write is quite different. The angels epitaph is, "He is NOT here." The message the angels gave the women was "Come and see -- Go and tell." That is God's message to people even until today.

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THE DISCIPLES BELIEVED CHRIST ALIVE

The faith of the disciples that Christ was the Messiah grew until they gave expression to their faith in the great confession. That faith continued full strong until Jesus died on the cross. When Jesus died, faith in him as the Christ died in the hearts of the disciples. Bewildered, frightened they hid away behind closed doors lest they too be the next victims of Jewish wrath.

After three days this dead faith suddenly was alive again and no power of earth could still or destroy it. Why did this sudden, revolutionary change come in the lives of the despairing disciples? Let it be said that this new faith did not come easily. It was not based on hearsay evidence. The disciples would not believe anybody who told them that Jesus

had arisen from the dead.

When the women returned from the empty tomb with the message that Jesus was alive Luke says, "Their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. Two followers of Christ on the road to Emmaus on resurrection day, were joined by Jesus. Jesus did not reveal himself to them until they reached Emmaus. In the breaking of bread Jesus made himself known to them. When they learned it was Jesus "in the same hour" they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples that they had seen Christ alive. Matthew says that they told the story to the eleven and odds, "Neither believed they them. On the evening of the day of the resurrection, while the disciples still refused to believe any report that Jesus was alive, Jesus appeared in their midst as they were hidden behind closed doors. At first Luke says "they were terrified and supposed they had seen a spirit." Gradually they were forced to believe that Jesus stood before them in person. Thomas was not present at that meeting. The ten told him that Jesus had appeared to them in the upper room but Thomas would not believe the whole ten of them. Thomas declared that he must see for himself. Eight days later Jesus again appeared to the disciples and Thomas was with them. After he saw and talked with Jesus, Thomas said, "My Lord and my God".

No one of the disciples would believe that Jesus arisen from the dead until he showed him face to face. When they thus saw him, again and again, they not only believed, they knew that he was alive.

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RESURRECTION, A PRIMARY DOCTRINE OF EARLY CHURCH

Nine times in the Gospels we have the words of Jesus recorded in which he said to his disciples that he would "rise again." They remembered this after he had ascended to heaven and recorded it.

When the apostles chose a successor to Judas, they chose one, "To be a witness with us of the resurrection of Christ. Stephen was stoned to death. The immediate cause for the stoning was his testimony that he saw "Jesus standing at the right hand of God."

Paul claimed the right of discipleship because he had met Christ as he journeyed to Damascus. He talked with Jesus and heard his call to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.

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WHY IS FAITH IN RESURRECTION NECESSARY?

1. Faith in the resurrection is essential to faith in the survival after death of human personality. The only authoritative hope we have of such survival is based on faith in Christ's resurrection and teachings of his followers based on that faith.

2. Faith in the resurrection is necessary to a satisfactory explanation of the empty tomb.

3. Faith in the resurrection is necessary for a satisfactory explanation of the many appearances of Christ after the crucifixion - at one time to five hundred people.

4. Faith in the resurrection is necessary to a satisfactory explanation of the renewal of the faith of the disciples in Christ after his crucifixion.

5. Faith in the resurrection is necessary to faith in the mission and message of the church and faith in the value and truthfulness of the New Testament message which has at its very heart and center the doctrine of the resurrection.

6. Faith in the resurrection is necessary if we are to believe in the value of truth anywhere. The best that has ever come to the earth has come through people who gave their services to mankind unselfishly because they believed in the resurrection of Christ. If Christ did not arise from the dead, then the best that has ever come to earth has come as the result of faith in a lie. Under such conditions, a lie would be proved better than the truth for mankind. If that be true, then we are at the end of all logical processes of reasoning and can be certain of nothing.

7. When sorrow of the shadows of age press in upon us our faith in the resurrection is the only source of real comfort and courage. Without it we stand face to face with bleak despair. When we believe in the resurrection and the immortality of the soul we are able to face any experience of life with assurance, courage and hope.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In Oberlin, Ohio representatives of six major U.C. Church bodies have moved beyond the realm of purely theological discussions and have taken their first step toward actual merger negotiations. Delegates to the Consultation on Church Union have votes to ask their respective churches for "authority to enter into the development of a plan of union when, and if, the consultation decided that it is appropriate to begin such work."

This consultation grew out of the original proposal by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake in Dec. 1960. Taking part in the deliberations at Oberlin are representatives of the Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, United Presbyterian, Christian (Disciples) and Evangelical United Brethren Churches and the United Church of Christ. The first Meeting was held last year in Washington.

What is reportedly the largest representation of religious terms in a so-called "desk" dictionary is included in a new dictionary to be published in April. Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish terms are defined in liberal amounts in Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary. Among significant innovations are drawings and tables designed to contribute to the different religious bodies.

We are certainly glad to know that we are going to have a source-book of such definitions. Now when we attend a church meeting we won't need to spend three-fourths of the time "Defining terms" as leaders have so often had us do.

A Roman Catholic theologian has proposed in Newton, Mass. that his church abolished its Index of Forbidden Books, Father Hans Kueng, dean of the theological faculty at the University of Teubingen, Germany, and a consultor to the Second Vatican Council, also called for an end to forms of censorship. His remarks were made in an expansion of his prepared lecture before an audience of 3,000 persons at Jesuit-maintained Boston College. In his lecture the German priest stressed that freedom with in the life of the Church is essential for the good order of the religious body.

Now this is a radical proposal concerning freedom within the Roman Catholic Church. We have a feeling that there will have to be a lot of discussion and dialogue before this is taken very seriously.

Nine seafaring missionaries en route to Haiti have been reported safe by the U.S. Coast Guard after their home-made 100-foot vessel, Crusader, sank in choppy seas off the coast of Mexico. The group was taken aboard the St. Anthony, an American tuna boat, off the tip of Baja, California, about 850 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Leader of the rescued group was the Rev. Howard A. Smith, minister of the Calvary Church of the Full Gospel in Wilmington, Calif. The boat was built for about \$25,000 by congregation members guided by Mr. Smith, a former carpenter and aircraft engineer.

We remember that port authorities at Los Angeles tried to prevent the launching of this ship which they felt was not seaworthy and Mr. Smith and members of his crew raised a mighty howl about interference with their journey of faith.

Red Chinese have found a way of getting foreign capital through the manufacture of religious articles for sale in Hong Kong, a Maryknoll priest recently disclosed in Hong Kong. Father James F. Smith views the sale of such articles as an interesting comment

on the state of the Red Chinese economy.

Dr. Ernst Wilm of Bielefeld, president of the Evangelical Church of West Phalia in West Germany, has become involved in a controversy with some West German newspapers concerning references to the East German State. The question is over how East Germany should be designated since the West German Federal Republic does not recognize the East German regime. The dispute with the papers began when Dr. Wilm protested a news release by a West German News Agency.

In Alameda County, Calif., a legal officer has advised local school officials that they must refuse an offer from Gideons International to distribute Bibles to public school children. A 1956 ruling by the California Attorney General was cited by Deputy District Attorney Firby against Bible distribution in the schools.

A new nationwide program of cooperation between clergymen and physicians has been launched in New York by the American Medical Association's Department of medicine



SCULPTOR DOMENIC ZAPPIA stands behind several of the life-size figures in the wood reproduction of the Last Supper that took him four years to create in Kansas City. The figure at right is Jesus and one at left is Judas, holding a bag of silver.

and Religion. Dr. Paul B. McCleave, the departments director, told newsmen that the program aims at showing doctors and clergyman how each can help the other in "total care" of the patient. Dr. McCleave is a United Presbyterian minister.

Two prominent West German Lutheran leaders, in independent declarations, have spoken out against the ordination of women to the ministry. Bishop Hermann Dierzfelbinger of Munich, head of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria, said the principle of equality of men and women could not be applied automatically to the spiritual office. Lutheran Bishop Karl Witte of Hamburg, who holds similar views, pointed out that such a move would constitute a "liquidation" of one of the Church's basic traditions.

The Indian government has announced that it would give special permission to churches and religious institutions to keep nonornamental gold in excess of 50 grams. Under a current law designed to prevent a gold drainage on the country's foreign exchange resources, all in-

dividuals and institutions have to declare gold in excess of 50 grams to a governmental agency.

A plea that the church use more qualified laymen in its social ministry in the field and in executive institutional positions has been made by a Lutheran minister-sociologist at the Lutheran Church in America's first conference on synodical social ministry chairmen in Chicago. Dr. Karl H. Hertz of Wittenberg University and Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, O., urged the church to acknowledge that a "lay person, properly trained as a professional social worker is the preferred choice" for its social ministry and top positions in denominational social agencies and institutions.

A proposal to enlarge the scope of the Laymen's Movement of offering memberships to clergymen and women was approved in principle at the organization's recent annual meeting in New York. Robert M. Cox, executive director of the nonsectarian group, recommended the creation of a "Wainwright House Association" to include the new members.

Christian movements making great impacts on the church in the past 50 years have been largely ignored by most theological schools, Dr. Charles L. Taylor of Dayton, O., executive director of the American Association of Theological Schools, recently asserted. He charged that seminaries have taken little notice of Biblical theology, the ecumenical and liturgical movements and the "rediscovery" of the laity.

Two cardinals and many bishops were among the more than 4,000 Americans who gathered in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to witness the beatification of the first native-born American citizen ever officially proclaimed a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. The service honored Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, founder of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at Emmitsburg, Md.

President John F. Kennedy became the 31st President of the United States to visit St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, thus preserving a tradition as the "church of the Presidents" dating back to 1816 when it was built during the administration of James Madison. The nation's first Roman Catholic chief executive visited the church, situated on Lafayette Square opposite the White House, before the Sunday morning service and signed the historic prayer book which is used in the President's pew. He did not stay for the service of the church. Episcopal Bishop William F. Creighton of Washington was on hand to greet the president as he arrived.

Dr. C. Kilmer Myers, vicar of Trinity Episcopal Parish's Chapel of the Intercession in New York, has been named first executive director of the newly-formed international Urban Training Center for Christian Missions in Chicago. The begin full-scale operation in 1964, the national center will help train churchmen to grapple with urban changes at the local level. It will seek to relate Christian work to problems as planning, urban renewal and slum clearance.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, on a royal tour of Australia, attended Sunday morning service at the Anglican Church of All Saints at Islandbend, high up in the Snowy Mountains. All Saints is a small pre-fabricated church surmounted by a simple wooden cross and stands close to the site of a vast irrigation and hydroelectric development program.

New Jersey Superior Court's Appellate Division has upheld a \$20,000 jury award to a woman who broke her hip in 1958 when she slipped and fell on ice in a parking lot at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Maplewood, J.J. The church had appealed a verdict on the grounds that the parking lot had been cleared of snow and that the plaintiff had been negligent. In denying the appeal, the court declared that "having extended an invitation to its parishioners to use the parking lot facilities, it was under a duty to maintain such parking area in a reasonably safe condition."

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By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanman

To Become Whole Takes Individual Effort

BEING MADE WHOLE - Each of us can confront a query which comes home to every person. It is a quaintly old-fashioned question: "Wilt thou be made whole?"

As you know, it is the question put by the Great Physician to the sick man at the pool of Bethesda. This invalid desired to be made well, and health is what we all crave. He thought he could be cured if he only had someone to help him to the pool at those times when it bubbled, for at such moments its waters were supposed to have healing power. Thus the man not only wanted health, as we do, but like so many of us, he thought his condition would be bettered if others would only aid him. But since he was always edged away by those more active who went ahead of him, he felt sorry for himself. Thus this man whose infirmity had been on him for 38 years waited, wanting to be made well, pitying himself and blaming others because he was not better - all of which seems pretty modern, does it not?

And the old-fashioned language of the question: "Wilt thou be made whole?" is translated in the up-to-date terms by some of our modern versions of the New Testament. They put it like this: "Do you want to be healed?" But we know that to the Nazarene Physician health meant more than mere soundness of the body. It meant the well-being of the whole nature, body, mind and spirit. To be made whole is to be restored to the norm or standard which was in the mind of the Creator when He gave us life.

If I were to ask, "Wilt thou be made normal?" most of us would hardly deign to answer. We regard ourselves as normal. We would spurn the idea that we are abnormal or subnormal. But we usually determine normality by taking a composite of the traits observed in the persons around us and if we measure up to the average, then we consider ourselves normal. But what is the norm of wholeness to which the Great Physician would have us measure up? Dr. Karl Stolz, when dean of the Hartford School of Religious Education, listed the marks of a normal person as follows:

1. He is engaged in a socially useful occupation;
2. He is wholesomely related to other persons;
3. He is honest and capable enough to examine and improve himself;
4. He has a sympathetic understanding of the situation of others;
5. He cultivates a tension-reducer in the form of an avocation;
6. He has a sound philosophy of life.

Here in Lent let us point these questions toward ourselves.

Are we working at something useful? Man is not created to be a wild animal or a beast of burden, but a being who finds the zest of living in the joy of working. Work is as essential to well-being as is food or air.

Are we wholesomely related to other persons? We may answer, "Oh, we get along with people." But do we get them along? When we mingle with others, do we leave them looking up or down? Do we give with grace and forgive without a grimace?

Are we sufficiently honest and capable to examine ourselves without excusing or pretending? Can we laugh at ourselves, deflating our pride without losing our self-respect?

Have we the sympathetic insight to put ourselves into the situation of others? Can we feel compassion for the suffering of others without poisoning it with pity.

How deep are our friendships? Was it Thackeray who said, "I have many friends but not more than a dozen the news of whose death would spoil my appetite for breakfast?"

Do we have healthy hobbies or avocations? When we play do we unravel the strands of character or do we knit up "the raveled sleeve of care"?

And how about our philosophy of life? Have we a map to guide us in the journey of life? We may not know where we shall be ten years from now, but we all should know what kind of person we desire to be ten years hence. The nuclear age and space travel have not changed the goals of life. Can we take defeats without despair and success without dizziness? Have we a confidence in life that will sustain us when we retire and not desert us when we come to die?

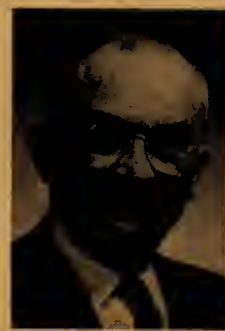
Some years ago I heard a speaker introduced with these words: "He is steadfastly old-fashioned ahead of his times in his ideals." Such a person is on the way to being made whole.

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THE SECOND WEEK BEFORE EASTER -



IN HIM ALONE THERE'S GLORY: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." -- Gal. 6: 14.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist
A ROMAN SOLDIER'S CONFESSION

My name is Claudius. I am a centurion, captain of a hundred men. My soldiers are a hardy lot. All hundred of them. They often get a little noisy when they are drunk, but I can handle them. And if they stab one or two Jews in a midnight brawl, it's alright with me. My family is in Italy, and this job in Palestine is anything but pleasant. Jews are haughty, lawless, full of hatred. They spit on the ground when we pass. That's why I don't worry when I am given the job of crucifying one of them. Another Jew disposed of, I say. The more the better.

Crucifixion is an ugly job. But you don't join the Roman army for easy jobs. Besides, when the orders come to me I have nothing to do but carry them out. I get the cross myself if I do not obey. This job that I am writing about started out like any other crucifixion. Three criminals to hang up. Three at a time are better than single crucifixion, too. Fewer ugly jobs of watching men twist in mortal agony or of hearing them shriek and curse in unbearable pain.

It was my turn to command the crucifixion detail that day. And it started out badly. We were delayed while one of the criminals tugged his cross up the hill. He did not seem strong enough to carry it anyway. That is when I ordered a man in the crowd to come out and help carry the cross.

But was this condemned man really a criminal? There was something in his face that I have never seen in wicked men before or since. He did not hate or curse. He bore his cross without a word. Even when Marcellus, the man with the

hammer, drove the nails into his tender palms I heard only a few mumbled words. He said something in Aramaic, and I don't know much Hebrew. But I understood what he was saying. He was asking God to forgive us. Can you imagine that? Forgive the very ones who were executing him.

The governor told us to put a sign over his head, so we did. It read, "This is the King of the Jews." But he did not look like a king to me. Kings ride horses. I never saw this fellow riding anything but a donkey. He had no purple robes either. Only a seamless robe of undyed wool, probably woven by his mother or sister. The soldiers wanted to shoot dice for it and I let them. I did not want it.

He died sooner than the other two criminals died. We had to watch them expire so we could report the fulfillment of our orders. But I could not take my eyes away from that fellow Jesus. He may have been a criminal but he acted differently from any other criminal I ever executed. He talked several times to his God. And I was most impressed when he died. He did not face death with screams of fright, like others had done. He simply said, "It is finished". He was finished, alright. But it must have been something more than his life that was finished.

When he died I looked up at him. Certainly this man was innocent. Truly he was a son of God; the God the Jews worship. He seemed too holy to be a son of one of our Roman gods. He was really a holy man. I'm sorry that I had to do it. I hope he has a spirit and that his spirit will come back to earth. We can use more people like him.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Risen Lord

By Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft
Minister, First Methodist Church
Fordyce, Arkansas

Read I Cor. 15: 1-11 Text: I Cor. 15:8: "He was seen of me also."

We draw nearer and nearer to the time when each year we celebrate the time we believe to be correct for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Easter observance is in all probability the most accurate dating we have of a Biblical event. And during this pre-Easter season we will see increased crowds in the churches of our communities and world. Then Easter Sunday many special services and overflow crowds will be experienced around the world.

The Christians who are referred to by Halford Luccock as "Bang, Bang" Christians, that is those who attend Christmas and Easter, that is Bang, Bang, fill the sanctuaries.

Then almost as if the tide had ebbed the Sunday following the churches will experience the greatest drop in attendance of the year. This will be true if all follows according to past records. However, this is exactly the opposite to what took place the first Christian century.

In the Afterglow of the resurrection experience we see a group of dejected, crushed and disillusioned men turned into a group of men destined to turn the world upside down for Christ, their Saviour.

Paul here call our attention to six of the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection. The appearances that made this drastic change in these men and in his own life.

One appearance was to one that had denied Him reaching out an arm of love to correct the heartbreak of a man who had thus fallen in his faith. Another to a man, a member of his own family, that had called Him mad and had been His enemy and opponent, bringing peace to his troubled soul. To this witness Paul gives his own testimony of Christ's appearance to him on the road to Damascus. An experience that made him a new creature in Christ. All of which gave a sense of the living Christ to every follower of His. No longer did they feel that this was the end to everything. To them it was the beginning of a new adventure for their Christ. They felt as though He was always with them. That all they need do was to look over their shoulder and they would see Him or expected to meet Him as they turned the corner and He would be there. This transformation in the lives of these men reached its peak in the Pentecost experience when they were given the power of the Holy Spirit.

There was no post Easter slump. No lack of interest in the program of the Church of Jesus Christ. There need be none in our present day. We can

have the experience of the first Christians in our time.

It can be and will be as we grasp in this pre-Easter season the need for a total dedication of life to the way of Christ. Allowing Him to become truly the master of our soul. Until the experience of the risen Christ becomes our experience and we can say with Paul, through the spiritual eye of man, "That he was seen of me."



Build A Devotional

LITTLE IS BIG!

It was just a hyphen missing that sent a mighty missile off course and caused it to have to be destroyed costing time, energy, and money. A small stump in the middle of the road and a speeding car wrecked, ending in tragedy. A dirty spoon, or glass in a cafe loses a customer. On you might go in pointing out what neglect in little things cost in a material way.

The little becomes big in social life. We blunder in social relations, and to continue blundering along leaves us gross and crude. No where is our truth more evident than in the relationships in the home. Each member of the family gets so bound up in his own interest that the common courtesies are passed over and tension develops. A wealthy son showered his mother with expensive gifts. She wrote him, "Just come home and eat with me and tell me your troubles that will mean more to me than all the rich gifts you can give me."

We talk of tyrants and tyrannical acts in terms of great devastation and it is true; however, it usually starts in little things. See the loyalty and devotion of a person to Christ and His Church drain slowly away. It did not start as one great leap into ignoring his sacred vows. It was more like a tiny hole in a pail that permits the water to drip, drip away until the pail is empty.

Here is a downfallen person, how

did he get that way? By one great act of sinfulness? In the large majority of cases it starts with the entertainment of an evil thought; to allow dishonesty to dwell in our minds for awhile. Someone said, "The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts." Tennyson says it in these beautiful words:

Large elements in order brought,
And tracts of calm from tempest made,
And world-wide fluctuation sway'd
In vassal tides that followed thought.

The tyranny of little things is that they slip on us unawares. It was the "One-talent man" who tripped. We miss our prayer life today and it is easier to miss it again tomorrow. It becomes habitual and we never meant it to be that way.

There is another side to this truth it is also God's secret. Not many will ever be called to great deeds of love and mercy but everyone can practice his faith right in his own "backyard". The little word of kindness, the light of encouragement, countless other ways the "Little is Big".

What an encouragement to the one-talent person! When he has given of himself unselfishly his act may seem "just a hyphen" but often it spells the difference between success and failure. How significant is the insignificant!

R. B.

A thoughtless Christian is very apt to be a heartless one.

"WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING"

"Welcome, happy morning;"
Age to age shall say:
"Hell today is vanquished,
Heaven is won today."
Lo! the dead is living,
God forevermore:
Him, their true Creator
All His works adore.

Come then, true and faithful,
Now fulfill Thy word,
'Tis Thine own third morning,
Rise, O buried Lord!
Show Thy face in brightness,
Bid the nations see,
Bring again our daylight:
Day returns with Thee!

Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609
Tr. by John Ellerton, 1826-1893
from THE METHODIST HYMNAL

Let The Children Come

Sometimes Jesus taught the people by giving them great sermons. Most often, however, he told them stories about the things that they had seen. From these stories he drew a lesson for them. These were called "parables." In the fifteenth chapter of Luke, there are three stories that Jesus told his followers.

The first is about a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. One became lost and so great was the shepherd's concern that he left all of the others and searched until he found the lost one. When he had found it, he called his friends and they were happy together.

The second story is about a woman who lost a valuable coin. She cleaned and swept until finally she found it. Her friends, too, came to rejoice with her.

The third story is about a boy who became lost because he chose to go away from home and do as he pleased. After much trouble, long days of wandering and many disappointments, he decided that he would go back to his father and his home. He had spent all of his inheritance in the far country and did not even have clothes to wear or food to eat. His father saw afar off and ran to welcome him. Their friends were invited to a great feast to show the father's joy at finding his son again.

A favorite story is found in Luke 10:30-37. It tells us of the traveler who was robbed and beaten and left to die by the wayside. Some people passed him by but the good Samaritan not only helped him to get back to the next town, but gave the inn keeper money for other days.

In this same chapter the story is told of two sisters and their brother. One sister did most of the work while the other sat and listened to Jesus. Read what Jesus told them about this problem. Luke 10:38-42.

—Aunt Feather

Youth Emphases at Women's Meeting in Monroe



DIANE WATKINS, left, Lake Charles, told of her experiences in Europe as a high school exchange student; Lenora Dampier of Waterproof is Monroe District MYF secretary; Kathleen Gates from Pollock, is a registered nurse now working in the Alexandria Baptist Hospital and is a deaconess candidate as the result of the inspiration of a tour of missions she made last year; at right is the vivacious young U.S. -2 from Indiana who is teaching at Sager-Brown, and as we go to press we suddenly discover that she had been incorrectly identified, so we hope someone will send us her name.



CONFERENCE MYF PRESIDENT Sherman Carroll is with Mary Bingham of Simsboro, Ruston district president, Lenora Dampier, and Miss Ford.

EMPHASES UPON YOUTH were featured in two sections of the program at the Annual WSCS Conference when it met in Monroe in March. A special dinner for youth was held in the First Church of West Monroe to which 250 young people from over the state traveled by car and chartered bus. On Friday morning a panel of youth discussed opportunities for Christian training and service open to young people.



AMONG THOSE AT THE YOUTH BANQUET head table were Miss Ford (extreme left), Donna Gartman and Sherman Carroll, both from Columbia (she accompanied his vocal solo), Mrs. Charles Giessen, conference secretary of youth, and the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert.

World Day of Prayer



MISS ALLENE FORD, national Division secretary of missionary personnel, was principal speaker at the youth banquet.



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was observed by the United Church Women of New Iberia at the First Methodist Church. Leaders for the local observance were Mr. Laureal Fremin, Mrs. Otis Thomas, and the Reverend Luther Booth host pastor. Mrs. Shirley Ellender was chairman of the program.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Helen Gage Harris

"At Vespers one evening many years ago in a meeting of the North Texas Epworth League Conference, I felt strangely and unmistakably that God wanted me to volunteer for full-time Christian service. From then until now, that feeling has remained constant. My education and vocation has been planned with this call uppermost in my thoughts."

Helen Gage Harris was born in Sherman, Tex., the daughter of Austin and Cora Carr Gage. It was in this city that she lived for many years and complete high school, Kidd Key College, and had some work in Austin College. Sherman remains her permanent home address.



Mrs. Harris

Her professional training was at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., where she received her degree in Christian education.

While at Scarritt College, she became very interested in the opportunities for Christian service to be found as a deaconess of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church, and she was accepted for this work.

Prior to going to Scarritt, she was employed by the Epworth Methodist Church in Chickasha, Okla. Her first appointment as a deaconess was to the McKendree Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn. Then followed appointment to the First Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. as

deaconess-director of Christian education.

In 1942, Helen Gage married Russell P. Harris in Charlotte, and together they continued their service in the establishment of a Christian home. Their son, Austin G. Harris, was born on January 6, 1944, and in this same month, Mr. Harris passed away as a result of an illness of several months duration.

In 1945, Mrs. Harris returned to her work as a director of Christian education and continued in this work until 1962 except for a period of time when she was employed as social caseworker. As an educational director, she served at the Travis Street Church, Sherman, Tex., First Church, Alvin, Tex., and the Wesley Church in Dallas, Tex.

Because of the responsibilities and privileges of rearing her son, she did not seek reinstatement as a deaconess for a number of years.

Her son, Austin, completed high school in Dallas, Tex., in May, 1962, and is now enrolled in Southwestern University in Georgetown, Tex., where he is beginning preparation for the ministry of The Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harris said, "It was truly one of the high points of my Christian experience when, at the same time, my reinstatement as a deaconess and my son's decision to enter the ministry was announced at the annual session of the North Texas Conference in May, 1962."

In June, 1962, she came to her present appointment as deaconess-caseworker at the MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, La. Of this she says, "Indeed, there is great opportunity for service here as we seek to minister to the needs of dependent children who live at the center."

World Outlook & Methodist Woman

ALICE ORR, your conference secretary of literature, calls attention to April drive for COMBINATION SUBSCRIPTIONS to THE METHODIST WOMAN & WORLD OUTLOOK. This offer should attract the attention of every officer and every new member. The April issue of WORLD OUTLOOK is worth the price of a year's subscription - be sure to see the Board of Missions Special Issue. May and June issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN are "musts" for every officer of WSCS and WSG.



Subscription Time



THE REV. J. PHILIP WOODLAND, pastor of St. Mark's Church in New Orleans, and Mrs. Woodland teach their daughter, Laura Beth, early in life to "digest" the WORLD OUTLOOK.



WOMAN'S PAGE

Local Societies Report



MEMBERS of the Lakeview Woman's Society (from Sweetlake and Fairview Churches) posed at a recent meeting.

The Lakeview (Fairview and Sweet Lake) Woman's Society of Christian Service received the J. R. Credit for the study of the "Rim of East Asia" with a ninety-five percent attendance.

The following officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Lakeview Woman's Society of Christian Service, held at the Sweet Lake Church.

They are: Mrs. Andrus Demerett, President; Mrs. Clyde Duhon, Vice President; Mrs. Edmund Helms Jr., Recording Secretary; Mrs. Bessie Goodman, Treasurer; Mrs. Pauline Landry, Secretary; Mrs. Bessie Goodman, Treasurer; Mrs. Pauline Landry, Secretary of Christian Social Relation and Supply Work; Mrs. Joe Hebert, Secretary of Promotion Literature and Publication; Mrs. Eldon Nickel, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Tom Taylor, Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Chairmen of local church activities are: Mrs. Charles Precht Sr., Sweet Lake, and Mrs. Vera Grissom, Fairview.



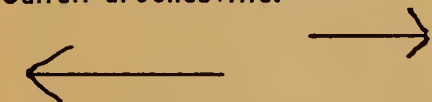
MRS. GERALD HELMS is the outgoing president at Lakeview.

The Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs, pastor of the Fairview and Sweet Lake Churches, led in the study of the book of Romans with panel discussions held each Sunday evening during the month of February at the Fairview Church. A large number of people from both churches participated in these discussions.

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MRS. R.M. COTTON being presented the lifemembership by Mrs. Roy Garrett at Jonesville.



PRESENTING "Five in the Living Room" at Urania were: Mrs. Martha Overbey (left), Mrs. Harry Nichols, Mrs. Irene Johnston (Grandpa), Mrs. Don Corley, and Mrs. Walton Hixson.

MRS. IRENE JOHNSTON (grandpa) and Mrs. Martha Overbey.

The Urania Woman's Society completed the study course "Persons of Special Need" in March, taught by Mrs. Martha Overbey, community worker. The class of eight students received jurisdictional credit. As a culmination of the study, a playlet entitled "Five in a Living Room" was presented, after which lunch was served in fellowship hall. The playlet dealt with the problems of the aged when they come to live in the home of a relative. Taking part in this play were Mrs. Overbey, Mrs. Walton Hixson, Mrs. Harry Nichols, Mrs. Irene Johnston, and Mrs. Don Corley. The Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor.

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CHARTER MEMBERS of the Mt. Zion Woman's Society are: front row, left Mrs. Maud Bishop, Mrs. Lelia Cardozier, Mrs. Martha Overbey, guest speaker Mrs. Minnie Luther, first secretary, Mrs. Vesta Fredieu, the Rev. Mrs. Lula Wardlow; top row, Mrs. J.E. Garner, present president, Mrs. Cheston Stevens, Mrs. Lula Horn, Mrs. Neal Strickland, first president, and Mrs. Jessie Gunn.

MT. ZION OBSERVES 33rd ANNIVERSARY

The Mt. Zion Woman's Society of Christian Service observed the 33rd anniversary of its organization on Thursday, Feb. 14th at the church with 18 members present, of whom eight were charter members.

The society was organized in February, 1930 by Rev. G. A. McVay, pastor at that time. He was assisted by Rev. Mrs. Lulu Wardlow, who now lives in Montgomery, La. There were 14 members when the society was organized. Mrs. E. C. Strickland was the first president and Mrs. Minnie Luther, the first secretary.

At the anniversary service, Mrs. J. E. Garner, current president presided. Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Crammer directed the music for the program and opening prayer was by Bro. Crammer, present pastor.

Mrs. Lulu Wardlow, one of the most beloved former pastors brought the devotion on work and faith. The guest speaker was Mrs. Martha Overbey of Urania, conference rural worker, sponsored by the National Woman's Division. She spoke on "The Receipt to Happiness" and her message was most inspirational.

The church was decorated for the occasion in pink and white, and a special worship center using the W.S.C.S. emblem and an open Bible was very impressive.

Following the anniversary service delicious refreshments were served in the dining hall of the church. The center table was beautiful with an imported linen cloth on which a bowl of pink and white forget-me-nots, silver candle holders, and pink candles and an anniversary cake decorated with "Mt. Zion W.S.C.S. 33rd Anniversary."

University Society, Lake Charles

A theme of Christian Art and Symbolism prevailed in decor and program at the covered dish luncheon of the University Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service in March.

The Violet Knispel Circle decorated the speaker's table with a white cross against a bank of purple and white chrysanthemums with symbolic grapes and bread flanking the arrangements.

Mrs. R. L. Stovall, wife of the pastor, returned thanks. Mrs. Jessie Porter, presided at the brief business session. Members and speakers gathered in the sanctuary for a program planned by the Mary Davies Circle. Mrs. E. C. Kuttner read from the scriptures. Mrs. Ralph Elliot led songs and Mrs. W. F. Champan gave a Lenten meditation. Mrs. Lamar Davis, wife of the Wesley Foundation Student Center Minister, introduced the speaker, Mrs. F. T. Wadsworth, art student at McNeese State College.

Mrs. Wadsworth spoke on "Christian Art and Symbolism—It's Meaning and History". She used drawings and decorations of pomegranite and willow branches to illustrate her lecture to a most enthusiastic audience. Violets for humility were used on the communion table.

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Methodism and Urban America

in the Sixties: Part I

By Robert L. Wilson and Alan K. Waltz

(Editor's Note: No one can dispute the fact that America is becoming a nation dominated by cities. What does this urbanization of American culture mean for the Methodist Church in its mission to the nation? The answer to this important question is explored in a two-part article by Drs. Wilson and Waltz. Dr. Wilson is director of the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions. Dr. Waltz is the associate director. The two-part article is adapted from Chapter 7 of the new publication: **THE METHODIST CHURCH IN URBAN AMERICA, A FACT BOOK**. It is available at \$1 per copy from Department of Research and Survey, Division of National Missions, 1701 Arch St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.)

The decade of the 1950's saw an increase of nearly 28 million persons in the United States. This was the largest numerical increase in the population in any decade of the nation's history. In all probability, this increase will continue at an even more rapid pace during the Sixties.

During the depression years of the 1930's, the birth rate in the United States declined. With the coming of World War II in the early 1940's, the birth rate began to increase. At the conclusion of the war the birth rate rose very rapidly. Seventeen years have elapsed since the end of World War II. Thus, the so-called "war babies" are now in their teens.

The groups of the population in the childbearing age during the 1950's, it must be remembered, were the so-called depression babies of 20 years earlier. Despite the fact that these parents represented a generation when the birth rate declined somewhat, they were responsible for the vast increase of the fifties. During the 1960's the war babies will be reaching marriage age. With such a large number of persons entering marriage and childbearing, the increase of the Sixties will by contrast make that of the decade through which we have just passed seem small.

The 1950's also saw a rather sharp increase in the number of children under 10 years of age. When one considers the large numbers of children already in our population, it is not surprising that many of our local churches are having to build additional church school facilities and move to two and three sessions of the church school on Sunday morning. In all probability, our church schools will have to provide for a greater enrollment than they now have.

The population of the United States is increasing at both ends of the age spectrum. In addition to a large proportion of children and youth, there was in 1960 a larger proportion of persons 65 years of age and older than there was in 1950.

The effect of the larger number of persons in the 65 years of age and older group can be seen in the various special provisions made for the elderly. These include federal appropriations for housing designed primarily for older persons. The large number of older persons has made subsidized medical care for our older citizens an issue in American politics. The churches have reflected an awareness of the needs of this age group with the formation of a variety of church programs

designed for "senior citizens." Probably more congregations need to have such activities.

The 1950's saw a continued increase in the number of urban residents in the United States. This was the continuation of a long-term trend. In 1950, 64 per cent of the population of the United States was classified as urban (that is living in a town of 2,500 or more). By 1960 this had increased to 69.9 per cent.

The decade of the 1950's saw a vast increase in the suburban areas around our large cities. During the ten-year period between 1950 and 1960, the urban fringe area around cities of 50,000 or more grew by more than four-fifths. The movement to suburbia is evident to even the most casual observer. Bulldozers convert orange grove or corn fields to suburban lots with amazing speed. Entire communities are built and occupied within a matter of months.

This tremendous suburban expansion has resulted in a vast effort by the churches to establish new congregations to meet the needs of the rapidly developing areas. The need for new churches in the decade ahead will in all probability continue.

In every major city, denominational leaders need to do careful planning to secure the necessary land on which to build new churches while it is still available. Failure to plan for a church in a developing community may mean that the church will be excluded from the community for the indefinite future or be able to enter the community only at a cost so high that it might be prohibitive.

In addition to the rapidly expanding suburbs, there has been a trickle of middle and upper class residents into the downtown or the near downtown areas of a number of the large cities. In such cities as Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Detroit, there have been large, expensive apartment buildings constructed in or on the edge of the central business district. These provide housing for those persons who want the convenience of living downtown and can afford to rent in these new buildings. In some cities these new apartments have replaced slum dwellings.

The increasing proportion of the American population living in the urban areas simply means that there must be more urban churches. If the church is to bring the Gospel to the majority of the population, it must do so within the urban context.

As our urban areas have expanded, cities have grown toward each other until whole areas have become one vast complex of cities bordering upon one another. It is possible to drive from Wilmington, Delaware, through Philadelphia to Trenton, New Jersey, without ever getting out in the country. One can drive from San Francisco to San Jose, again without ever leaving a city street.

Of late much has been written about the regional city, the strip city or the super city. These terms generally refer to a vast urban complex, made up of many political subdivisions. However, insofar as the church is concerned, this development simply means that there will be more city churches. The size of the city or of the entire urban area has little bearing upon the strategy for the individual congregation.

Primarily the local church is a neighborhood institution. It exists to serve the residents of a certain community within the urban area. Its fortunes are tied to that of the residents of the neighborhood or community that it serves. When the community is prosperous, the church is prosperous. There are exceptions to this rule, such as the ethnic or language church which draws its members from a cultural group rather than a geographical area. Another exception is the downtown church which by nature of its location and program serves a larger geographical area than does the church in a residential community. However, the great majority of city churches are neighborhood institutions, serving persons living within a more or less limited discernible, geographical area.

What is needed is not an urban strategy but a strategy which will take into account the needs of churches in different types of communities. This strategy needs to develop ways of strengthening the local congregation so that it will be able to maintain its witness in the community. That the local church is in a neighborhood which in turn is a part of an urban complex with a radius of 50 miles is irrelevant to strategy on the local level. In the final analysis, the church succeeds or fails in the neighborhood where it is located.

The fastest growing group in many American cities is the Negro minority. In 1960 almost three-fourths of all Negroes were classified as urban residents. More than one-half of all Negroes in the country lived in central cities of 50,000 or more.

The residential pattern of our cities is generally known. Urban neighborhoods tend to be practically all-white or all-Negro. Those neighborhoods which have some white and some Negro residents are usually undergoing a period of transition, generally from a white to a Negro community.

When almost any aspect of urban church strategy is considered, the urban Negro population is a factor which must be taken into account. Such items as urban renewal and public housing cannot be discussed without taking into account the Negro population.

The vast majority of Negroes, particularly in the north and west, reside in the central city of the large urban areas. While this will probably continue to be the case throughout the Sixties, more and more Negroes will be moving out of the older parts of town into new housing in suburban areas. The development of housing

laws in a number of the states is making it easier for those Negroes who wish to and can afford to buy new homes in the suburbs to do so.

A ministry in many sections of our large cities which contain already many hundreds of thousands of individuals must be a ministry to Negroes. The Methodist Church to date is reaching only a very few urban Negroes. During the 1950's, the Negro population grew at a rate of approximately four times that of the membership of the Central Jurisdiction churches. The difference in the rate of growth in the number of urban Negroes and the Negro membership in Methodist churches is much greater. Despite the inmovement of hundreds of thousands of persons, the church membership in many of the cities has grown by only a few hundred.

During the 1950's, Methodist churches tended to stay in the larger cities. Despite the large number of Negro immigrants and a corresponding exodus of a large number of white residents, most Methodist churches in the cities were able to keep in operation. This was true even in those cities where the total Methodist membership suffered a rather severe decline during the 1950's.

In Buffalo, for example, there was a decrease of more than 83,000 (15.3 per cent) white residents and a decrease of 19.3 per cent in The Methodist Church membership between the period of 1950-1960. Nevertheless, Buffalo had the same number of Methodist churches in 1960 as it did ten years earlier.

In 1960 there were 114 Methodist churches in the city of Chicago, only one less than there had been a decade earlier. In Detroit the total Methodist church membership decreased by only 3.7 per cent, while the number of congregations declined by only one. In Cincinnati there were three fewer Methodist churches in 1960 than in 1950, while in Pittsburgh there was a decrease of only one church. Two cities which had the greatest decrease in the number of churches were Philadelphia with a loss of seven, and Washington, D. C. with a loss of six.

In San Francisco two new congregations, primarily to serve Negroes, were organized during the 1950's; thus that city had two more Methodist churches in 1960 than it did in 1950. Denver and Milwaukee each reported one more Methodist congregation in 1960 than in 1950, while Minneapolis had an increase of six Methodist congregations during the decade.

The evidence indicates first that the Methodist Church has been able to maintain local congregations in the city despite the rather drastic change in population. If the church is to serve the residents of the city, it must be there physically. The fact that a church is located in a neighborhood does not necessarily mean that church is serving the residents of that neighborhood. However, it can safely be said that if a church is not located in a community, it cannot serve the residents of that community.

As long as there are large numbers of Methodist churches within the cities, there is the opportunity for these churches to carry on a ministry to the urban residents.

In Memoriam



Mrs. Effie Wynn

Mrs. Effie Kathleen Wynn, wife of T. W. Wynn, died at her home in Corning, Arkansas February 26, 1963, at the age of 76 years.

Mrs. Wynn was born at Corning and most of her life had been spent in this area. She united with the Methodist Church at an early age and had been a member of the Corning Church for more than sixty years. Until failing health forced her to curtail her activities, she was a very valuable member of her church. Across the years she held almost every position in the church open to women. She was a teacher in the Sunday School, a faithful worker in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and its predecessor, the Woman's Missionary Society, and had served as church musician in her younger years.

Mrs. Wynn is survived by her husband, T. W. Wynn, of Corning, one son, Robert Wynn, of Bryon, Ohio, three daughters, Mrs. Archie (Isabell) Cothren, of Dierks, Arkansas, Mrs. William (Kathleen) Rogers, of Ruston, Louisiana, Mrs. Fred (Helen) Wilmot, of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Two brothers, P. L. Oliver and J. M. Oliver both of Corning and one sister, Mrs. Lorene Hickman of Boulder, Colorado, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the First Methodist Church in Corning Friday, March 1.



HERE AND THERE

Once any man begins to believe he is made in the image of God he becomes difficult to enslave... p. 83

One of the most important facts in this connection is that there are no scientific secrets... p. 86

The Future Is Upon Us
Roy L. Smith

BEST BECAUSE OF AGONY

SEATTLE — The Methodist system of building new churches is one of the best among American denominations because it involves more agony, a Board of Missions executive said here.

The Rev. Dr. B. P. Murphy of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the Section of Church Extension of the board's Division of National Missions, was attending the 24th national Conference on Church Architecture Mar. 5-7 in Seattle. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Church Architectural Guild of America and the Department of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches, of which Dr. Murphy is chairman. Nearly 800 clergy, architects and other laymen attended.

Some denominations Dr. Murphy explained, will start a new church by putting up as much as \$125,000 for the site and first unit of the building. Then they organize a congregation and ask them to refinance the loan in order to help yet another new church begin.

"We Methodists organize the congregation first," Dr. Murphy said, "though more and more the conferences are buying sites in advance. Then we appoint a minister and he and the members struggle to raise enough money to erect their first building. Frankly, our system is better because it involves more agony. When the people get their new church, they know it is theirs."



The individual never had it so rough as in this generation which insists upon conformity.

METHODIST BRIEFS

TWO GOING ON ASSIGNMENTS

Responding to special needs on the mission field and to suggestions that the church use the ability and experience of older persons in professional ways, the Division of World Missions is assigning two such persons to the field to do special jobs.

The Rev. Dr. Miron A. Morrill, Winfield, Kan., chairman of the Division of Literature and Languages at Southwestern College, will go to Taiwan to work in the field of academic and financial development of Soochow University. He will serve as a special representative of the World Division and as a consultant to the university. Dr. Morrill served as professor at Soochow from 1957 to 1960.

Professor Paul E. Johnson of Boston University School of Theology will go to Japan to lecture in theological seminaries and help with pastors' institutes. He may also work along similar lines in Korea and Okinawa.



HERE FOR SPECIAL TRAINING

A program for strengthening the younger churches of Methodism overseas through training their pastors is underway for the third time, with the recent arrival in the U. S. of 13 Methodist ministers from seven countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The program is the Overseas Pastors Training Program of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions, which brings leading ministers from Methodist and Methodist-related churches overseas together for 10 months of study and field work in American churches. In addition to

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CAN YOU TOP THIS? Keith and Kathy Neal, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal, began taking the offering in Cooper's Chapel Church at the age of 4½. They're now 7, and are pictured with their pastor, the Rev. C.J.T. Cotten.



STANLEY GRUBE, a counselor, crowns Charles Calhoun king of the McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sweetheart Banquet, as Queen Sylvia Smith watches. The annual banquet was held in the church, using a theme, "Spring Time in Paris."



GROUND BREAKING was held recently at Blackwater Methodist Church for a new parsonage. Shown here, from left, are P.T. Carpenter, Mrs. T.O. Young, C. Leon Facundus and H.H. Edward, all who participated in the ceremony. Construction has already begun on the parsonage.



VAN REECH has been selected to be General Chairman of the Every Member Canvass Committee of the First Methodist Church, Mansfield. This picture of Mr. Reech is an indication of planning now underway in each of the churches across the area for the Every Member Visitation period.



ALMOST FIFTEEN PER CENT of boys and girls resident at the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, were on public school honor rolls for the first semester of this year. The range in grades from first through college sophomores. They are shown here at a dinner given in their honor by Superintendent and Mr. Harry Ezell.



OUTGOING COUNCIL members and a past counselor of Junior High MYF at Henning Memorial, Sulphur, were honored at a banquet recently. Shown in the lower picture, standing, from left, are Donna Lee, Ann Donovan, Linda Blanchard, Linda Faye Smith, Glenda Chamblee, Uba Lee Perry and Andrew Drost; kneeling are Dean Mannina, Graham Donaldson and Mike Walker. Dean was president. A banquet scene is shown in the picture.



ABOVE ARE FIVE of the 15 members of the Olla Methodist Church building committee at the site for the planned new building. From left are O.B. Strong, chairman; Mrs. Glen Loe, the Rev. Ted Smith, Mrs. Smith and A.N. Talley.



A NOTE-BURNING CEREMONY was held recently at DeQuincy Methodist Church, signifying payment of a \$28,000 debt. Shown here, from left, are Dennis Hines, a layman, Jim Boatman, Official Board chairman, and the Rev. Leonard Cooke, District Supt., burning the note. The Rev. Jack Winegart is pastor.



"He is risen, he is not here."



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CHILDREN AT THE Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, are seen as they entered enthusiastically into the recent project of converting the old mule barn at the home into a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton and other active indoor games.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Easter Offering for Methodist Children's Home

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 6, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14; Revised Standard Version). I have interpreted the word "let" to be an exhortation to "encourage and assist" the children in coming to Jesus. This is definitely a part of the work of our Methodist Children's Home at Ruston.

The Lenten Season is that part of the Christian year which we devote especially to the purpose of preparing the hearts of our people to come into a closer and more real relationship with Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Lord. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

How fitting it is that Methodists in Louisiana have adopted the custom of making an offering at Easter for the Children's Home. These gifts enables our responsible Board of Trustees and our capable staff at the Home to do a better job of ministering in every way to the little children who, for various reasons, have been entrusted to our care. Let us do our best this Easter for the Methodist Children's Home — and may our gifts to this worthy cause contribute to our spiritual experiences on this Easter Day.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

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Editorials

The eternal victory

St. Paul said in Second Corinthians that "the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." This is the proposition on which all faith in immortality rests. How early in life we become aware of the first part of that text - we discover that the things we love most to play with are so quickly broken and are no more. Then as we grow older we become aware of the insecurity of life. We have our first experience with death either inside the family circle or just beyond it. We read books in which lives seem to end so quickly. We study the poetry of Shelley and learn how young he was when a squall off the Italian coast ended his melody.

Moreover, life's transiency is illustrated in the societies and nations of the world. Although established in strength, all of them - Egypt, Rome, Babylon, Assyria, Greece and Nazi Germany - were to end like houses built upon the sand.

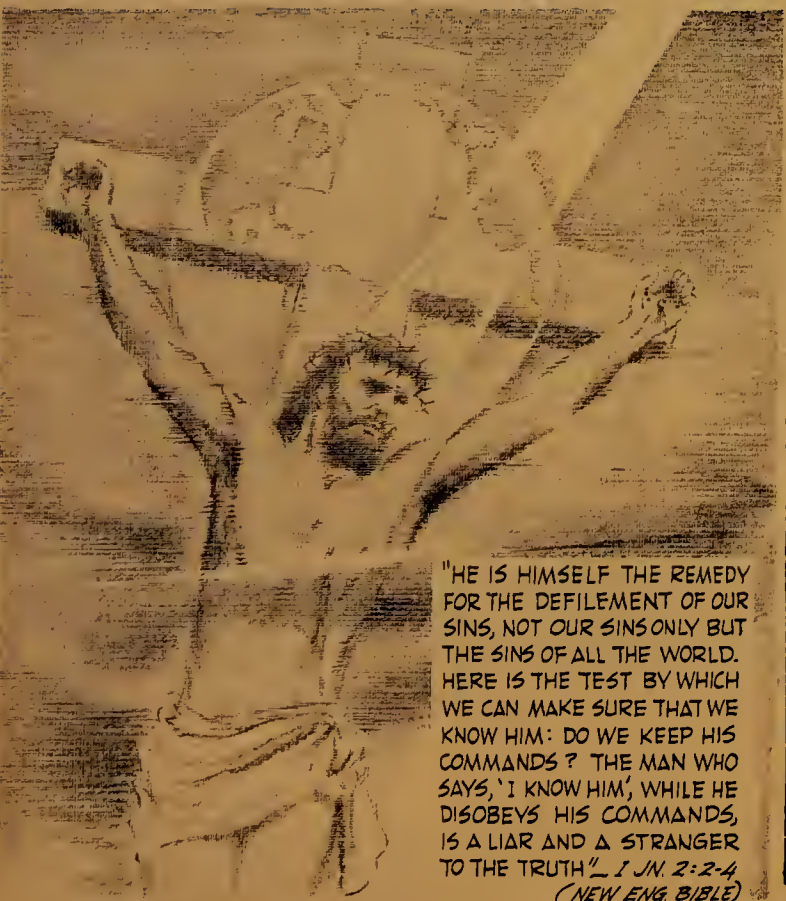
We call the stars eternal, but even they are not. They are constantly being destroyed and new ones formed from the aeons of space. Everything seen is temporal.

The very thought of all this makes man hungry for something which is eternal. There has to be something lasting or else, as William James said, "this whole creation is no better than a silly motion picture which might as well be run backward as forward because it doesn't make any sense anyway."

All around us are people who try to reverse the words of Paul and deny this eternal truth. They think that the physical universe goes on forever, and that the thing called personality quickly passes away and is no more.

The message of Easter denies the message

HOPE OF THE WORLD



"HE IS HIMSELF THE REMEDY FOR THE DEFILEMENT OF OUR SINS, NOT OUR SINS ONLY BUT THE SINS OF ALL THE WORLD. HERE IS THE TEST BY WHICH WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW HIM: DO WE KEEP HIS COMMANDS? THE MAN WHO SAYS, 'I KNOW HIM,' WHILE HE DISOBEYS HIS COMMANDS, IS A LIAR AND A STRANGER TO THE TRUTH." 1 JN. 2:2-4 (NEW ENG. BIBLE)

JACK HAMMA

of the deniers. The word of eternal victory declares that not the lowest, but the highest persists - that the things seen are temporal and the things unseen are eternal.

Let us at this Easter time dignify our lives, ground our characters on unshakable foundations, devote our service to abiding aims and keep our hope invincible. Hallelujah! The Lord God omnipotent reigneth!

The threat of 'popular' religion

The Rev. Dean M. Kelley, executive director of the Department of Religious Liberty of the National Council of Churches, recently charged that "popular" religion is more of a threat to America than atheism or secularism. In a speech before the recent annual meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, he said "the popularity and prestige enjoyed by the institutions, leaders and symbols of organized religion in America today make absurd that charge that we are threatened by 'secularism' or 'atheism' in any sense that is going to be cured by the means proposed."

What he seemed to be trying to say is that the religion which has become popular is a "low demand" religion that puts its faith in a lot of symbols and cliches without calling on its constituents to make much of a sacrifice. Mr. Kelley put it rather well when he said, "The kind of 'low demand' religion supported and promulgated by government is actually an enemy of 'high demand' religion which is the kind that changes men and societies." We are reminded that Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, "most of us are inoculated with a mild form of religion that makes us immune to the real thing."

Jesus often decided that too many people were listening to his message and that it was time for him to go elsewhere. This kind of action amazed his disciples. The Master knew that popularity was not the end of his mission and that it could often be seen as a threat to what he was trying to get done. We can do well to give serious consideration to Mr. Kelley's charges that we are threatened in this country by "popular" religion.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS

The annual convention of the Associated Church Press, the national organization of Protestant church editors, was held Apr. 3-5 in Nashville, Tenn. The Methodists and Baptists took some pride in having our colleagues visit what we often laughingly refer to as our "Vatican City."

Naturally the headquarters of our two denominations were very much at the center of the activities, and we were delighted to hear the favorable comments about our operations by those seeing them for the first time.

It was a delight to have the privilege of traveling to the meeting in the company of Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, the able editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

The president of the organization for the past two years has been Edwin Maynard, editor of The Methodist Story, and a very close personal friend who had a great deal to do with our decision to go into church journalism.

Mr. Maynard has just recovered from serious surgery, but is now in fine shape and did an excellent job of presiding at the ACP meeting.

The spirit of ecumenicity which is found everywhere these days was in the Nashville meeting. Jim Doyle, executive secretary of the Catholic Press Association, was a visitor and made a real contribution. Dr. Harold Fey, editor of The Christian Century, brought formal and informal reactions from the Second Vatican Council.

Two of the most interesting addresses were from Mr. Eugene Wyatt, editor of the NASHVILLE Tennessean, and Mr. Lloyd Wright of the staff of the Peace Corps.

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VISITING AT the Baton Rouge District Parsonage during recent simultaneous revivals were the Rev. Roy Garrett, Jonesville, and the Rev. John Jones, Zachary, shown with their hosts the Rev. and Mrs. D.W. Poole.

Appointment

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton has announced the appointment of the Reverend William Earl Nolan, Elder in Full Connection, of the Memorial Beekman Charge, Monroe District, as Director of Alumni Affairs and Student Procurement of Centenary College, effective April 15.

Don Tyler Presents Recital at SMU



Don Tyler of Jonesboro, Louisiana, was presented in a recital March 20 in Perkins Chapel on Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tyler of 304 North Cooper Avenue in Jonesboro.

The graduate recital was in partial fulfillment of degree requirements as a Master of Sacred Music Major and Music Education Major, and Tyler was assisted by Phil Baker, organist. He is the pupil of Ruth Norton Meade, Instructor in Voice in SMU's School of Music.

Donald sang eleven selections: "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer"; "Humbly I Adore Thee," "Prayer" (by Beethoven), "O Lamb of God," "From the Accursed," "Arm, Arm Ye Brave," "Rise Up, My Heart, with Gladness," "In My Father's House are Many Mansions," "The Publican," "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," and "Antiphone (Five Mystical Songs)". Baker played one selection, "Three Short Pieces" by Schroeder.

Tyler, a baritone, is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, professional music society for men. He has sung frequently in the Jonesboro Methodist Church, where he and his parents are members, and has served as summer recreational director at both the Arcadia and Jonesboro Methodist Churches. Donald also was a member of the famed Centenary Choir while attending college there, and choir director and youth worker at Grapevine, Texas, for two years while at S.M.U.

When the Christian Church suffers a defeat anywhere it suffers everywhere.

Monroe District Youth Rally

Approximately 175 youth gathered at the Delhi High School on March 10, for the Monroe District MYF Rally. Following registration and recreation, District President Sherman Carroll gave a welcome and presented to the group the nominations of officers for the coming year. The Rev. Woodrow Hearne of Shreveport delivered an inspiring message entitled "How to Be Bigger Than I Am," after which the youth divided into five discussion groups. Each sub-district presented a different subject; they were: "The Bible," "Interfaith Dating," "Cheating in School," "Parent-Youth Relations," "The Christian Responsibility Toward Communism."

The new officers were voted on by the group and are as follows: President, Dennis Sanford, Oak Grove; Secretary, Lenora Dampier, Waterproof; Treasurer, Pat Vanzile, Monroe; Publicity Chairman, Pat Richards, Collings-ton.

Mrs. William Bengtson

Mrs. William H. Bengtson, wife of the pastor of the Many Methodist Church, passed away Saturday, March 30, in Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, Shreveport, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held in Many and burial was in Texas.

World Missions Spotlited at St. Luke's Church in Shreveport

World Missions have been spotlighted in various ways during February and March at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Shreveport. The annual School of Missions, using the theme "The Rim of East Asia," was held on five Sunday evenings, with a family supper climaxing the observance.

"See All the People," a movie on Advance Specials prepared by TRAVCO, was shown on the following Sunday evening. St. Luke's Church is sending its School of Missions offering as an Advance Special to Angel's Haven, a home and school for Korean boys, sponsored by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

The adult classes, during the school, heard talks by Dr. E. L. Ford, a Southeast Asia; Dr. Robert Goodloe, the Philippines; Chaplain Daniel L. Newman, Korea; Mrs. Claude Cochran, Hong Kong; and Mr. Byrant Davidson, Christianity and Communism in East Asia. Children and youth met separately under the guidance of Mrs.

Robert Abercrombie, Kindergarten; Mrs. David Gleason, Primary; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shoulders, Junior; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hubble, Junior High; and Mrs. L. L. Stephenson, Senior High and Older Youth.

For the family supper, the hall was decorated with objects d'art from around the world. Japanese dolls and other oriental curios were featured on one table. Centering another table was a stylized three which held miniature flags of the African nations. On another were colorful Mexican flower carts filled with camellias. Various objects made by the children during their sessions were also displayed; these included posters depicting scenes from the Rim of East Asia. Mr. R. D. Shoulders was master of ceremonies.

Director of the School of Missions was Mrs. Jack Fiser, who was assisted by Mrs. Vern Schmidt, Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Paul Goodin and Mrs. Neil Dixon.



SHOWN AT THE recent Ruston District Mission Day at Homer are (l. to r.) the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr., district director of youth work; the Rev. Jerry Means, district missionary secretary; Mrs. J.A. Alford, missionary to China; Miss Mary Bingham, Simsboro, council president; and the Rev. A.J. Williamson, missionary to Malaya.

Report of Church School Rally Day Offering

by Dr. Bentley Sloane

Many churches have paid a substantial amount on Church School-Rally Day offering. This is an important day in September when the program

of Christian Education is presented to the congregation and Church School workers are recognized. The Discipline calls for an offering on that day for the Board of Education. Many churches do not take an offering, but place an amount equal to 6 cents per member in the budget and pay it monthly or quarterly. This amount should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Hearn, and should be reported in column 73 of the Pastor's Report.

Each month, the Conference Treasurer sends this offering or budget payment to the Board of Education Treasurer as it comes in. It is used to help cover the annual budget of the Board of Education, and for that reason, it is urgent. Please send your Church School-Rally Day offering as soon as possible.

On April 1, the following totals were reported by districts:

Alexandria District	\$ 402.31
Baton Rouge District	802.57
Lafayette District	343.49
Lake Charles District	373.40
Monroe District	408.55
New Orleans District	605.61
Ruston District	492.61
Shreveport District	1,077.29



THIS GROUP of the membership training class of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently visited the Wesley Foundation and the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. Chaperones for the trip were Mrs. D.P. Harris Jr., Mrs. Ed Kneipp, and Mrs. Vernon Failley. Their pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE JUNIOR HIGH Council of Shreveport First Church held an all day planning session at the YMCA Camp on Saturday, March 30. The teachers, counselors, and youth officers attended. Dr. D.L. Dykes is pastor.

DURING THE RECENT illness of the Rev. Ladell J. Futch of the Greenwood Methodist Church his pulpit was filled at both the morning and evening services by the Rev. R.L. Clayton, a former pastor of the church.

MUNHOLLAND JUNIOR-Hi MYFers held a retreat at Diehlman Center in Waveland, Mississippi, leaving New Orleans by bus at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, and returning at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr. is their pastor.

THE JUBILEE CLASS of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport will have a sunrise service on Saturday, April 13 at the Fish Hatchery next to Ford Park. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is their pastor.

DR. JOHN A. HUNTER, president of Louisiana State University, was the featured speaker at the March meeting of Methodist Men of the Farmerville Church. His appearance was open to the public. The Rev. John D. Corley is pastor at Farmerville.

THE COLLINSTON METHODIST CHURCH sponsored a chicken spaghetti dinner on Friday March 7. The dinner was served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. As a result of the dinner, a total of \$205 was added to the church treasury. The Rev. Joe Robinson is pastor.

MRS. R.D. CLONINGER and Dr. Ben Kaplan were guest panelists discussing "Responsible Living in a Confused World" at the concluding session of the study of "Today's Family for Tomorrow's World" in the Lafayette First Church in March. The Rev. R.R. Branton is pastor.

MISS JUANELVA ROSE, Miss Martha Howell, and the Sulphur Woman's Society of Christian Service assisted Mrs. W.W. Paxton in presenting the third session of the study of "Dimensions of Prayer" in the Lake Charles First Church, Tuesday, April 2. Dr. George Pomeroy is pastor.

THE REVEREND WARREN WALL, protestant chaplain at L.C.I.S., was guest minister Sunday evening, March 31, in the pulpit of DeQuincy First Methodist Church, where the Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor. Assisting in the service were D.E. Lamb and R.E. Smith.

DR. JAMES T. HARRIS, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, was guest speaker for the second Lenten Family Night in the Baton Rouge First Methodist Church, of which Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is pastor, on Wednesday, March 27.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR of Alexandria First Church, assisted by the Crusader and Antiphonal Choirs, presented Everett Titcomb's Lenten Cantata entitled "To Calvary" at both morning services on Sunday, March 31. The music was followed by a sermon by Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor.

JOHN L. HERFORD, prominent Methodist layman of Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur, brought the morning message March 31, at the Welsh First Church where the Rev. Oakley Lee serves as pastor. Mr. Herford is counselor of the Sulphur MYF and this group was guest of the Welsh MYF at the evening service.

THE CHOIR OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN College (Methodist), Birmingham, Alabama, presented a concert at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans, Wednesday night, March 20. The Rev. B.A. Galloway is the pastor. Their appearance was sponsored by the Cathedral Choir of Rayne.

HOLY WEEK Breakfast Services are being held in First Methodist Church of Bossier City on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6:30 until 7:30 a.m. The Rev. Joe Fogle, associate minister of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport, is the guest speaker. The Rev. Jack H. Midyett is their pastor.

DR. W.E. TRICE, pastor of the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, has written a series of religious articles appearing in the BATON ROUGE STATE TIMES during Lent. The series is sponsored by the Support of Churches committee of the Red Stick Kiwanis Action Committee.

THE OPENING RECITAL in a series of concerts presented Dr. Everett Jay Hilty, professor of organ and church music at the University of Colorado, in the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church of New Orleans on Tuesday, March 26. The recitals feature the new Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ recently installed. Rev. Benedict A. Galloway serves as pastor.

THE TRINITY JUNIOR-Hi MYF in Ruston was host to a group of twenty-five boys and girls from the Children's Home on Saturday night, March 30. The occasion honored those among the guests who had March birthdays. The idea originated as a result of the mission study the group had on "Persons of Special Need". The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is their pastor.

THE REV. ROBERT CONERLY, missionary to Mexico supported by the First Methodist Church of Minden, was guest speaker in that church in the two morning worship services Sunday, March 31. The young people of Minden visited his work in Monterrey on their tour camp in Mexico last summer. This fall Mr. Conerly will start work in Mexico City. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor of the Minden First Church.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE of Shreveport's First Church Woman's Society sponsored a spring retreat on Thursday, April 4, at Camp Margaret, to which all ladies of the church were invited. At the Tuesday, April 2, general meeting, Mrs. George Vetsch presided during the business session. Dr. D. Dykes is pastor.

MRS. J.B. WILSON has assumed the staff position of chairman of church hospitality in Trinity Methodist Church of Ruston. Mrs. Wilson volunteered for this activity and accepts no salary. She works through circles, classes, and other groups to enlist individuals to prepare for various church activities. Mrs. Nell Murry, former hostess, moved to Shreveport with her husband. Pastor at Trinity is the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

THE BATON ROUGE annual Easter sunrise service will be held at the Louisiana State University Greek Theatre, April 14 at 6:15 a.m. Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be principal speaker at the service, promoted each year by the downtown Kiwanis Club. The Baton Rouge High School a capella choir, under direction of John LeBlanc, will furnish music.

THE REV. NED L. STOUT, pastor of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church in New Orleans, was featured in an article in the NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM written by Herman Drezinski, March 23. He was considered newsworthy in the physical fitness program because instead of walking every day, he runs. Ten years ago while living in Eunice, he started the walking routine, then when transferred to Denham Springs, he speeded his walking to a trot. Now he has increased his exercise until he runs ten miles a day. His weight has dropped from 225 pounds when he started to his present 160.

THE SENIOR MYF OF Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles had a Parent Appreciation Night, Mar. 31, in which the parents were guests at the regular MYF program meeting, attended the evening worship service with the young people, and enjoyed an hour of fellowship afterward, at which time the MYF served refreshments to their parents. The program was on the subject of "Christian Love" and was presented by Nancy Walker, Dorothy Ann Risinger and Flo Boss. The Rev. Donald M. Risinger is the pastor.

IN KEEPING WITH THE LENTEN SEASON, Ingle-side Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, held a series on "Prayer" during the month of March, the purpose of which was to deepen the congregation's knowledge of the need and purpose of prayer. Speakers were: Dr. W.E. Trice, Reily Memorial University Church, who spoke on "Essentials of Prayer"; Mr. Lee Toney, a layman of the Ingle-side Church, who discussed the topic "Patterns of Prayer"; the pastor of the church, the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, who developed the theme "Does It Pay to Pray?" and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, who presented a service on "The House of Prayer."



HALL SUMMIT parsonage will be dedicated soon. It is one of the best for a rural work in the conference. The Rev. Henry Picket is pastor of the Hall Summit, Wesley Chapel, East Point charge.



THE CONGREGATION of Carrol Creek Church represent one of the smallest in the conference, but are most active and cooperative. With Holley Springs, it helps to educate many young student pastors.



DR. J.B. HARPER, Shreveport district superintendent, the Rev. David Stone, pastor, and Mr. McDowell, layleader, set a good example for the congregation of Carrol Creek at a dinner-on-the-ground.

The Sunday School Lesson



By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR APRIL 21, 1963: "PSALMS IN WORSHIP AND LIFE"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 1; 15; 73.
Printed Text: Psalms 1 and 15.

MEMORY SELECTION: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever. Psalms 73:26.

AIM OF LESSON: To show in contrast the results on life of godliness and ungodliness; to picture the essentials in true worship and to emphasize the place the Psalms have in our devotional life today.

Beginning with today's lesson we turn from the study of the Gospel of Mark to the Book of Psalms. For the remaining eleven lessons in this the second quarter, all of our lessons will be taken from the Book of Psalms. The general theme for these eleven lessons is "Inspiration From the Psalms."

In the formation of the Old Testament the books recognized by Jewish leaders as Holy Scriptures were accepted in the following order: First the five books of the Pentateuch. Next the books or letters written by the prophets. Last to be recognized as Holy Scriptures were all of the other books of the Old Testament commonly called at that time "the writings." These of course included the Book of Psalms which had already been in use for a long time as the Jewish hymn book. Hence the Book of Psalms was among the last group of books of the Old Testament to be recognized as Holy Scriptures.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Since we are to have eleven consecutive lessons from the Psalms, perhaps it would be well for us to think some of the book itself. As arranged by Jewish leaders, the Book of Psalms is in reality five books. These five books consist of Chapters 1 through 41; 42 through 72; 73 through 89; 90 through 106 and 107 through 150. Each of these books closes with a benediction or doxology. Some think that the Psalms were so arranged to correspond to the five books of the Pentateuch.

The book of Psalms was written by many different authors over a long period in Jewish history. Psalm 90 is attributed to Moses which would take us back to the early days in Jewish life since Moses died 1451 B.C. Hastings Dictionary of the Bible indicates that some Psalms may have been added to the collection as late as 100 B.C. This would mean that the Book of Psalms was written over a period of more than 1300 years.

The Book of Psalms, consisting of 150 poems, is the most valuable and most used collection of devotions literature ever written. Seventy-three of these, or almost half, are attributed to David.

IMPORTANCE OF PSALMS IN OUR WORSHIP

Nothing has done more to give form and expression to worship and devotions for our day than the Book of Psalms. We find expressed here in a spirit of reverence the whole range of human moods and emotions. There are Psalms of praise, prayer, thanksgiving, adoration, humility, repentance, lament and cries for deliverance to mention only a few of the many subjects discussed in Psalms.

One has but to notice the large place Psalms have in our responsive reading in the Hymnal of our church and in many of the ritualistic services of our Discipline to realize the importance of Psalms in the many functions of our church.

Because the book of Psalms means so much as devotional literature, it is frequently published in connection with the New Testament. So far as the writer knows, no other book of the Old Testament is so used.

BASIS OF HAPPINESS OF GOOD MAN

The two Psalms we study today are largely teaching Psalms. They describe for us the righteous man, the fate of sinners and the elements of true worship.

Our lesson text today opens with the word "blessed." In both the Old and New Testaments in most instances where the word "blessed" is found we are told that it might just as correctly have been translated happy, if the word refers to man.

In the first three verses of our lesson text the Psalmist describes the basis for a good man's happiness.

1. A good man does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. That is to say that his life is not influenced by what wicked men have to say. He does not counsel with them. He does not take their advice. Rather, he follows the course of the psalmist who says, in Psalm 16:7, "I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel." His happiness consists of the knowledge that his life is being lived in accord with the counsel of God rather than that of wicked men.

2. The good man does not stand in the way of sinners. The good man can find more congenial and more helpful companionship than that of sinners. This of course, does not mean that we cut ourselves off from every one who is not a Christian. We all have many acquaintances and numerous friends who make no profession of being Christian. However we do not spend our entire time in such companionship. Neither do we stand with them when moral character and spiritual development are in question.

3. The happy Christian does not sit in the seat of the scornful. The scornful lacks reverence for sacred things and hence has a perverted sense of values. A reverence for God, the church and all things sacred is essential to deep-seated happiness. Furthermore it is a large, contributing factor to genuine, wholesome happiness.

4. The three things mentioned above as contributing to happiness are negative in nature. They represent things a good man does not do. We know of course that we cannot live a well-rounded Christian life by simply refraining from things that are evil. A vital, satisfactory religion has a positive side. Verse two pictures the positive approach of a good man to the way of life that results in true happiness. The good man not only follows what he believes to be God's will, as expressed in the Bible but he delights in so doing. He does not do what he believes to be God's will through a sense of duty. He finds joy in service because he serves through a sense of love. For him the Christian life is the "abundant" life Christ promised his followers.

As a result of a complete acceptance of God's plan for life, the Christian finds spiritual nourishment in fellowship with God as a tree "planted by the water" finds its source of life by striking its roots deep into the moist soil. As a tree so placed has on evergreen foliage and bears fruit in its season, so the Christian finds in his relationship with Christ the

fulfillment of his promise that "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

God's promise in this Psalm to the good man that "whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" does not mean financial gain. This promise has about the same meaning as Romans 8:28 which reads, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Good here does not necessarily mean happiness, health or financial gain. It does refer to what is good for us eternally.

THE BLIGHT OF WICKEDNESS

"The ungodly are not so." Here the writer is in effect saying that sin brings results into the lives of wicked people that are just opposite to the effects of righteousness in the lives of good men.

Instead of a fruitful, happy life, the ungodly man's life is largely without a worthwhile purpose and finally worse than worthless. He is like the chaff off of wheat that is useless and so light that the wind blows it away.

As a result of the purposeless character of life he lives, the ungodly will not be able to stand the test in judgment. He will be like the house Jesus spoke about that had sand as a foundation and fell when the storm broke. The sinner will not feel comfortable in the congregation of the righteous. He will feel as much out of place among good people as the man in the parable who found himself in the midst of the crowd at the wedding feast of the King's son without having on a wedding garment. Since he was unprepared for the occasion the king had him thrown out. Even that was an act of mercy since the man must have felt much more at ease in the darkness outside than he did in the glare of lights at the wedding feast since he was not dressed for the occasion. The Psalmist puts it a little more bluntly when he says, "The way of the ungodly shall perish."

A question to which the combined wisdom of the ages has never been able to give a satisfactory answer is: "Why do sensible men sometimes choose a way of life that leads to everlasting destruction when it is possible for him to choose a way that will lead to everlasting life?" Such action is even more mysterious when one considers the fact that God requires a man to take nothing into his life in order to be a Christian except what helps him every step down life's pathway. God requires him to leave nothing out of his life except those things that hurt him every step of the way.

GOOD CHARACTER ESSENTIAL TO WORSHIP

Some one has called the 15th Psalm the Ten Commandments of worship. The question the Psalmist raises here is about who is able to feel at home as he worships in God's tabernacle on God's holy hill. The answer is ten-fold.

1. He that walketh uprightly. Life must be well lived. Character must be unquestioned.

2. He that worketh righteousness. Fruitful service is essential.

3. He that speaketh the truth in his heart. There must be inner sincerity of heart.

4. He that bitteth not with his tongue. The scoundrel is possibly the most contemptible kind of sinner.

5. He that doeth no evil to his neighbor. A practitioner of the Golden Rule with neighbors.

6. He does not take up a reproach against his neighbor. He is not always looking for something for which to blame his neighbor.

7. He in whose eyes a vile person is condemned. Not so much the person as his sins.

8. He honors them that fear the Lord. He respects their character and judgment.

9. He swears to his own hurt. He tells the truth even if he himself suffers for it.

10. He does not put out his money to usury. He is not a cheat, a fraud or a trickster.

The requirements as stated here for true worshipers are interesting for what they do not include. These requirements say nothing about age, education, wealth, position, color or race. This means that there are no requirements for worship of God that many normal persons cannot fully meet. To the psalmists requirements for worship we would add faith and humility. These qualities of Christian character are also possible in every normal life.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In Chicago Father Hans Kueng, Roman Catholic theologian and consultant to the Second Vatican Council, has said that he believes the Catholic Church should recognize mixed marriages in Protestant Churches as valid. In an interview, the Swiss-born priest, who is dean of the theological faculty at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, said he favors several changes in the Catholic Church's attitude toward mixed marriages between Protestants and Catholics.

This could easily be one of the most significant statements made by a Roman Catholic clergyman as a follow-up of the Vatican Council. A change in this traditionally unwavering policy concerning mixed marriages is one of the most cherished results we could hope for. Or are we as Protestants really afraid to think that such a change might come, since we have all taken such delight in castigating the Catholics for this position?

Canada's Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, a devout Baptist, recently found himself forced to break a long-standing rule - no political activities on Sunday. Enroute from Calgary to Vancouver, he was asleep when his train stopped at the station of Golden in the Rockies. Residents carrying placards supporting his Progressive Conservative Party rushed to his car and shouted for him to come out. Reluctantly he shook hands with many of them, and his "Never on Sunday" rule became "sometimes."

Certainly this political leader, now hard-put to survive politically, is to be admired for the stand which he has taken against campaigning on Sundays.

In Leeds, England, advocates of a more puritanical Sunday have been accused of doing more harm than good to the Christian cause, according to a report unanimously approved by the Council of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. The report said that it is the duty of every church member to go to church every Sunday if possible, and the proper use of the Sabbath which also includes, "serious thought, enjoyment of home and family, and duties of necessity and mercy." However, it stated, it would be unrealistic to suggest that every Christian could find time for such a full program.

Although people may be busier today than ever before, we feel that the use of the term "puritanical" for such a proposed pattern of Sunday observance is a bit extreme. It certainly can still be held up to a challenge to a great majority of our people.

Some 100 clergymen of the United States and Canada whose main ministry is the counseling of troubled persons and families are expected to participate in the First International Conference of Pastoral Counselors in New York, Apr. 19-20. In announcing the meeting, the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, which is sponsoring the conference, said it may lead to establishment of an international organization of pastoral counselors.

We feel that this is a commendable move since the problems of troubled persons is one which cannot be confined within the limits of any nation.

A former Harvard professor of Hebrew literature and philosophy has stated that Jews will reclaim Jesus Christ as part of a "lost literature" as a result of wider and more comprehensive conceptions of the scope of Jewish learning and literature. Writing in the Menorah Journal, Dr. Harry A. Worfson traced the

historical reasons why Jews did not accept Jesus as the Messiah.

If our Jewish friends take their quest for the "lost Jesus" seriously they may find themselves moving farther than the limits which Dr. Worfson suggests when he says "the present-day problem of the Jewish acceptance of Jesus should be treated as a problem of the reclamation of a lost literature rather than that of the recognition of a new moral philosophy which is needed for our salvation."

Roman Catholic Bishop Bryan Gallagher, speaking to the Methodist Men's Fellowship in Port Pirie, Australia, said recently that Christian unity cannot be found through compromise on basic tenets. "Any unity of the Church achieved by bargaining, compromise or by soft-peddling unresolved differences would be spurious," he told the Methodist Men.

Conservative Lutherans have been urged to "hear what other Churches are saying" by a leader of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod who pointed out the radical changes that are sweeping Christianity. The Rev. William T. Eggers, president of the Milwaukee Federation of Lutheran Churches-Missouri Synod, declared that denominations no longer "snugly fit into commonly accepted definitions" and that "Catholicism has been shaken by a sizable tremor." In this last statement he was referring to the Second Vatican Council.



THE LIFE OF PAUL has become an interreligious project at the St. Mary Convent in Monroe, Mich. A Protestant Episcopal clergyman, Orthodox Jewish artist and Roman Catholic nuns shown here a putting together a \$75,000 film strip on the life of Paul. National Council of Churches officials have also served as consultants.

June brides or graduating Air Force Academy cadets can rest assured they won't have a leaky roof over their heads as they go down the aisle, Major General Robert H. Warren, the academy's superintendent, has announced. The strange looking 17-spire roof has leaked from the time it was completed, and an additional \$240,000 is being spent on a repair job. General Warren has assured the cadets the job will be completed by mid-April.

Condemning prejudice as a "major" mental health problem a former federal judge has urged President Kennedy to include provisions for the study and treatment of racial and religious bigotry in the proposed national mental health program. Judge Simon H. Rifkind said that

while the federal government should be commended for using legal powers to eliminate prejudice, it should launch a study program to get at the roots of bigotry.

Cosmopolitan magazine and author Thomas J. Fleming recently received in Washington the National Conference of Christians and Jews' 1963 National Mass Media Brotherhood Awards in the magazine category for outstanding contributions to better human relations. Awards were presented to them for an article, "Religious," written by Mr. Fleming and appearing in the October, 1962 issue of the monthly publication.

Clergymen should receive special training to deal with the problems of alcoholism, Protestant and Catholic speakers agreed at a recent conference on the clergy's role in fighting alcoholism in New Orleans. The speakers were Dr. William S. Garmon, associate professor of social ethics at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and the Rev. John McQuade, S.M., rector of Notre Dame Seminary in the same city.

A regional interreligious traffic safety seminar recently held in Chicago was told by a Catholic theologian that clergymen should expect no "clerical privileges" when they violate traffic laws. Father Francis L. Filas, chairman of Loyola University's Theology Department, stressed that clerical garb or calling does not entitle a minister, priest or rabbi to disregard traffic regulations or expect more lenient treatment than the average citizen when laws are broken.

A trustee of the Lovett School in Atlanta has resigned following the Board of Trustees' refusal to enroll the five-year-old son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Negro Baptist leader. Cecil A. Alexander, an Atlanta architect, said that as a result of the board's decision, "I felt that my usefulness in being on the board had ended." Although the school has no official ties with the Protestant Episcopal Church, it is listed in the 1963 Episcopal Church Annual as "Lovett Episcopal Day School."

More than 100 leaders of Protestant and Anglican denominations and agencies in Burma recently met in Rangoon to discuss the question: "Should the Burmese Bible be revised?" Opinion was divided as panelists debated the current value of the century-old work. Judson sesquicentennial celebrations are being planned in December by Burma's Baptists to mark the arrival 150 years ago of the Rev. Adoniram Judson, first American Baptist missionary to Burma. In addition to his translation of the Bible into Burmese, he is famed for having compiled an English-Burmese dictionary still popular in the country.

In Taichung, Formosa, dedication ceremonies for the Henry Luce Chapel at Tunghai University have been scheduled for Nov. 11 to coincide with the annual Founders' Day observance at the Protestant school. The board of directors of the university also decided to ask a prominent theologian, not yet named, to deliver a series of lectures as a part of the dedication ceremonies and to invite government, education and Church leaders to participate. The chapel was made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, named in honor of the father of the magazine editor, a Presbyterian missionary in the early 1900's.

Separate departments have been set up in the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity to handle relations with the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Named as undersecretary in charge of relations with the Protestant Churches was Corsican-born Msgr. Jean-Francois Arrighi. Undersecretary for the section concerned with the Orthodox Churches will be Father Pierre Duprey, another Franchman, who has taught at St. Anne Seminary in Jerusalem.

A constitution for the permanent formation of the All Africa Conference of Churches will be adopted at an assembly at Kampala, Uganda, April 20-30, expected to be attended by some 350 Christian leaders from 42 African nations. First continent-wide ecumenical organization of its kind in Africa, the AACC will replace the provisional All Africa Church Conference set up in 1958 by representatives of 25 African church bodies.

1963 LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

CAMP BREWER

Rev. Ira Robinson
District Camp Director

JUNIOR

Rev. Roy L. Garrett, Director
August 12-16

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. Dell S. Durand, Jr., Director
July 8-12

SENIOR HIGH INSTITUTE

(Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles)
Rev. Jack S. Winegeart, Director
August 5-10

OLDER ADULT

(Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles)
Rev. W. D. Boddie, Director
June 10-12

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

CAMP BREWER

Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr.
District Camp Director

JUNIOR

Rev. Karl D. Wood, Director
July 1-5

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. Henry C. Blount, Director
July 15-20

SENIOR HIGH INSTITUTE

(Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles)
Rev. Jack S. Winegeart, Director
August 5-10

SENIOR HIGH TRAVEL CAMP

Rev. Rupert D. Cole, Director

OLDER ADULT

(Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles)
Rev. W. D. Boddie, Director
June 10-12

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

CAMP ISTROUMA

Rev. James S. Jones
District Camp Director

JUNIOR I

Rev. S. P. Emmanuel, Director
June 10-14

JUNIOR II

Rev. Lonnie M. Sibley, Director
July 15-19

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. Stone Caraway, Director
June 24-28

SENIOR INSTITUTE

(Baton Rouge and New Orleans)
Rev. Robert L. Potter, Director
July 8-12

FAMILY CAMP

Rev. J. P. Woodland, Director
August 30-September 2

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

CAMP BREWER

Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr.
District Camp Director

JUNIOR

(10 and 11 year olds)
Rev. William F. Mayo, Director
June 24-28

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. Robert W. Bengtson, Director
July 22-27

SENIOR HIGH INSTITUTE

(Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles)
Rev. Jack S. Winegeart, Director
August 5-10

OLDER ADULT

(Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles)
Rev. W. D. Boddie, Director
June 10-12

SPECIAL

Louisiana

June 24-28	M.Y.F. Assembly Rev. Brady B.
July 1-12	Conference Year Miss Louise S.
July 2, 3	Children's Workshop
July 12, 14	Wesleyan Service
July 21-27	Conference Meeting Mr. John Oldham
July 29-August 2	Pastors' School
August 3, 4	Laymen's Retreat
August 5-9	Conference Workshop
August 11-16	Conference School Rev. John M.

EVENTS

June 24-29	Woman's Society
July 5-7	Laymen's Workshop
July 8-13	Directors Workshop
July 12-14	Church School
July 15-16	Leadership Training
July 29-August 1	Briefing Conference
August 2-9	M.Y.F. Regional
August 13-16	Missionary Conference
August 16-18	Workshop on
August 19-22	Evangelism Conference

WINTER CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

WINTER EVENTS

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for Local Church Commissions

MONROE DISTRICT CANEY LAKE

Rev. R. E. Walton
District Camp Director

JUNIOR

Rev. James O. Evans, Director
June 24-28

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. Robert L. Peyton, Director
July 22-27

SENIOR HIGH

(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport)
Rev. Robert B. Holladay, Director
July 29-August 3

OLDER ADULT

(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport)
Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, Director
June 11-14

RUSTON DISTRICT CANEY LAKE

Rev. George W. Ross
District Camp Director

JUNIOR I

Rev. Edwin H. House, Director
June 17-21

JUNIOR II

Rev. William Paul Cassels, Director
August 5-9

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. L. Gray Wilson, Director
July 8-13

SENIOR HIGH

(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport)
Rev. Robert B. Holladay, Director
July 29-August 3

OLDER ADULT

(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport)
Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, Director
June 11-14

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT CAMP ISTROUMA

Rev. Robert L. Potter
District Camp Director

JUNIOR I

Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., Director
June 17-21

JUNIOR II

Rev. Don W. Alverson, Director
August 5-9

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. James L. Adams, Director
July 1-5

SENIOR INSTITUTE

(Baton Rouge and New Orleans)
Rev. Robert L. Potter, Director
July 8-12

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT CANEY LAKE

Rev. Conrad P. Edwards
District Camp Director

JUNIOR I

Rev. C. Ed Henkel, Director
July 1-5

JUNIOR II

Rev. C. B. Krumnow, Director
August 19-23

JUNIOR HIGH

Rev. Bob L. Lawton, Director
July 15-20

SENIOR HIGH

(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport)
Rev. Robert B. Holladay, Director
July 29-August 3

OLDER ADULT

(Monroe, Ruston, Shreveport)
Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, Director
June 11-14

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Christ Helps Us Master Ourselves

PALM SUNDAY - On Palm Sunday, the Christian world bows in reverence before the most royal and masterful figure recorded in history. To be sure, He rode into Jerusalem on a lowly beast of burden. The little company of followers marching with Him seems tiny in comparison with the giant parades staged today. But, however small the company behind Him that day the universe was behind Him. When He was asked to silence the shouts of His supporter, He replied: "If these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Jesus was master of every situation. When He was acclaimed by the cheering crowds in the days of his popularity, He did not lose His head. When He was cursed by the crowd as an imposter, He did not lose His nerve. When He was fawned upon by the rich and flattering Pharisees, He did not soften His principles. When He was spat upon by the mob, He did not harden His heart. In public and in private, in joy and in sorrow, in the Garden of Gethsemane and in the court of Pilate, He was the one to whom others turned instinctively for strength and order.

Jesus Christ was not only the most masterful of historic figures, but He was able to impart His masterfulness to others. He was more than an example dazzling others with His achievements.

He was a team player, linking Himself with others, imparting His strength to them. John in his gospel says, "To as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God."

And the apostle Paul makes the sweeping assertion to the Romans in the fifth chapter of his letter: "Much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ."

Consider how Christ helps us to "reign in life" by mastering the inner forces of our own natures.

The Book of Proverbs declares, "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." Self-mastery has been the goal sought by wise men throughout the centuries. Examples have been cited. Rules have been taught.

But Jesus did not just lay down a rule to be followed. He said "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." Jesus teamed up with His disciples. Think how He teamed up with Simon, the blustering fisherman who could not control his temper and transformed him into Peter, the master of his passions and the brave leader of his fellow disciples.

Recalling my boyhood experiences on an Ohio farm, I remember how after a heavy freshly fallen snow my father would leave tracks on his trips to the barn. As a little fellow I tried to follow in his footsteps. But they were so far apart I couldn't make it. I would jump up and slip and fall. But when Father took my hand and walked behind me, he steadied and supported me as I made my own tracks in the snow.

To try to follow Christ's steps in our own strength leads to despair. But when we join our will with His and walk with Him we feel the comradeship of His great spirit and the support of His strength.

Also Christ helps us to self-mastery by cleansing the mind of poisoning temptations. He fills the thought with "whatsoever things are honorable, just, pure, lovely and gracious." He humbles us with penitence for our sins, but He restores our self-respect. He makes us feel what we were meant to be and by God's grace still can be. He imparts the encouragement of the divine love which has faith in us. He breaks the power of canceled sins and sets the prisoner free from the shackles of enslaving habit. This is the timeless gospel of salvation.

And in this year of 1963 it has a timely application to our American scene.

Unless we Americans can start a veritable crusade to develop our individual self-control, we shall be crushed by the burden of our mounting social controls. We are requiring more governmental services to give us comfort and security. All this is leading us toward higher taxes and lower morals.

Instead of merely asking the government to control our society, let us turn to God through His Son for self-mastery.

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PROTESTANTS living in the area of a Minneapolis Catholic parish were recently invited to an open house in the parish's new \$890,000 church. Here one of the 40 laymen who conducted tours of the edifice explain some of the church's features. One of the 4,000 persons which attended tried out the church's new organ with "Rock of Ages."



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"HALLELUIA!"

A timid woman slips like a shadow along the dark streets of Jerusalem. Loafers who have been up all night are quick to accost her, even to reach her loosely flowing garments. But with a stern word she pulls away from them, her eyes ablaze with anger. Now she has reached a gate in the city wall and the Roman guard challenges her. "Halt! Who is there?" "Mary", the frightened woman answers. "My home is Magdela".

"What is your business?"

"I wish to anoint a body for a burial. He is outside the wall." The guard opens the gate, but only after he has whispered an invitation to come to his quarters. The semi-darkness covers her confusion. She runs a short distance to be free from his extended arms. But he cannot leave the gate, so he curses her as she dissolves into the night.

Now she has arrived at the tomb. She is horrified to see that the stone has been rolled away from the opening. Two others approach, but they are not strangers. "Peter and John! I am so glad to see you. But look."

The two disciples make a hurried examination, then depart as quickly as they came. They leave her alone in the dim light of early dawn. She falls to her knees and weeps in fearful disappointment.

Two angels appear in the tomb and ask the reason for her tears. "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have

laid Him." She turns away in grief only to see a third person. Probably the gardener. He asks her, "Woman, whom do you seek?" Mary is still searching for the dead body of her Lord. The wondrous impact of the Resurrection has not yet come upon her. She only requests that she be granted her Lord's body, to give it a decent burial. As far as she is concerned, her Saviour is dead. All that is left is His physical body. Now even that is gone. "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Then she hears her name called in a familiar tone "Mary." Startled, she looks up to see the face of the one who has done so much for her. There is the familiar smile of the Christ. Almost transported in joy she cries, "My, beloved teacher!" Thus Jesus, our risen Saviour, Made Himself known first to Mary of Magdela. The one whom He had healed the one who had followed Him so devotedly, even to His earthly grave.

"I have seen the Lord". This was the joyful testimony that she later brought to the band of frightened apostles. And from that day to this, Christians have been saying in different words and many languages, but with the same meaning,

Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons or men and angels say Halleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Halleluia!



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

A Christian Has Reason To Be Joyful

Rev. Charles Richards, Superintendent
Pine Bluff District
Read Philippians 1:3-11

The tenderest of Paul's letters is addressed to the church in Philippi. Philippi was the first European town to be evangelized by the great apostle. In letters to other churches, Paul specifies his authority and demands that they hear and heed his message. He does not feel the necessity for this in writing the Philippian Christians. He is confident that they will receive and respond to his message.

In this spirit, Paul writes his friends in Christ at Philippi with the purpose of encouraging them in the Christian faith. In this meditation and for the next three weeks, we shall think together on some passage taken from this letter of Paul written to his "beloved" Christian friends at Philippi.

For our meditation today let us consider the note of Christian joy that is sounded throughout the book. It should be remembered that this letter was written while Paul was a prisoner in Rome, awaiting execution. Nevertheless, he lifts up the joy of Christian prayer, the joy of bringing those we love and those of our concern before the presence of God. (Phil. 1:3) It is great joy for we have experienced God's power to do for us and for others what we could not do for ourselves. We bring others to Him with full confidence in his power to do "exceeding abundantly" with them "above all that we ask or think."

Then, there is the joy that comes through one's Faith in God. Numerous examples from Paul and others could be given to testify to the truth that those who look to God in faith are made radiant. If Christianity does not make a man happy, it does not make him anything at all.

Again, there is the joy of Christian fellowship. Christian love reestablishes broken relationships and brings the happiness of reconciliation.

Perhaps the greatest joy comes to the man who has won one or more persons for Christ. The Philippians are Paul's joy and crown, for he brought them to Christ. This is the joy of the parent, the teacher, the Christian layman and the minister—to bring another person into the love and service of Jesus Christ. Surely those of us who enjoy these Christian privileges cannot rest content until we share them with others.

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Blessed are the gracious, for they shall make friends.

Build A Devotional

OUR CONSCIENCE

Bible Reading: Acts 23:1

And Paul, earnestly beholding the Council said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." As translated by Moffatt—"Brothers, I have lived with a perfectly good conscience before God down to the present day."

The story is told that a King was in possession of a magic ring. When an evil thought came into his mind, the ring pressed upon his finger. Such a ring is in possession of all of us, our conscience.

One of the outstanding eastern Poets has said that Conscience is the center of our moral judgment. In some persons it is as large as an elephant while in others it is as small as a mouse. To some it appears as a mountain of iron but to others it appears as only a thread of silk.

Happy is the man who does not complain of the compunction of his conscience. Conscience is the lamp of Heaven designed to guide us despite the darkness of our hearts. It is the silent voice of God speaking in us above the tumult of this world. Martin Luther said, "It is neither safe nor prudent to do aught against conscience."

One of the best ways to stimulate our Conscience and have it working for us at all times as it should is our close association with the Church. If we attend all our Church Services regularly, that is, Sunday School, both Church Services on each Sunday, Prayer Meetings, Board Meetings and Revival Meetings when they are held, certainly we will be more aware of our Conscience than we would if we did not attend these Church functions.

A man once said that he had given enough money to the Church to have his way paved right into Heaven. Certainly, this man did not have in his

possession the "Ring of Conscience."

Prayer: "We thank thee Lord for this inner force that abides in us. We pray that it may be blended with Thy Spirit. Let Thy voice speak to us through our conscience. Help us so that sin may not sear our conscience or destroy our moral judgment. These things we ask in Jesus' name and for his sake." Amen.

—Jewell Warren

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Here And There

It is a significant fact that Jesus seems to have spoken but rarely of "sin" in the singular and nearly always of "sins" in the plural. His interest, that is to say, was not abstract but concrete, not speculative but practical . . . p. 80

In one sense you cannot break a law; you can only be broken by it. But you can break a heart, and that comes nearer the truth about sin as Jesus saw it. Sin is not hurting the moral order, for an impersonal order cannot suffer. Sin is hurting love, and love can suffer dreadfully . . . p. 81

There was no long period of probation; in a single moment a man might leap clear from the fearful pit to the very breast of eternal love, and the

Let The Children Come

When Jesus was a boy in the little town of Nazareth, he often watched the camel caravans go by. What strange animals the camels were! They could travel as much as a hundred miles in a day. They could live in the hot, dry desert countries for they needed a drink of water only every two or three weeks. Sometimes they carried the rich trader's merchandise—silks, spices and jewels from far away places. Rich men often owned many camels. But almost every family owned at least one. When they traveled to distant towns, the families would form their own caravan because it was safer to travel together. The Bible tells us of one or two of these trips that Jesus took.

Jesus knew, too, much about the sheep on the hillsides around Nazareth. They gave milk, meat and wool to the people. A sheep-skin coat was a prized possession for the nights became very cool. The Palestinian sheep were strong and could live out of doors throughout the year. They knew the shepherd's voice and would follow him from one grassy hill to another. Late in the evening the shepherds would all gather at the small streams so the sheep could have water to drink. How Jesus must have loved the stories they told as they waited around the watering places.

Other animals Jesus knew were the mule, the ox and the horse. He told a story about a hen and her chicks. He spoke of the flowers of the field and the birds of the air. From these things we know that Jesus loved the out of doors, the animals and the people who tended them. Open your Bibles and find these verses:

Matthew 12:11

Matthew 23:24

Matthew 8:20

John 10:14

most wasted, shriveled, burn-out soul might stand erect and clean and in its right mind before God" . . . p. 86

The Life and Teaching
of Jesus Christ
James S. Stewart

Poem For The Week

PRAYER FOR SERENITY

Please let me go where soft winds blow
To rest my troubled soul
And give to me tranquility
To fill my empty bowl.

The bowl I call my life today
Please fill with sweet content,
With soothing alms of serene calms
And peace from Heaven sent.

Then I shall lift my precious gift
From base terrenity
And praise my Lord for his award,
Christ-like serenity.

—Anna Nash Yarbrough



Spring Is For Kites

BOYS AND GIRLS at the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, like boys and girls everywhere, fly kites in the Spring. These boys and girls make their own using any materials at hand, from cellophane to newspaper. Activities which develop skills and a sense of achievement are encouraged at the home. The activity program is under the direction of Ralph A. Cooper. The Rev. Harry E. Ezell is superintendent.



LAKE PROVIDENCE First Methodist Church members will hold their first service in the new sanctuary Easter Sunday, following the Church School also to be held in the new building. These structures, shown above, have been under construction since July, 1962, and represent an investment of about \$190,000.



DULAC'S FIRST METHODIST Church, shown at the top, was opened with services the first of April. Shown in the lower are those participating in the opening services. From left are the Rev. C.D. Pinkard, pastor; the Rev. Ira Robinson, former pastor; the Rev. Jerome Cain, District Superintendent; H. Carl Brunson, Dulac Community Center head resident; Joe Billiot, chairman of the official board; Mrs. Eunice Billiot, WSCS president; and Mrs. Willhelmina Hooper, missionary to Dulac.



MISS ELLA K. HOOPER breaks ground for the new Methodist Church at Rosedale, assisted, from left, by the Rev. D.W. Poole, Baton Rouge District Supt., and Fred Booksh, chairman of the building committee.



WOMAN'S PAGE



METHODIST PERSONALITY

Miss Nettie Brunette

One of the most colorful and best known of the Methodist personalities of the Louisiana Annual Conference is Miss Nettie Brunette, of 1st Church, Houma, "Miss Nettie," as she is usually called.

She was born six miles south of Houma, down Bayou Terrebonne. She was reared in a Roman Catholic family, with ten children. She was the first of the ten to become a Protestant.

Rev. C. W. Breithaupt, who reorganized Methodism in Houma, rode circuit on a motor cycle, to Point-a-Chien, and Dulac. Miss Brunette attended a revival meeting held in a tent, by Brother Breithaupt, and expressed a preference for the Methodist faith.

For three years she would attend mass in the Roman Catholic Church in Houma, and then go to

Sunday School at the Methodist Church. As a teenager, she joined the Methodist Church, along with two of her sisters, under the guidance of Brother Breithaupt. Her name stands second on the chronological roll of membership of 1st Church, Houma, today.

She was an active worker in the church when the former brick church was built at the corner of Goode and School streets, under the leadership of Rev. F. J. McCoy. She was treasurer of the Church when the present beautiful church structure was erected, under the guidance of the Reverend Sam Nader.

She has served faithfully and well in many ways, in the Methodist Church. She taught in the Primary Department, then in the Junior Department, and became Superintendent of the Children's Division.

She served as Adult Division Superintendent, and as General Superintendent of the Church School. She is Sec-



retary-Treasurer of the Church School now.

Most of her church life, she sang in the Choir. She sponsored the youth program of the Church.

She was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and was treasurer for years. She is a charter member of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

For twenty years, she has been serving as Treasurer of the Church, taking pride in the payment of all connectio-
tional claims, as well as local bills.

For ten years, she has been the lay delegate to Annual Conference, always willing to support the Annual Conference and General Conference actions.

She is loyal to each pastor, and welcomes the next one as if the Lord sent him. What more could a pastor ask of a church member?

Henry A. Rickey, Pastor.
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ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

April 16—Baton Rouge District	Bogalusa
April 17—New Orleans District	Rayne Memorial, New Orleans
April 18—Lafayette District	Morgan City
April 19—Lake Charles District	Westlake
April 23—Alexandria District	Trinity, Alexandria
April 24—Monroe District	Tallulah
April 25—Ruston District	Haynesville
April 26—Shreveport District	Noel Memorial, Shreveport

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the deaconess movement, the featured speaker at the Annual District Meetings will be Miss Jenny Mo Horton. Miss Horton is a deaconess on special assignment to help the Methodist Church become more aware of the needs and opportunities for professionally qualified women in missionary and deaconess service. She served as a LA 3 in Brazil before being commissioned a deaconess. At present she is the Director of Religious Education for a church in California. She will be speaking to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and is especially interested in meeting and talking with employed women who may want to consider changing to a church related vocation.

To continue the emphasis on leadership development begun at our spring meetings last year, the district officers will present a composite picture of the total program of the Woman's Division in an effort to aid the local societies to become more effective and more meaningful to all the women of the church.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Secretary of Promotion

Baton Rouge District to Meet at Bogalusa



BATON ROUGE DISTRICT officers are pictured at Monroe as they made plans for the spring district meeting. They are: left, Mrs. T. Luster James, president, Mrs. L.S. King, Mrs. W.W. Hyde, Mrs. Jim Wilkes, Mrs. A.D. St. Amant, Mrs. J.D. Nesom, Mrs. W.A. Ragon, and Mrs. J.S. Jones. Plans are to meet at Bogalusa on April 16. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. The business begins at 9:30. At 12:30 lunch will be served.

Alexandria District Parsonettes

The new parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth McDowell, 2299 Fairview Lane, in Pineville, was the meeting place for the March gathering of the Alexandria District Parsonettes.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Frances Pearce, President. Attention was called to the fact that the April meeting will be one in which the ministers of the District will meet with the Parsonettes; this will be held

April 18th at the Jena Parsonage.

The Devotional thought for the day was ably given by Mrs. Laverne Bell, who spoke on the theme "What Do We Have In Our Hands to Wrought Miracles — a child — a Bible . . .?" Using this thought, she showed how we can take the seemingly small things in our lives . . . and turn them into great things for God.

The program for this time was under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Bell. She had secured the services of Rev. Spencer Wren of Bunkie to review the book, "The Stained Glass Jungle" by Gregory Wilson. Mr. Wren pointed out that a 'second reading' of this book revealed to him that the author was really telling the story of the 'redemption of a man' . . .

Hostesses for the luncheon which followed were: Mrs. Pauline McDowell, Estelle Dameron, Verda White, Earlena Krammer, Alice Shirley, Maude Zerangue, Inda Mae Taylor, Pauline McDowell, Laverne Bell, Clarice Flurry, Estelle Dameron and Mary Sandel.

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Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Sophie Kuntz

Miss Sophie Kuntz taught school for 10 years, and then decided to go into full-time Christian service. Up to then



Miss Kuntz

her work in the church, Carrollton Avenue Methodist in New Orleans, was with the beginners in the morning and the Epworth League at night.

In the fall of 1922 she entered Scarritt Bible Training School at Kansas City, Miss., for specialized training. In the spring of 1924 she was consecrated a deaconess at Tampa, Fla. Her first assignment was to the Wesley House in Biloxi, Miss.

"Thus began a new life," say Miss Kuntz. It was different from teaching yet it was working with people—mostly children and youth. The program then was much the same as it is in community center today—doing that which would enrich the lives of the people. But life in a Wesley House was different from private home living. It was my good fortune to find there one who became a helper and friend. I am forever indebted to Sallie Ellis for the help she gave me from the start. Her knowledge of peo-

ple and their needs was beyond the ordinary and she gave of herself liberally."

Part of the first assignment was to assist in starting a new work across town. It was the dream of an old preacher, the Rev. W. W. Moore. They worked closely together and the dream became a reality. A shell of a building was erected and Sallie Ellis was sent to live and work there. Miss Kuntz was sent to Knoxville, Tenn. Then followed appointments to Oklahoma City and Nashville. Each place had its own challenge and life was interesting. Then a furlough was offered and Miss Kuntz spent the next year at Scarritt College in Nashville.

At appointment time, she was asked to go to Biloxi to the work she had helped start. It was now called Moore Community House. That began a happy twenty year period of service. Miss Ellis was in charge and Miss Kuntz was club worker. She recalls, "Looking back over that time and the others, many pictures come to my mind."

Then came a change. She was sent to Montgomery, Ala., where she found inadequate quarters and some other insufficiencies. But change came in less than a year. They were moved into a new situation where the board had bought a large old house. It was remodeled for a community center and they set up the work. The community was ready for them and they were accepted. It was

Miss Kuntz's privilege to work there for three years. The remark of a grandmother as she watched a group of children arriving tells the tale: "Miss Kuntz," she said, "They act like they are at home." And that's the way they wanted it to be.

But time moved on and Sophie Kuntz felt she should ask to be retired. Thus after 32 years she stepped out of the life of a community center into private life once again. Now back at Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church in New Orleans, she works away, often looking back on those 32 years, feeling that it has all been good.

Methodism and Urban America in the Sixties: Part II

By Robert L. Wilson and Alan K. Waltz

(Editor's Note: This is the second part of an article dealing with the question: What does the increasing urbanization of American culture mean for the Methodist Church in its mission to the nation. Dr. Wilson is the director of the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, and Dr. Waltz is the associate director.)

Probably no factor has had greater influence on church participation than has the mobility of the American people. The extent to which Americans are moving is seen that in a number of large cities, more than half of the inhabitants changed their place of residence in the five-year period between 1955 and 1960. While probably more persons are moving greater distances than at any other time in our history, the majority of moves are made within the urban area.

The extent of mobility in American society presents certain problems for the church. The church has the problem of locating newcomers in the community, a difficult task if the new arrival does not make himself known to the church. The urban resident, particularly the apartment dweller, can remain virtually anonymous if he desires to do so. He can avoid the salesman, the bill collector or the pastor.

When an individual does not plan to live in a community for a long period of time, he has a seemingly logical reason for not becoming affiliated with a church. This is a matter which can be postponed until he becomes located more or less permanently.

Mobility presents the church with another set of problems. What pastor has not secured just the right layman for a key leadership position only to learn that this person is being promoted and transferred to another city by his company. It takes time to train lay leadership. A mobile constituency makes the administration of the local church more difficult.

Some congregations and pastors are a little reluctant to give newcomers positions of responsibility until they have been in the community a period of time. In a mobile society, the person may be gone before he has been in the area long enough to be considered for a position. Both the church and the individual may be the loser because the individual's talent has not been put to use.

The members of urban congregations must accept the fact that their church exists to serve the inhabitants of its community for whatever period of time they reside in the parish. The church has a contribution to make to the life of the short-term resident, as this person has a contribution to make to the life of the church.

The mobility rate in our society means that the congregation must work continually to locate and win the newcomer. It means that the success of the local congregation may need to be measured in terms other than a rapidly growing membership or a larger budget.

An increasing amount of attention is

being given to the problem of the American city. The sheer size of the population of the urban areas is in part responsible. An indication of the greater concern which the general society has with the problems of the city is reflected in the program of urban renewal. Under this program, the committee with the aid of federal funds are attempting to rebuild some of the blighted areas now in the city. Entire sections are being cleared and completely rebuilt as new communities replace old.

Church leaders need to be aware of the implications of this increasing concern about the city and its problems. They must be alert to the implications of these programs for the church. Indeed, the voice of the church should be heard in the councils where such programs are being developed, so that the spiritual values might be taken into account. As the urban areas increase in size and influence, the need for the influence of the church will also increase.

It has been estimated that in the years immediately ahead about two-thirds of the residents of American cities will be persons who might be considered affluent. These will be people who have steady incomes, good housing, and a reasonably high standard of living.

However, the other one-third of the city population will be those who are less privileged. This group will consist of the poor whites who have been forced to leave their marginal farms. Included also will be a large number of elderly persons. The members of this group generally have a fixed retirement income with which inflation has wrecked havoc. Among the urban poor are many members of the racial and linguistic minorities. These include large numbers of Negroes who have migrated to the city and a lesser, but significant number of Spanish-speaking persons, particularly Puerto Ricans.

A major task facing the church in the 1960s is ministering to these persons. For the church, this task will not be easy. First, there is the financial problem. Many persons with low or limited incomes do not have the financial resources to maintain an adequate church program in the community. There is a lack of trained leadership in the less privileged sections. This makes it difficult for the local church to carry on an adequate ministry. It should be recognized that there is leadership potential, but that it takes the pastor a longer time to discover and train persons to carry out the various tasks that the local church must have done in order to function effectively.

The ministry of the church is even more difficult among the linguistic groups. Here is found not only the barrier of language but that of culture. The Latin-American may have a difficult understanding of the role of the church, so that a long period of time may be necessary to bring him to an understanding of the relevance for his life of the Gospel as preached by the Protestant Church.

In every city of America, there are communities where it will be exceedingly difficult for the local congregation to maintain a church program without financial assistance from outside its membership. It is in these sections of the city where the church is most desperately needed and where it has the most difficulty surviving.

The Church cannot neglect its mission in the American city. Where there is human need, there is Christian obligation. Here are literally millions of persons that the church must serve if it is to be true to its calling.

The future of the church itself will depend in part upon its success in reaching many of the less privileged persons in American society. Included in the American heritage has been the opportunity for the individual to improve himself, to rise both economically and socially and thus achieve a higher standard of living. Many of the leaders of tomorrow are today members of families which are among the less privileged members of our society. It should evaluate the old and perhaps struggling churches which are serving in the communities where these persons reside. It should consider the leadership needs and the quality of pastors which are being appointed to serve these difficult parishes. It ought to look at its use of church extension resources and consider whether a larger proportion of these should go into constructing functional churches in communities which now have old and archaic buildings which may be more of a handicap than an asset.

A ministry to the less privileged is in the best Methodist tradition. For it

was to these persons in Eighteenth century England that John Wesley first took the Gospel. Methodism, which today is a large and strong denomination, can hardly do less.

In the years immediately ahead, the church must minister to an increasing number of urban residents. This will not be an easy task. The city always will be a challenge for the Christian church. In the urban environment, values contrary to Christian values seem to thrive. Here are seen the materialism of the affluent portion of our society and the struggle for material well-being on the part of those less fortunate.

Nevertheless, the church has ministered to the needs of men in a wide variety of social, economic and political systems. The church has found ways of communicating the Gospel to men in every age. The problems which face the contemporary church may be difficult but not insurmountable. Where there is a concern and dedication, a way to minister has been found.

It has been pointed out that in most cities there are a large number of Methodist congregations. The exodus of local churches from the central cities has all but ceased. More important than the presence of local churches is the determination of both ministers and laymen to serve the urban residents. These leaders are facing the problems realistically and moving ahead in developing strategies for local churches.

The task ahead is the age-old task of communicating the changeless Gospel to the changing population of our American cities. It may not be an easy one, but it is not beyond the power of the God who gave the Gospel and of those persons whom he has called to serve him.

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After all, the Lord has not laid any heavier responsibility on the preacher's wife than upon any other woman of the church.



HENRY McCORKLE, editor of *The Episcopalian*, was elected last week as the new president of the Associated Church Press at the annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn. Other officers are (l. to r.) Alfred Klausler, editor of the *Walther League Messenger*, executive secretary; E.L. Homewood, managing editor of the *United Church Observer of Canada*, 1st vice-president; Mr. McCorkle; Kenneth I. Morse, editor of the *Gospel Messenger*, treasurer; and W.C. Field, editor of *The Baptist Program*, 2nd vice-president.

In Memoriam



Jim Callicott

Felix Manton (Jim) Callicott, aged 66, Prescott, Ark., a retired farmer, died March 25. He was born in Rives, Tenn., and moved to Nevada County in 1901. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jewell Orr Callicott; two sons, Ralph Callicott of Hope, and Sam Callicott of Anaheim, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. K. W. Williams of Prescott; two brothers, Sanky Callicott and Bernice Callicott, both of Prescott; two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Daniel, Sr., and Mrs. L. L. Jordan, both of Prescott and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted March 27 at New Salem Church by the Rev. Dale Gentry and the Rev. H. A. F. Ault. Burial was in New Salem Cemetery.



John M. Peel

Funeral services for Mr. John M. Peel, 97, of Jonesville, La., were held Tuesday, March 19, at the First Methodist Church in Jonesville. The Rev. Roy L. Garrett, pastor, officiated.

Following the services the body was shipped by rail to Medway, Ohio, for burial.

Mr. Peel died Sunday in a Winnsboro, La., rest home following a short illness.

A resident of Jonesville from 1932 until recent months, Mr. Peel had been active for many years in both church and public life, as well as family affairs.

He was a longtime member of the First Methodist Church of Jonesville, La., having served a number of years as Church School superintendent, then as a teacher of the Adult Bible class for some time. He was a member of the official board of the church until his health began to fail, at which time he was made an honorary member of that board. He still attended church services as often as possible and occasionally walked the distance from his home to the church, until he moved to Winnsboro several months ago.

During the last ten years of his life, Mr. Peel wrote a book on his interpretation and understanding of the Book of Revelation. "Although never published, a number of area residents have enjoyed reading many parts of his work as it was being written," a friend of his stated.

A history scholar as well as a Bible student, Mr. Peel had been a teacher in his earlier years in Ohio. He gave up teaching and later owned and operated a flour mill in the north. Moving to Arkansas, he and his brother established and operated a barrel hoop mill until 1917. Moving to near Alexandria, Mr. Peel engaged in the lumber business and in 1932 he moved to Jonesville where he and the late A. H. Richard of Jonesville were partners in a moss gin from 1932 until 1936.

Mr. Peel still actively conducted business affairs for his family until a week or so before his death, a grand-

son reported.

"A Christian man, Mr. Peel was loved, respected, and greatly admired by everyone who knew him," one of his many friends stated in commenting on his death.

Survivors include seven grand children, all formerly of Jonesville, John M. Peel II, of New York, N.Y., Mrs. Daisy White and Mrs. Sue Peel Kinsley, both of Baton Rouge; Mrs. Natalie Peel Simms and Mrs. Mary Alice Young, both of New York City; Mrs. Dorothy Davidson Cowart of Wilmington, Del., Carlisle Davidson of Salt Lake City, Utah; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Susie S. Peel of Hammond, and a greatgrandchild, Miss Mary Iona Davidson of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Pallbearers were Joe Morace, Wedon Smith, L. C. Scott, Henry Uttinger, R. M. Cotton, O. R. Wurster, Halbert Scott, and J. C. Oxley.



C. V. Breithaupt

Clyde Vernon Breithaupt, 81, died at the home of his son in Alexandria recently.

Mr. Breithaupt was a former state superintendent of Sunday Schools for the Methodist Church, and a pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church in the early 1920's.

Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery.

He is survived by three sons, C. V. Breithaupt Jr. of Leonia, N. J., Herbert Breithaupt of Santa Monica, Calif., and L. E. Breithaupt of Alexandria; two daughters, Mrs. Margaretta B. Haywood of Fort Washington, Kan., and Mrs. Nell B. Guy of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Albert Gleason

The funeral of Albert Gleason, 69, of Hartman, Ark., was held Sunday, March 10, at the Coal Hill Methodist Church. The Rev. John Benham officiated. Burial was in Coal Hill Cemetery. Masonic graveside services were conducted.

The Gleason family moved to Coal Hill from Oak Grove, La., nine years ago.

Mr. Gleason was a retired contractor. He was born in Plain Dealing, La., and was a member of the Methodist church, Coal Hill Masonic Lodge, Peace Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his widow, Rea, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Odis Morrow; and one grandson.



Mrs. L. Birdwell

Funeral services were held Monday, Apr. 8 at Mabelvale Methodist Church for Mrs. Louie Lee Capleman Birdwell, 82, widow of the Rev. Oscar Coleman Birdwell. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. D. Galloway, Little Rock District Superintendent; the Rev. Woodrow Smith, pastor of the Mabelvale Church; and Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock. She was a retired music instructor and a member of Winfield Church. Her husband died several years ago while serving as pastor of the Mabelvale Church.



LEADERS OF SIX major U.S. church bodies discuss possibilities for church union at a meeting in Oberlin, Ohio. They are (seated, from left) Charles Parlin, Methodist layman and secretary of the Consultation on Church Union; Dr. James I. McCord, president of Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary and chairman of the consultation; and the heads of their respective Church delegations: the Rev. George G. Beazley Jr., of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ); (standing, from left) Protestant Episcopal Bishop Robert F. Gibson Jr. of Richmond, Va.; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; the Rev. David G. Colwell, United Church of Christ; Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, president of the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church; and Methodist Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips of Denver, Colo. In their final statement the 54 delegates agreed to ask their respective Church bodies for authority to enter into actual merger negotiations "when, and if, the consultation decides it is appropriate to being such work."

General Board of Evangelism Sets Annual Meeting for April 23-26

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church will have its annual meeting April 23-26 at the Chamberlin Hotel, Fort Monroe, Va.

The speakers will include Methodist Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president-designate of the Methodist Council of Bishops; Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Sacramento, Calif., a bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church; the Rev. Dr. James R. Mutchmor, Toronto, moderator of the General Council of the United Church of Canada; and the Rev. Dr. David A. MacLennan, pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the board, also will give an address, and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, the board's general sec-

retary, will make his annual report.

On April 24, the board members and others attending the meeting will see two historic places. That afternoon they will go by bus through Jamestown to Williamsburg, where they will have a dinner at Williamsburg Lodge in honor of Bishop Garber. Guests will include members of the Board of Evangelism of the Virginia Methodist Conference.

The general board's 46 members include bishops, other ministers, and lay persons. Others who have been invited to attend the board meeting are: a representative of each Methodist theological school, administrative assistants to bishops, and executive secretaries of innerboard organizations of Methodist annual conference.

The General Board of Evangelism promotes The Methodist Church's evangelistic work internationally (in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Missions), nationally, regionally, and in the denomination's more than 39,000 churches.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

April 14—Easter Sunday	John 20:1-18
April 15	Luke 24:1-12
April 16	Luke 24:13-27
April 17	Luke 24:28-43
April 18	Luke 24:44-52
April 19	John 20:19-31
April 20	John 21:1-14
April 21—Sunday	John 21:15-25

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Chaplain James Reaves of Louisiana to Naval Academy

Chaplain (Capt.) James E. Reaves, member of the Louisiana Methodist Conference, will become senior chaplain of the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., in mid-May.

For the past four years he has served as head of the personnel branch in the Navy Chaplains Division. At the academy he will relieve Chaplain (Capt.) James W. Kelly, who has been assigned to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains.

Reaves entered the chaplaincy in September, 1942, and spent the next two years with the USS Hunter Liggett, an attack transport in the Solomon Islands campaign, with landings from Guadalcanal to Bougainville. Subsequent assignments have included the training centers at Great Lakes and San Diego, Cruiser Macon, Naval Air Station at Memphis, Carrier Hancock and the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md. For outstanding service as service as senior chaplain, Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan, he was awarded a letter of commendation.

While in Washington he has supervised the Chaplain Corps personnel branch and worked in the assignment and procurement of chaplains, both regular and reserve.

A native of Canton, Tex., Chaplain Reaves attended McMurry College in Abilene, then received bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity degrees from Southern Methodist University. He was ordained a deacon in 1941 and an elder in 1942. His only civilian pastorate was at Eighth Street Methodist Church, New Orleans, 1939-42. In 1950 he gained the master of arts degree from Columbia University, in the Navy's postgraduate study program.

He and Mrs. Reaves, the former Julia Catherine Efferson of Baton Rouge, La., have two children, James Edward, Jr., and Catherine Anne. Mrs. Reaves has been selected to represent chaplains' wives at the Woman's Division of Christian Service national seminar in Seattle in August.

WORTH QUOTING

"Many who have found faith have forgotten they were once seekers."—Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm, speaking recently at American University, Washington, D. C.

"The moral conscience of the American people has been violated by the useless slaughter of another American citizen in the prize ring." — Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area, commenting on the recent death of champion Davey Moore.



Chaplain Reaves

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Board of Christian Social Concerns Will Hold United Nations Seminar in Shreveport, Apr. 26-27

The Louisiana Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns will sponsor a seminar on the theme "The Church and the United Nations" on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27.

The seminar will be held in the auditorium of the R. E. Smith Building on the Centenary College campus.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Council of Bishops Meets

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 10, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I are leaving New Orleans tomorrow for San Francisco, California, to attend the spring meeting of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, which will be in session there next week. We plan to spend Easter Sunday in Los Angeles and to go on to San Francisco on Monday.

The Council of Bishops meets twice each year, in the spring and in the fall, "to plan for the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire church."

Bishop Marshall R. Reed, of the Michigan Area, the president of the Council, will preside at the San Francisco meeting. But before the sessions are concluded the president designate, Bishop Paul N. Garber, of the Richmond Area, will be installed. Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, is the secretary of the Council.

There are forty-four episcopal areas in the United States. Forty-three bishops are serving these areas at the present time (Bishop Bachman G. Hodge died after the beginning of this quadrennium). There are sixteen bishops serving the Central Conferences in other countries, and one United States related bishop serving overseas. In addition, there are at present twenty-seven retired bishops who are members of the Council without vote. At least sixty of this number, many accompanied by their wives, will be in attendance at San Francisco. Bishop Donald H. Tippet, of the San Francisco Area, will be the episcopal host. The Council will be in session from Tuesday until Friday of next week. Though traditionally the sessions of the Council are privately conducted, much of the work is routine.

At the session in San Francisco I will be called upon to give a report of the work in the Louisiana Area. As I have prepared this paper I am most encouraged by the discoveries I have made concerning our labors here in the Louisiana Conference.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton

The purpose of this seminar is to give certain delegates from each local church an opportunity to discuss and receive information about the current issues involving peace, the United Nations and the relation of the church to the search for world peace.

Dr. A. Dudley Ward, who has recently been elected to succeed Dr. Caradine Hooton as the General Secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, will be the main speaker. Also, there will be a representative of the State Department to discuss current issues effecting world peace.

Detailed information about the program and motel reservations have been mailed to each pastor. The following persons are being invited to be delegates from each local church: Chairman and members of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, Chairman of the Official Board, Church School Superintendent, W.S.C.S. Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Church Lay Leader, M.Y.F. representative, and Pastor.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 and an introduction to the seminar will be given at 7:15. An address by Dr. Ward on the theme of the conference will be made at 7:30 to be followed by an address from the representative of the State Department. The seminar will close at noon on Saturday.

lett of New Orleans and Art Meinke of Denham Springs.

Hammond Methodist Men's Club is handling registration and information can be obtained from Mr. Jimmy Steedley of the Methodist Church of Hammond, 215 Scanlan Street.

This is the second year these two districts have held their retreat together. Approximately 100 men attended last year.

Individual greatness is no match for humble togetherness.

Laymen's Retreat for Baton Rouge, New Orleans District

The second Annual Methodist Laymen's Retreat for Methodist laymen of the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts will be held on May 11, 12, 1963 at Camp Istrouma near Baton Rouge.

This retreat is sponsored by the District Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts. The Plan-

ning Committee consisted of Jim Seglund, District Lay Leader of New Orleans District, Tom H. Matheny, District Lay Leader of Baton Rouge District, Ernest Arnold and Walter Harris of New Orleans.

A feature of the program will be Roy Grogan of Weatherford, Texas.

The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 1963 and end

at noon on Sunday, May 12, 1963.

There will be a Communion Service led by Reverend D. W. Poole and Dr. Carl Lueg, District Superintendents of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts, respectively, on Sunday, May 12, 1963 at 7:00 a.m.

Discussion groups will be led by John T. Watkins of Hammond, Jim Bolton of New Orleans, Dr. Sam Row-

Editorials

Investigator examine thyself!

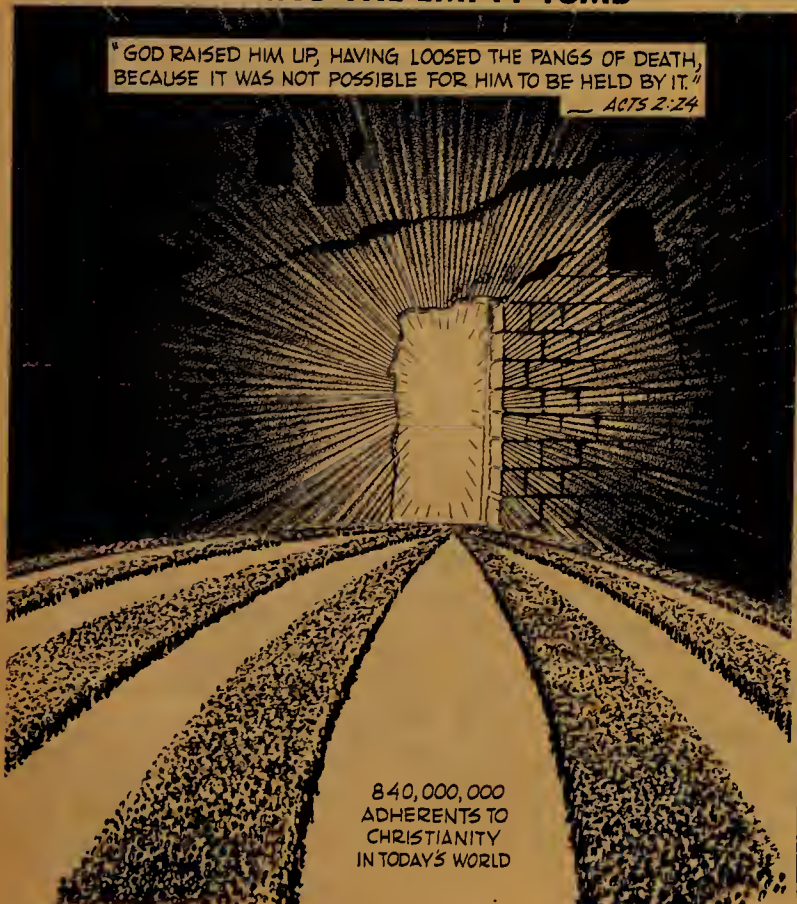
In recent years Congress has expanded its investigative activities to include everything from cranberries to tuna and everybody from labor racketeers to bishops. Now it seems that public sentiment is building up to such a degree that, try as they might, congressmen will not be able to block indefinitely a demand that they investigate themselves.

Since the pattern of the Congressional investigating committee has become such a part of the American political scene we now expect almost every question about any individual or organization to be aired through this medium. If some members of Congress have exposed themselves to the category of unanswered questions about their own conduct then they ought not to be content until they stand in the same light of interrogation in which they have asked others to stand.

In many of the states, notably Massachusetts at the moment, concerned citizens have raised their voices in support of a more clearcut code of morals and ethics for public servants. We are not saying there is any great breakdown of these standards at the national level, but the fact that some very definite questions have been asked about some very questionable practices make it mandatory that our national lawmakers search seriously for the answers.

We have never objected to the practice of investigations by the Congress, even at those times when they seemed to be absurd. Now we think it would be ludicrous for congressmen to exploit their immunities to cover up abuses in the field of generous travel allowances for trips abroad and questions that have arisen in relation to their staff payrolls.

VISITING THE EMPTY TOMB



We have felt a growing sentiment for the participation of a larger cross-section of the population in public life. This should be encouraged in every way possible. It seems there is added incentive here and that a deepened confidence in Congress would result if an effort were begun to seek the answers that the people are asking. As has been true in some other investigations the asking and the answering of the questions may be all that is needed to correct the situation.

Possible direction for ecumenicity

The editor of The Christian Century dealt recently, in his appearance before the Associated Church Press, with the possible direction of relations between the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Harold E. Fey predicted that sooner of later proposals would come for institutional links between the two. His conviction - one with which we heartily agree - is that he thinks "uncoordinated ecumenical development" should continue for a long time before "relationships are formalized."

Dr. Fey made his case for informal relationships on the ground that they would permit "greater creativity." Pointing out that Catholic observers had been present for the meeting of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi and that Protestant observers had attended the Second Vatican Council, he concluded "it is too soon to predict that this process of visitation and observation at important meetings will continue and grow and that the process of consultation will concern issues of greater and greater Christian consequence."

We should all remember that our distinct Protestant and Catholic patterns came into being over a long span of time. They are planted in centuries of approaching problems in different ways. These have been accentuated or minimized according to the personalities of the popes. We welcome the present warmth of approach but it is a far different thing than a sudden changeover which some of our leaders seem to expect overnight.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

BOOK REVIEWS

Gerald Kennedy, *WHILE I'M ON MY FEET*, Abingdon, \$3.50.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, who is always inspiring us with his own book reviews in *TOGETHER* has come up again with another fine volume of his own. He writes in a most informal way of his years in the ministry and his reactions to them.

The book is in a sense a journal of his ministry and his travels and we feel that most of our readers will enjoy making the trip with him.

Perhaps the most significant lines are those in which he reacts to his task as a Methodist bishop. Many of us are aware that Bishop Kennedy did not adjust too easily to being a bishop. Reading this book may help to understand something of his viewpoint in those days of adjustment.

The style of the book makes it ideal for reading a few minutes at the time. Written in brief sections it lends itself well to this technique.

We wholeheartedly recommend "While I'm On My Feet."

Robert E. Coleman, *THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM*, Asbury Theological Seminary, 95 cents.

This little book is written by the head of the Department of Evangelism at Asbury Seminary, and although some will shy away from it for this reason, we feel there is some real meat here for the layman or preacher who is interested in revitalizing his own outlook on evangelism.

With unusual chapter headings like "Selection," "Association," "Consecration," "Demonstration," and "Reproduction," one is bound to find some fresh viewpoints.

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British Not Coming Until Fall of '63

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Aldersgate Missions that were scheduled for April 16 through May 19 have been postponed until next fall. At least 25 British Methodist ministers are expected to come at that time from "the land of Wesley" to lead the mission in Methodist churches in the United States.

The reason for the postponement was the difficulty the British committee had in recruiting ministers to come and be here through May, a "heavy month" for them.

5th Family Life Conference Set

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The fifth National Family Life Conference of The Methodist Church will be held Oct. 14-16, 1966, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. This was announced by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the Methodist General Committee on Family Life.

The place and dates were selected by the committee in a meeting March 22 in Columbus. At least 3,700 delegates and visitors attended the fourth National Methodist Family Life Conference last fall at the Conrad Hilton.

The conferences, held once a quadrennium, are sponsored by the General Committee on Family Life.

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The church may grant a man the privilege of preaching, but he must earn the right to preach.

Public Relations Directors Will Meet April 24-26 For Conference

EVANSTON, ILL.—In an effort to deepen their commitment to the work of Christian communication and to discuss problems peculiar to their craft, more than 50 Methodist public relations directors and editors will meet here April 24-26. The conference will be sponsored by the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, of which the Rev. Dr. Ralph Stoodly, New York, is general secretary.

Milburn P. Akers, editor of the Chicago Sun-Times and a member of the sponsoring commission, will give the opening address on "Meaning Behind World News Headlines." Mr. Akers has recently returned from several weeks on-the-spot reporting of several "hot spots" in Asia.

Theme of the three-day meeting will be "Called to Communicate."

Most of the sessions will be held in Evanston's Orrington hotel, but the group will also visit the new Methodist building at 1200 Davis street, Evanston, where five national boards are headquartered, and the Methodist Publishing House's North Central Regional Service Center at 1661 North Northwest Highway in Park Ridge.

Several general agencies will be hosts to the group at meal-time briefing sessions, with staff members of the entertaining board explaining its procedures and the services it renders the church. Host agencies will be the General Board of Lay Activities, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the General Board of Pensions, and The Methodist Publishing House.

Much of the work of the conference will be done in discussion groups and through panels, with more than a score of area directors of Methodist Information and staff persons from national agencies taking part in the program.

In addition to Mr. Akers and Dr. Stoodly, principal speakers at the con-

ference will include Dr. Leland D. Case, Chicago, editorial director of Together and Christian Advocate; Miss Margaret Frakes, associate editor of The Christian Century, Chicago; the Rev. Paul J. Beeman, Seattle (Wash.) Area director of public relations; Newman S. Cryer, Jr., editor of Methodist Layman, Evanston, Ill.; Edwin H. Maynard, editor of The Methodist Story, Evanston; and Charles E. Munson, associate editor of Together, Park Ridge, Ill.

Affiliated with the national officers of Methodist Information in New York, Nashville, Washington, D. C., and Evanston are 33 episcopal area public relations offices. Directors of these offices and staff members of national boards of the church with public relations or editorial responsibilities will be involved in the Evanston conference.

This is the seventh All-Staff Public Relations Conference sponsored by Methodist Information during the past 10 years.

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A man can be as stingy on \$50 a week as surely as if he had an income of \$500 a week.

BISHOP HAGEN:

Those Found Faith Shouldn't Forget They Were Seekers

"Many who have found faith have forgotten they were once seekers" and are thus unable to help others who seek, Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm told a campus group here.

The vital elements of real belief in God, Bishop Hagen said at the Protestant chapel service at American University, are seeking, finding and maturity. The bishop supervises the Northern European Area of The Methodist Church.

He said that "more people are seeking religiously than we think," but some don't even know themselves that they are seeking—"to them God is more of a rumor than a reality."

Seeking gets its meaning in finding, Bishop Hagen pointed out. However, "finding the secret is not the end of seeking but the first vital result." "The difference is you now know where to seek."

He characterized the maturity as coming from a life of experience, a "life dominated by seeking and finding." The Christian, he declared, finds that, while he makes a choice every day, to him "there is no real choice, but the Christian way is the only way."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

April 21 - Sunday	John 21:15-25
April 22	Acts 2:20-36
April 23	Acts 3:11-21
April 24	I Cor. 15:1-11
April 25	I Cor. 15:12-26
April 26	I Cor. 15:35-50
April 27	I Cor. 15:51-58
April 28 - Sunday	Colos. 3:1-17

Slot Machines Voted Out In S. Maryland

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Passage of legislation to abolish slot machines in Southern Maryland, one of two U. S. areas where they are legal, was hailed here by Methodist leaders. The machines are to be eliminated over the next five years.

TV Special Will Refer To Wesley

A national television special telling of American religion's growing concern with today's urgent social problems, particularly in the field of civil rights, is scheduled for Friday evening, May 24. Its title is "The Quiet Revolution."

While the hour-long NBC-TV network program will be only coincidentally on the Aldersgate anniversary being observed by Methodists, its content refers to John Wesley's "concern with worldly problems" in relation to salvation.

It also will feature two Methodist participants—the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of Washington, associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Rev. Wendell Elmendorf, director of a Reform Democratic club in New York City.

The telecast is scheduled for 10 to 11 p.m., New York time. It will be sponsored by the Purex Company.

The producer and writer is Gerald Green, former producer of "Wide World" and "Today" and author of best-selling "The Last Angry Man" and other novels.

The program is intended to portray the increased participation in social work by clergymen of the three major faiths. It also will have a spokesman for the point of view that the church may be becoming overly concerned with temporal problems.

The interviewer and narrator, NBC White House News Correspondent Ray Scherer, introduces the show by explaining that "when John Wesley preached in the English coal mines in the 18th century, the primary aim was saving souls, not raising wages. But, as modern Methodist historians tell us, he soon learned that poverty had a direct bearing on salvation. A concern with worldly problems is nothing new in Wesleyan religion, but the dynamism and direction of that concern is. In mid-century America, this new thrust of the churches has been most dramatic in race relations."



CHAPLAIN JOHN D. EUSDEN of Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., admires an unusual eight-foot cross designed for the College's Thompson Memorial Chapel. The thousands of bronze rods welded at various angles inside the black walnut frame symbolize the crown of thorns which Christ was forced to wear.

Fran Shirley Records Available

Fran Shirley, mezzo-soprano, has recently made a new album of spirituals and favorite gospel songs, which will be on the WORD label. This album was taped in the RCA studios in Chicago and has an instrumental ensemble as accompaniment. Don Hustad, organist for the Billy Graham team, was the musical arranger and one of the musicians in the ensemble. The album will be released around May 15 and may be secured either from WORD Records, Box 1790, Waco, Texas, or from Mrs. Shirley. It can be purchased in either stereo or high fidelity (33 1/3 rpm). The selections on the record are: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", "Dere's No Hidin' Place", "I Know the Lord", "I Can Tell the World", "Deep River", "Go Down, Moses", "The Ninety and Nine", "His Eye Is On the Sparrow", "Amazing Grace", "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", "My God and I", and "How Great Thou Art".

Fran is well known throughout the country as a church concert artist and



Fran Shirley

soloist, having been soloist in many national Methodist conferences as well as Louisiana conference wide groups. She is the wife of Fred Shirley, the minister of the Iowa First Methodist Church.

Trinity Church Honors Douglas With Resolution

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, passed the following resolution honoring their district superintendent, the Rev. Luman Douglas:

"The Quarterly Conference of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Louisiana, in the final regular session to be conducted by the Rev. Luman E. Douglas during his tenure as Superintendent of the Ruston District, desires to express its deep appreciation of his leadership over the past six years.

"It is a rare person who can bring to any job a combination of procedural wisdom, administrative ability and personal warmth. This Brother Douglas has done in a way that has unified and advanced the Ruston District to a very high level.

"Many and varied problems and responsibilities surround the office of District Superintendent, ranging from highly charged emotional conflicts to the tender moments of dedicating memorials, from the satisfactions of statistical achievements to the heartache of uprooted parsonage families. In all circumstances our District leader has retained an emotional balance and a personal concern for those involved, and has moved in the direction of attitudes of reconciliation and constructive activity. The District as a whole, and Trinity Church in particular, have had the beneficial experience of this helpful leadership through troublous times.

"A District Superintendent's family carries membership in a local Church, and Trinity has had the good fortune to include many such families in its history. No District parsonage member has been more appreciated than has Mrs. Douglas, whose influence has been felt in the Church School, the W.S.C.S., and other areas of the life of the Church.



THE REV. AND MRS. George W. Ross and the Rev. and Mrs. Luman E. Douglas are shown at the reception given recently in the fellowship hall of Wesley Chapel Church, Ruston. The event honored Mr. and Mrs. Douglas who are completing six years on the district.

First Church, Houma, Transfers Church Leadership

One of the problems of a mobile population is keeping places of leadership in the church filled. An active church worker moves to a new community. Is he put to work right away in the church, or does he have to wait around several years before his willingness and ability are recognized?

1st Church, Houma, has decided to transfer membership on the Official Board, when church membership is transferred. That is one way of meeting this problem of a mobile people.

When an active member of the Official Board in another community moves to Houma, the pastor has been authorized to ask him if he would like

"As Brother and Mrs. Douglas resume the pastorate of a local congregation in June, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for this investment of themselves in the Ruston District, and we promise our prayers for their continuing happiness and fruitful efforts in whatever field may be theirs in which to serve."

Dr. Gaston Foote, Bill Mann Leaders for Trinity Church Revival

Revival services in Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, La. will be led by two of Methodism's outstanding personalities April 21-26. Dr. Gaston Foote, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the guest preacher, and Mr. Bill Mann, internationally famous gospel singer, will be the congregational song leader and soloist.

Dr. Foote received his AB, MA, and BD degrees from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and his Doctor of Theology from Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. Honorary degrees have been conferred on him by Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio, and Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, Texas. The author of nine books and a weekly column in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dr. Foote has been widely sought as a preacher. He is active in educational, civic and religious affairs from local levels to such worldwide responsibilities as representing the Methodist Board of Missions in the West African Missionary Confer-



Dr. Foote



Mr. Mann

ence of 1946 and speaker for the Air Force Spiritual Life Conference on Okinawa in 1962. He has served as pastor of great Methodist Churches in Amarillo, Texas, Little Rock, Arkansas, Montgomery, Alabama, Dayton, Ohio, and since 1952 has been in his present Fort Worth pastorate.

Mr. Bill Mann, a native of Bessemer, Alabama, is director of Evangelistic Music, First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. A lyric tenor with the reputation of being one of America's greatest singers of hymns, gospel songs, and religious music, Mr. Mann has travelled to all parts of the country in concert work, evangelistic campaigns, important religious gatherings of many denominations and to the British Isles with the Billy Graham Crusade Team in 1961. He has served as Youth Activities Director, Choir Director and Song Leader in such Churches as First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, and his present position in First Methodist Church, Dallas. Word Records, Inc., of Waco, has produced six albums of songs by Bill Mann, each record meeting with wide success because of the depth and sincere feeling in his interpretation of each song.

The services in Trinity Church will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, through Friday, April 26, and at 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Nursery facilities and personnel will be provided for each service.

to be placed on the Official Board at once. That keeps his church life from sagging.

For example, Mr. Peyton R. Hall moved to Houma, recently, from Anadarko, Oklahoma, as head of an important rural electric cooperative. He

had been Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. It would have been tragic for a man of his ability and interest to have to wait several years before being asked to serve on the Official Board in Houma.



MR. PEYTON HALL, recent transfer member to First Church, Houma, discusses plans for that church's Every Member Visitation with D. Frank Smith, one of the trustees.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

BISHOP DANA DAWSON of Shreveport was the Holy Week speaker at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where Dr. G.W. Pomeroy is the pastor.

THE RAINBOW GIRLS OF Lafayette were special guests at the early morning worship service at First Methodist Church in that city on Apr. 7. The pastor is the Rev. R.R. Branton.

THE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER in connection with the Every Member Visitation at the Abbeville Methodist Church was held Tuesday, Apr. 16. The pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

THE REV. JOE FOGLE was guest speaker for Youth Holy Week Breakfasts at First Methodist Church Bossier City, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

NEW SENIOR HIGH MYF COUNSELORS at Haynesville Methodist Church are J.R. Killgore and Preston Smith. Their pastor is the Rev. K.G. Rorie.

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE Building and Fellowship Hall at First Methodist Church, Springhill, was held on Sunday, Mar. 31. Their pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

MR. ROY PICKREN is serving as general chairman of the Every Member Visitation program at Napoleon Avenue Church, New Orleans, where the Rev. Don Alverson is the pastor.

THE REV. AUGUST AAMODT, director of youth at First Methodist Church, Canton, O., was the guest speaker for the evening worship service at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Mar. 31. The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

THE REV. DOUGLAS L. MCGUIRE, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was the speaker for the Lenten Family Night at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Apr. 3. Their pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

CAPT. G.A. FREIMARK of Leesville and Fort Polk was the speaker for the Apr. 15 meeting of Methodist Men at First Methodist Church, Welsh, where the Rev. Oakley Lee is the pastor.

THE REV. FRANKLIN POOLE, minister of music at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was a tenor soloist for the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" at First Methodist Church, El Dorado, Ark., Apr. 7.

THE MYF OF THE BLACKWATER Methodist Church had charge of the evening worship service of that church on Sunday evening, Apr. 7. The pastor, the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth, was in revival services at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

DR. R. LEONARD COOKE, Lake Charles District Superintendent, assisted the pastor, the Rev. James L. Stovall, with Maundy Thursday Communion Services at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

THE REV. EDDIE MORGAN, pastor of the Harmony Chapel-Wesley Chapel Charge, was the speaker for the Youth Sunrise Easter Service sponsored by the Youth of Ruston at Toma Lodge.

THE REV. W.O. LYNCH, JR., pastor of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church will be the speaker for the Apr. 23 meeting of the Methodist Men of that church. He will speak on the subject "After Taxes - A Prophet."

THE REV. GEORGE DAMERON of Pineville was

the speaker for the Apr. 18 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches. He spoke on the subject "Beginning Life Anew." The pastor is the Rev. George Pearce, Jr.

A DEPUTATION TEAM from McNeese State College will visit DeQuincy Methodist Church on Apr. 21 and have charge of the evening worship service in that church. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, was guest speaker for Holy Week Services at First Methodist Church, West Monroe. The music director for the week was Mr. Eugene Smith. The pastor is the Rev. Earl Emmerich.

THE REV. AND MRS. BRADY FORMAN of the Downville Charge will be attending the spiritual life retreat at Camp Farthest Out at Ardmore, Okla., Apr. 26-May 2, according to an announcement in a recent news letter of this charge.

DR. SAM NADER, PASTOR of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest preacher for Holy Week Services at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The song leader for the week was Mr. Bill Mann of Dallas, Tex. The pastor of First Church is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, VICE-PRESIDENT of Centenary College, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Bossier City Mar. 31. The speaker at the evening hour on this Sunday was David Stone. The pastor, the Rev. Jack H. Midyett was holding revival services at North Baton Rouge Methodist Church.

THE SEARCHERS CLASS of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, have been studying Dr. Georgia Harkness' book "Beliefs That Count" in their Sunday evening sessions. The series is being led by Mr. Cecil Ramey. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ramey are the counselors and the pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

FOLLOWING UP THEIR MISSION study on "Persons of Special Need" the Senior MYF of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, has been visiting the Louisiana Children's Home and working with the children there in recreational and other person-to-person activities. Their pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

MRS. T.H. SHEPARD gave and illustrated address on her experiences in Africa at the April meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans. Miss Amy Hendricks is president of the Napoleon Society and the Rev. Don Alverson is minister of the church.

INTER-CHURCH HOLY WEEK services are held in Downsville each year. Services are alternated in the Downsville Methodist, the Alabama Presbyterian, and the Downsville Baptist churches, climaxing in the Easter sunrise service at Camp Alabama. The Rev. Brady B. Forman is pastor of the Methodist Church.

THE ADULT CHOIR of St. Paul's Methodist Church in New Orleans presented "The Song of Easter", a Fred Waring cantata on Sunday evening, April 7 at 5:30. Mrs. Ken Orten is choir director, Mrs. Robert Fine is organist, and the Rev. Edwin J. Barksdale is pastor.

THE BROADMOOR Methodist Youth Fellowship, Shreveport, is planning a trip in June to spend a week at the Methodist Church Camp, south of Brunswick, Georgia. One of their recent fund raising activities was a barbecue-chicken dinner served on Sunday, March 31. The Rev. James T. Harris is their pastor.

A RECENT BULLETIN of First Methodist Church, Minden, announced that the church was the recent recipient of a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Mrs. Edmund L. Stewart. The money has been placed in the building fund of that church. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI Concert Singers

were presented in a concert of sacred music in the sanctuary of first Methodist Church, Alexandria, on Tuesday, Apr. 9. The choir also appeared on station KALB-TV while they were in Alexandria. This choir is directed by James Coleman, who is a native of Pineville.

THE REV. EBB MUNDEN, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the Easter Sunrise Service held at the Mardi Gras Fountain on Lakeshore Drive in that city under the auspices of the Youth Department of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches.

DR. CLIFTON R. TENNISON, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe, was the speaker for the Easter Sunrise Service held at Memorial Park Cemetery under the sponsorship of the Pilot Club of Monroe-West Monroe. The Neville High School Band and the Ouachita Parish High School Choir participated in the service.

ON MAR. 31 the Rev. R.L. Clayton preached for the morning service at Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, and in the evening service at Morningside Methodist Church in the same city. The Rev. R.M. Bentley, Caddo Heights pastor, and the Rev. E.P. Drake, pastor of Morningside Church were in the Baton Rouge District for the simultaneous revivals.

THE REV. WILLIAM C. HEAD, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, DeRidder, was guest preacher for the morning worship service at First Methodist Church in that city, Mar. 31. At the evening service, the guest preacher was chaplain Bayless Alsworth of Fort Polk. The pastor, the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, was holding revival services at Asbury Church, Lafayette.

A LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL will be held at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Apr. 22-24, with the Rev. Walter Baker, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial Church serving as dean. The instructors and their courses are: Mrs. Warren W. Spitzer - "Teaching Children"; the Rev. Byrl Moreland, "Guiding Youth"; and the Rev. Cecil Benoit - "Christian Education in the Church."

MRS. MARTHA OVERBY, community worker for the Trout-Urania area, will assist in the Migrant School to be held shortly in the Hammond area. This will be the fifth year that Mrs. Overby has taught in this school. She is a member of the Urania Methodist Church, of which the Rev. E.W. Sandel is the pastor.

THE REV. GLEN TREMBATH of the division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions directed the Stewardship Crusade held recently at First Methodist Church, New Orleans. The campaign has as its goal \$324,000, according to the pastor, the Rev. Clyde S. Clark. Of this amount \$74,000 is for the operating budget and \$250,000 is for the building fund.

IN SHREVEPORT, DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of First Methodist Church, and L.S. McGeem chairman of the Official Board, have offered the use of its Activities Building, when completed, as a site for conventions and other civic use. The offer was made after the Chamber of Commerce had appealed to City Council to provide additional convention facilities for the city.

HOLY WEEK SPEAKERS at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, were: Dr. Scott Tatum, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church; Dr. W.A. Benfield, pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church; the Rev. Gilbert Davis, Jr., of Kings Highway Christian Church; and Dr. D.L. Dykes Jr., the pastor of First Church.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE THREE-HOUR Good Friday Service at Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, were: the Rev. Jack Cooke, Carrollton Methodist; the Rev. Lee Gage, First Presbyterian; Dr. Myron Madden, chaplain, Baptist Hospital; the Rev. Herbert Polinard, St. Charles, Christian; the Rev. C.E. Bordelon, Downtown Church of the Nazarene; the Rev. George Wilson, executive secretary of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches; and the pastor, the Rev. Don Alverson.

The Sunday School Lesson



By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR APRIL 28, 1963: FAITH GIVES SECURITY

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURES: Psalms 23;46. Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 23;46:4-7.

MEMORY SELECTION: Be still and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10

AIM OF THE LESSON: To show the deep, personal love and concern God has for all men and to show how, by faith, every man can make that love and concern a living experience in his own individual life and know the forgiving, saving, keeping grace of God.

We study today two Psalms that across the centuries have brought a sense of security through faith to one generation after another of troubled souls. The first of these, the 23rd Psalm, is possibly the best known, best loved, most frequently quoted poem ever written.

The 23rd Psalm is so plain, so understandable, so beautiful in wording and imagery, so nearly perfect as a poem that, in attempting an interpretation one feels the limitations and futility of attempting to improve on perfection. However, let us hope that we will know something more about the 23rd Psalm after this study. Let us hope, furthermore, that such a study will not have marred for us the rhythmical beauty and symmetry of the Psalm as a whole.

"MY SHEPHERD"

One thing that makes the 23rd Psalm so meaningful to so many is the very personal element it contains from the beginning to the end. Let us notice that in this short Psalm there are sixteen personal pronouns. Everything it talks about seems to apply directly to the individual.

The Psalm opens with the very direct, personal statement, "The Lord is MY shepherd." The writer is not asking for God's shepherding care, he is assuming the fact that he is already under the direct personal care of God.

When the psalmist says "The Lord is MY shepherd" he is expressing the faith that should dominate the life of every true Christian. The Christian believes in a personal God. Faith in any other kind of God would be very unsatisfactory. There would be little comfort in believing in a great Creator-God who made all things and made the laws that govern them and then moved out and let the world operate like a great cosmic machine. The Christian does not believe the world is a self-operated machine and he does not believe in an absentee God. Man is the special object of God's love and that love extends to each individual of earth as truly as if there were but one individual to love.

"I SHALL NOT WANT"

Because of his faith in God as his shepherd, the psalmist feels that the physical needs of his life will met. As the shepherd provides green pastures, still waters and restful places for his flock, so the psalmist believes a divine power will undergird his physical life.

We generally take for granted the countless daily, physical blessings of food, drink, clothing, houses, health and our many other physical blessings. We sometimes have the feeling that we have earned these blessings by our own labors.

In Deuteronomy 9:18, in the early days of Jewish history, Moses laid down a principle of life for the Israelites which he urged them never to forget.

The verse reads, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." This is a principle of life that every generation of earth should keep definitely in mind. We are indebted to God for many physical blessings which come as outright gifts from God, such as seeing hearing, the sunshine and showers and many other gifts from God. Let us never forget that even for the things we think we earn ourselves, we are indebted to God for the physical powers we used in earning them since "It is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." In James 1:17 we are told "Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights."

SPIRITUAL LIFE RENEWED BY THE LORD

The psalmist now turns from physical needs to spiritual growth. Here too he finds that he is dependent on God to feed his hungry soul. "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness." The psalmist knew that God alone could restore his soul spiritually. He knew that only God or some agency of the Lord could lead him in the pathways of righteousness and spiritual growth.

God is present and at work in his world today through many agencies. We have the church, we have spirit-filled men and women, we have the Holy Spirit at work in the world. It is only as we put ourselves under the influence of these agencies far good that we are able to "Grow in grace." There are more agencies about us today that can destroy us spiritually than at any time in the Christian era. Let us be thankful also that there are more forces set to build spiritual character today than ever before. Only as we commit ourselves to the good can we escape the hurt of the bad.

"I WILL FEAR NO EVIL"

Only complete faith in the infinite power and goodness of God will enable anyone to truthfully say, "I will fear no evil." Earth is filled with uncertainties and danger spots. In most of our activities, from babyhood to the grave, we are engaged in some form of search for security.

It is at this point that the 4th verse of our lesson text possibly has been the sustaining, undergirding foundation for a sense of security far more people in hours of darkness and uncertainty than any other verse of the Bible.

Because we use this verse so often in comforting people in times of desperate illness and in funeral services, it is quite common for people to think that it refers primarily to death itself. However there are indications that the writer had in mind something different than is indicated by the King James translation. The Interpreter's Bible tells us that the words translated "Shadow of death" in the original simply meant "dark shadows." Hence the verse might more properly read, "Though I walk through a valley of dark shadows." Another suggested translation is, "The valley of deep darkness."

This translation helps us to a better understanding of the use of the rod and staff. These could be very helpful in fighting off enemies in the "dark shadows" until the sheep could again reach the light and a place of safety.

There are many people about us today who have walked through the "valley of dark shadows" and have felt the need of the protecting undergirding

power of the great Shepherd. At such times as these, for ourselves and for our loved ones, Christian people can rest in the faith and assurance that there can come no permanent harm to a child of God. When we say this of course we do not mean that Christian people are to be free from physical harm. We simply mean that God has the last word. Physical harm, even the worst the world can give, is not necessarily permanent harm since it does not touch or harm the soul as saints and martyrs of the early church proved.

A BENEVOLENT, PROTECTING HOST

With verse five the figure changes. The writer no longer talks about a protecting shepherd but describes a benevolent host. Another thing changes. In the earlier verses of the Psalm the psalmist seems to be talking about God. He tells what God is and what he does for his people. In verses four and five the psalmist seems to be talking to God.

In verse five the psalmist appears to have found safety from his enemies because he has become a guest in the home of a benevolent protector. We are told that the law of the desert prevented enemies from harming him there for three days.

Here, to his surprise, his host prepared a feast for him even in the presence of his enemies as they watched from the outside. After three days he could no longer claim protection from his host. He must leave the tent at his own risk, even if enemies were still on the watch.

The climax of this happy experience was not the feast that was served but in the fact that the host apparently had invited him to be a permanent part of the family. It was not necessary for him to leave after the three days; because of "goodness and mercy" on the part of his host, he could dwell there in safety. The tent of refuge became the Tabernacle of God and he is to dwell there forever.

OVERSHADOWED BY PROVIDENTIAL CARE

The 46th Psalm should be one of the most comforting of Psalms in this age of atomic bombs, hydrogen bombs, intercontinental ballistic missiles and the many other agencies of destruction. The world of the psalmist was terribly disturbed by calamities of nature, the high-pitched voices of ungodly men and the ravages of war.

Because of his faith in the fact of God in history he declares, "Therefore will not we fear." World disturbances in the psalmist's day were quite small as compared to those of the world in which we live. Life in our day must be lived in a world in which evil men have at their command powers which overnight can make shambles of our civilization and make life on earth very undesirable or even impossible.

In such a world what are we to do? At the present time we are striking out in every direction with almost unlimited resources in an effort to find some dependable source of security. Where is such security to be found?

Peace and security can be found only by changing the hearts of men. Anything else is a temporary makeshift. We seem to be moving today on the assumption that if we can just limit bombs and the use of bombs, limit armaments, limit armies etc. that we will thereby escape the dangers of war.

By these means we may limit the destructive powers of war, as compared to present powers of destruction. We should remember, however, that war is not dependent on the existence of any of our present implements of warfare. We had war before we had bombs or bombers. We had wars even before gunpowder was invented. Rome conquered the world without firing a shot. In that day there were no shots to be fired.

Our real danger does not lie in the dead agencies and instruments of warfare that man has. Our danger lies in the hearts of the men who have these instruments of destruction. It has always been true ever since men fought with rocks and clubs on through to the awesome instruments of destruction we possess today. The causes of war are not in the weapons we possess but in the hearts we possess.

We will not likely see such a complete change of hearts in our day. Consequently our hope of security is to be found where the psalmist found security. Three times in this one Psalm the psalmist declares that God is his refuge. We can and should pray that peace may come to the world some day.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A Roman Catholic editor has criticized some Church publications for not giving their readers both sides of a recent decision of Catholic University in Washington to bar four widely-known Catholic theologians from speaking on that campus. Gerard R. Sherry, managing editor of *The Georgia Bulletin*, official publication of the Atlanta Diocese, made the criticism in a talk before a convention of the Newman Club Federation in Las Vegas.

This whole question of whether church publications have a right to "manage the news" is coming more and more into focus as the question is discussed as it relates to secular papers. The question is still unanswered in many quarters but a great number of church editors, including several we heard express themselves at the recent convention of the Associated Church Press, believe that the function of the church press entails a certain amount of "slanting the news."

A school board in a suburb of Youngstown, O. has voted to ban baccalaureate exercises at future high school graduations because they constitute sectarian religious services. The board decided 4-0 at a closed meeting to institute the ban and the decision was not made public until three weeks later.

As our regular readers know, we are greatly concerned about this widespread tendency to squeeze every hint of religion out of our public schools and justify such action by the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. We feel the end can only be an impoverishment of our public schools and our public.

The Canadian Churchman, official publication of the Anglican Church of Canada, has charged that there was a "general disregard for any form of truth" in campaign speeches in that country's recent elections. In an editorial written by the Rev. Gordon Baker, editor, the publication declared that "our great poverty of the moment is the spiritual bankruptcy of our political parties." The editorial continued, "No wonder they cannot offer any blueprint for decisive action to the voters. They do not seem to have a general philosophy to which they are committed and from which they must act with integrity."

We commend this publication for speaking out boldly about a subject which bothers us more and more. Although they do have more than two parties in Canada, there seems to be the same lack of moral philosophy in them all. We are wondering what a careful analysis of our own campaign philosophies would reveal.

America's Protestant denominations need radically expanded budgets for urban work if they are going to minister effectively to the inner city, a conference of Lutheran stewardship leaders meeting in Northfield, Minn. was recently told by Dr. Walter Kloetzli, secretary of urban church planning for the National Lutheran Council's Division of American Missions. He praised the new Urban Training Center being established in Chicago by 12 major Protestant denominations as a "historic breakthrough" toward new trends of Protestant cooperation in meeting the challenges of the urban church.

Every major denomination is realizing the tremendous challenge it faces in its inner city ministry. There are many areas where denominational cooperation can help with training. However, it is our observation that the answer is not to be found in the undenominational parish but in the expanded denominational bud-

gets for this purpose, as this Lutheran speaker points out.

April 8 would be designated as Buddha Day and become a legal state holiday under a bill that is expected to be approved by Hawaii's House committee after no opposition was voiced at a public hearing. Introduced by Rev. Jack K. Suwa, the measure would honor Gautama Buddha, founder of the Buddhist religion, of which there are an estimated 100,000 adherents in Hawaii.

Although this number of adherents constitutes a rather sizeable bloc in Hawaii, we feel sure that such legislation may lead this new state into its first conflict with the U.S. Supreme Court and the Constitution.

The ecumenical impulse stirred in Roman Catholic Spain by the Second Vatican Council has been cited in Madrid by observers as ABC, a conservative monarchist daily, called for an end "to the old resentments and enmities" between Catholics and Protestants. In an editorial, the paper noted a growing feeling of amity between Catholics and Protestants.



INTERRELIGIOUS amity and dialogue at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., are displayed here during an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic Colloquium. From left are Dr. Nathan Pusey, Harvard president; Augustine Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity; Dr. Samuel H. Miller of Harvard; and Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston.

Representatives of various religious communities in Israel attended the recent dedication of a worship and meditation center for Protestant pilgrims built by the YMCA at Peniel, near Capernaum, on the shores of Lake Galilee. Known as the Archibald Harte Memorial Chapel, it was built in memory of an American "Y" official who died at Peniel in 1946.

A constitutional amendment to change the name of Pakistan to "Islamic Republic of Pakistan" has been introduced in the National Assembly of that country. This was seen by some observers as the latest in a series of moves to promote the Muslim religion which has been protested by Christian and other religious minorities in the country.

World Council of Churches and Roman Catholic theologians recently met for six days in Geneva to study and discuss reports which will be presented at the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order to be held in Montreal, July 12-26. Official Catholic observers to attend the meeting will be named at later date.

The House Rules Committee of the Colorado Legis-

lature has killed a Senate-approved bill which would have permitted welfare workers, at the request of clients, to furnish birth control information, devices and medical compounds. Vigorously opposed by Roman Catholic organizations, the legislation was supported by the Colorado Council of Churches.

"The Great Conversation", an hour-long television documentary devoted to Christian unity received special honors from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in its recent presentation of the 1963 National Mass Media Brotherhood Awards to the broadcasting industry. The nationwide telecast on the growing ecumenical movement was a program on the Bell and Howell series Close-Up.

A bill introduced in the Oregon Legislature calling for the taxing of church property has drawn the opposition of the Greater Portland Council of Churches. The legislation would impose a property tax on churches and other non-profit institutions. It was sponsored by 19 representatives and senators.

In Maryland a bill providing for a minute of silent meditation at the start of classes in the public schools of that state was killed recently in a Senate committee after it had passed the House of Delegates, 95 to 25. An official of the city of Baltimore told the committee that the state already had authority to establish silent meditation in the schools.

An engaged couple - the man 70 years old and his fiancée 63 - have filed a suit in Athens, Greece against Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Argolis charging that he arbitrarily refused to marry them because of their age. Reporting the incident an Athens newspaper said that neither the Orthodox Church nor the Greek government opposed the marriage of elderly couples.

The Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa has suggested that Chopin's Funeral March not be played at funerals because "It is a monstrosity that has found its way into the Christian framework. The Church's Commission on Music assailed the work as "purely naturalistic in design, without any Christian associations and clashing directly with the character of Christian religious practice."

Evangelist Billy Graham, sidelined for more than two months by illness, has told supporters of his evangelistic association that the unit is faced with "an extreme financial emergency." In a letter mailed to thousands of previous donors, Dr. Graham said, "During the past few weeks, while I have been ill and have been forced to take a rest, our income has fallen to about one-half of our needed budget. We are now faced with making drastic cuts in our evangelistic effort."

A group of Southern Baptist leaders taking part in evangelistic crusades in Japan recently met in Tokyo with Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda of that country and invited him to attend evangelistic meetings which they would be holding throughout the country. More than 500 Southern Baptists from the U.S. participated in the 154 city crusades.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, has announced that he is planning a series of preaching engagements before Protestant congregations. He made the announcement while addressing a Holy Name Society meeting in Somerville, Mass. He said, "You'll be reading about it ere long. Nothing like this has ever happened before. I am accepting invitations from ministers and will bring with me the ecumenical spirit."

A response came immediately from the Unitarian-Universalist Ministers' Association of Boston, who proposed that a reciprocal plan be arranged where in ministers would be asked to address Roman Catholic groups.

Roman Catholic Bishop William L. Adrian of Nashville has ordered the desegregation of parochial elementary school in the Memphis metropolitan area. The bishop's order, announced recently by priests at Sunday masses, involves a four-year desegregation plan, with grades one through four to be integrated next September.

THE 1000 CLUB OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CURRENT CALL FOR THE St. James Methodist Church Marrero, La.



A Word From the Pastor

Dear Friends: March, April, May, 1963

The history of St. James Methodist Church began on Sunday, March 28, 1954 when the pastor of the Gretna Methodist Church, the Rev. E. C. Dufresne, and the New Orleans District Superintendent, Dr. Virgil Morris, met with 25 people in the Marrero High School. It was obvious that a new church in the Harvey-Marrero-Westwego area was needed.

This area extending from the Gretna city limits westward some 10 miles to Highway 90, on the west bank of the Mississippi River, has many large industries, oil companies and associated businesses. This area, thickly populated, is according to the latest survey largely Roman Catholic, yet there are many Methodist families who should be members of St. James.

The lot on which the present building is located was purchased by the New Orleans District Board of Missions. The first building, a combination of chapel, two classrooms (10x10), a kitchen, small study, and two restrooms, was built in 1956 when

the Rev. R. H. Jamieson (pastor at Harahan) was their pastor. The actual cost of \$12,000 plus the donations of various industries and the hard work of the men of the church who did the building enabled the church to move from the High School to a building that is valued today at \$25,000. The payments of a \$12,000 loan from the General Board of Church Extension have been met regularly, reducing the debt to \$2,500. St. James Church has paid all conference and district apportionments in full every year.

Though St. James Church has been handicapped by inadequate Church School space, the loyal support of faithful members has now brought them to the place of a desperate need to make advance.

With the help of the Conference and District Boards of Missions and a loan of \$15,000 from the General Board of Church Extension, plus the deeply appreciated help from the 1000 Club, we will be able to build an educational building which will double our classroom space, will enable us to remove the kitchen from the chapel, will provide adequate nursery space for our little ones, and will make possible a fellowship hall and better facilities for our young people.

St. James Church expresses gratitude to all the members of the 1000 Club for this help.

Sincerely,

J. W. Matthews, Jr., pastor
Metairie-St. James Charge

From the District Superintendent

Dear 1000 Club Members:

As Superintendent of the New Orleans District, it gives me great pleasure to recommend to your consideration and support our St. James Methodist Church in Marrero. After reviewing the history of this church and reading in the official records that they agreed to postpone asking for a 1000 Club Call in 1956 with the promise that they would be included in a call when the need was urgent, I am convinced that now is the time for us to give this promised help.

The need for a church in this rapidly growing area is great, and with better facilities they will be able to attract and hold and serve a larger number of Methodist people who should become a part of St. James Church life.

With the progressive leadership of the present pastor, the Rev. J. W. Matthews, Jr., we look forward to a future of promise and fruitfulness in St. James Methodist Church.

Sincerely yours,
Carl F. Lueg

DR. COOKE REPORTS

More than \$4,500,000 in World Service funds must be received by the Methodist central treasury in Evanston, Ill., during April and May if the church is to meet in full its annual commitment of \$15,000,000 for its largest and most basic benevolence fund.

This was revealed in a 10-month report issued April 3 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

World Service receipts from June 1, 1962, through March 31, 1963, were \$4,730 less than the \$10,443,518 received during the same months a year ago. Two other funds—the Television-Radio Ministry Fund and the Inter-denominational Cooperation Fund — were also lagging behind the same period last fiscal year.

Dr. Cooke pointed out, however, that gains in eight other general benevolence and administrative funds were sufficient to register an over-all increase of \$1,058,875 (or 5.34%) over the same 10 months last year. Total receipts so far this fiscal year have been \$20,878,149.

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HERE AND THERE

"There is a need in every country in the world for a faith that will capture the loyalty and the allegiance of the people—one that is grounded in the Christian principles of respect for human dignity, the worth of the individual, and individual moral responsibility. This is democracy's opportunity. The time has come when we should be emphasizing what we are for and not just what we are against... p. 101

The psalmist's use of the word "dominion" is no longer a figure of speech... p. 108

No time is ever better spent than those brief periods we occasionally take out of our crowded days to discover our precise position... p. 118

The Future Is Upon Us
Roy L. Smith

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Argentine Methodism Advances: New Conference Formed

The Methodist Church in Argentina, one of four Methodist "Lands of Decision" for the 1960-64 quadrennium, is on the move. That is apparent from actions and reports at the yearly meeting of the Argentina Annual Conference, held recently in suburban Buenos Aires.

EUB Membership Declines Slightly

DAYTON, Ohio (RNS) — Membership in the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church decreased slightly in 1962, according to the Church's Year Book and Plan Book published here.

The annual reported 1962 membership as 760,808 as against 761, 858 in 1961. Church officials said this membership loss of 946 members was due to the elimination of inactive members from the church rolls.

The number of congregations reported also declined slightly — from 4,418 in 1961 to 4,331 in 1962.

Another area of decrease was in Sunday school enrollment, with a drop of 16,000 to a 1962 total of 660,163.

Gains were registered in the field of giving for benevolent causes — \$10,145,261 for 1962, an increase of \$700,000 — and average per member contributions — \$72 for 1962, an increase of about \$5. Giving for local church expenses totalled \$44,312,152.

Local church property evaluations were \$299,754, 127, an increase of several million dollars over 1961.

The number of EUB ministers was 3,745, with 3,069 having local churches or other appointments and 802 retired.

Overseas conferences of the Church reported the following membership

totals: South Germany, 13,469; West Germany, 7,132; East Germany, 5,183; Switzerland, 6,503; Sierra Leone, West Africa, 10,044.

Denomination officials pointed out that there are a large number of people who attend EUB churches abroad but do not have membership status.

Nationwide Study Is Planned Of Church-Related Colleges

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (RNS) — An extensive study to improve American church-related colleges and universities was announced here by the Danforth Foundation which aims at strengthening higher education through grants and its own programs.

The study, which will require two to three years to complete, is geared to defining the particular functions of church-related schools in a culture and educational system predominantly secular.

The Danforth Commission on Church Colleges and Universities, which is sponsoring the study, noted that though academic institutions under religious auspices have been strengthened since World War II, they have not enjoyed the same growth in enrollment and support as secular institutions.

It is amazing how easy it is for a stingy man to convince himself that he is giving more than his share.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Spotlight on Deaconess Work

Deaconess Ella K. Hooper

Ella Keener Hooper, a native of Louisiana, received most of her elementary education by home study, graduated from the Louisiana State Normal College in 1905, taught in a small rural school (Rosedale) two sessions, then volunteered for Missionary work. In 1908, with the aid and encouragement of a close friend and relative—Mrs. Christian Keener—she entered Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, Mo. After one year of study she had to drop out temporarily for health reasons, and was thereby enabled to "discover" a home mission field, later known as the "French Mission Field." While teaching in the public schools of Terrebonne Parish (county), she spent any leisure hours visiting the homes and looking up children not yet enrolled in school. She thus "discovered" the Indians and their plight and added them to her mission project.



Miss Hooper

Further study, mostly in vacation periods, was at Chicago University, Emory University, Scarritt in Nashville, Peabody and Vanderbilt.

The disappointment that first led her to the French Field was taken as "His appointment" and steadfastly held through illness or other setbacks. For health reasons she was sent to Thomasville, Ga., to work at Vashti School for Girls and then one year in the Berry School for Boys, both experiences vital for establishing the long-planned school in Houma for the training of rural leadership in the several parishes adjoining Terrebonne. Then, in 1917, she was officially appointed, together with Mrs. Laura M. White, whom she met at Berry, to develop work in and for the French Field. In 1919, not yet having been able to pass the physical requirements for a deaconess, she was voted in without that formality.

Miss Hooper served at MacDonell Methodist Center until 1949, when she left to give more attention to the Dulac Work for Indians, for which she still had charge, and was its main financial backer. Dulac was in the process of making the transfer to the Woman's Division, and was erecting the school building to take the place of the old farm home which belonged to Miss Hooper. Then in the fall of 1950, "Miss Ella" went to live in this unfinished building, helped to get both building and grounds in shape and, together with her sister, Wilhelmina, and Miss Lone Gandy, got the work going in its new habitation.

Miss Hooper retired in August, 1951, having reached the then required age of 65.

Miss Horton, Deaconess, Will Itinerate Louisiana



JENNY MO HORTON

Genevieve Horton, better known as Jenny Mo, is on special assignment to help The Methodist Church become more aware of the needs and opportunities for professionally qualified women in missionary and deaconess service.

From 1950-53 Miss Horton was a special-term missionary (IA-3) in Brazil where she taught at Colegio Isabela Henrrix at Belo Horizonte. After completing her work in Brazil she returned home by way of Europe where she visited Protestant Church Projects. She was educational assistant at the First Methodist Church, San Fernando, California from 1954-56. Since August 1957 she has served as Director of Christian Education at the La Mesa Methodist Church in La Mesa, California.

Born at Redlands, California, where Jenny Mo spent her early life she studied four years at University of Redlands, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in education. She has done graduate study at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. and at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

Commissioned as a deaconess at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1959, Jenny Mo has been serving as secretary of the Southern California-Arizona Conference Deaconess Board, and has participated actively in the district work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

April 16—Baton Rouge District	Bogalusa
April 17—New Orleans District	Rayne Memorial, New Orleans
April 18—Lafayette District	Morgan City
April 19—Lake Charles District	Westlake
April 23—Alexandria District	Trinity, Alexandria
April 24—Monroe District	Tallulah
April 25—Ruston District	Haynesville
April 26—Shreveport District	Noel Memorial, Shreveport

Mrs. Thomae at Jonesville

Mrs. Dick Thomae presented the second lesson on "Dimensions on Prayer" to the ladies of the Jonesville Womens' Society of Christian Service in March. Mrs. Thomae told the group that silence and solitude with God is very important. Stating that there were two ways to attain silence for communing with God, she explained the perfect way would be the absolute quietness and aloneness through the shutting

of one's door while meditating. "However" she continued, "often times this is not possible, so we have to resort to the second way, that of mental silence. We can be alone with God and listen to him amidst the traffic of everyday life." Mrs. Ken Maynard gave a short devotional. The meeting closed with prayer at the altar.

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Ruston District to Meet in Haynesville

The first 50-year pin to be presented to a deaconess during the present 75th anniversary year of the deaconess movement in the United States went to the Rev. Miss B. Marion Hope at a service in which she was guest of honor at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., recently. Miss Hope was also honored by the community on her 80th birthday, on January 28.

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The Ruston District Woman's Society of Christian Service will have the Annual District meeting April 25, 1963 at Haynesville Methodist Church. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will start at 9:30 a.m. with adjournment at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served by the host society for \$1.00. A nursery will be available.

Mrs. Cecil Read, Ruston District secretary of promotion.

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Emphases on Prayer

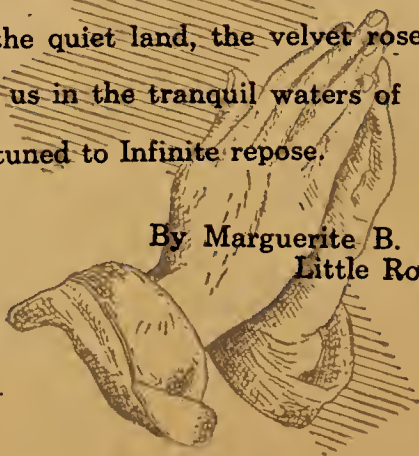


MRS. GUY HICKS is pictured to the right with some of the ladies attending the study "The Dimensions of Prayer" at First Church, Alexandria. Mrs. Hicks taught this study for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and then for the Wesleyan Service Guild. She is the wife of the pastor of First Church.

PRAYER FOR TRANQUILITY

Let us be still and know that Thou art God—
Still as the quiet land, the velvet rose . . .
Immerse us in the tranquil waters of
Finite attuned to Infinite repose.

By Marguerite B. Palmer
Little Rock



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER committee at Alexandria-Pineville United Church Women shown with the president, Mr. K.B. Morrish (left) are: Mrs. W.W. Brothers, Jr. of First Christian Church, Mrs. Paul K. Adams of First Methodist and Mrs. Fred Flurry, chairman of the committee, and wife of the Alexandria District superintendent.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanah

To Conquer Death, Live Without Fear

CONQUERING DEATH - Most of us try hard to keep thoughts of death from intruding upon us. In ancient Greek legends the River Styx separated the region of the dead from the land of the living. And the name "Styx" comes from the verb "To hate," to loathe." From the days of the Greeks down to our own, the river of death has been regarded as a dark and fear-some stream.

Many of us are like a certain man whose dinner-table companion asked him, "Do you believe in immortality?" "Oh, yes," he replied, "I believe in a life beyond the grave, but let's talk about more pleasant things."

Easter commemorates the day when Christ established a bridgehead on the other side of the River Styx. Christ not only convinced His followers that He had effected a crossing of death's dark stream but also that He had gone to prepare a place for them.

East helps to confirm our faith that life is too great for the grave. But we do not really conquer death until we overcome the dread until we overcome such conquest is achieved by living and not merely by listening to arguments or even to Easter hymns.

Christ helps us to triumph over the fact and the fear of death by teaching us to live with lasting things.

Some years ago a distinguished physician asked me to read a story in a current magazine. It was the story of two men who had been boon companions. They were connoisseurs of good food, good wines, and the comforts of life in general. They dined frequently and elaborately together. At one of these festive dinners one of the friends dropped dead. Later his spirit returned to tell the other of his experiences in the life beyond. It was a story of emptiness. During his earthly life he had acquired a few tastes except for the perishable; consequently he had no training which could get satisfaction when his bodily appetites were gone. Death simply ushered him into a dreary waste of emptiness.

This imaginative story has lingered in my memory, for it is a verification of Jesus' principle when He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

Our nature has both physical and spiritual compartments. If we fill our lives with material interests, if the main things which matter to us are money and foods and physical pleasures, then some day we shall hear the words, "You can't take it with you." But if, on the other hand, we fill our lives with ideas and ideals, with the love of beauty and the bonds of friendship, with the values of goodwill and gracious memories, then we have something we can take with us.

Christ came to make men alive to beauty, to enrich the joys of human comradeship, to set men loving the laughter of little children, to help men feel the thrill of seeking truth and pursuing the perfection of goodness. His enjoyment of life seemed so independent of physical limitations. And He came to impart that quality of eternal living to us so that we might be full of life -- the kind of life we can take with us. Thus Christ prepares his followers for the invasion of death.

Recently I stood at the grave of a very close friend, a distinguished surgeon. I recalled the story of a physician in Scotland who was calling on a patient in his terminal illness. The patient said to him, "Doctor, I believe in future life, but I can't conceive what it will be like. What's it like?" The doctor was nonplussed. Then he heard a scratching at the door, which gave him an idea. He said to the patient: "Do you hear that scratching?" That is my dog. He followed me to make this call. He doesn't know what is in this room, but he knows his master is here and that is enough for him." The doctor continued: "I do not know what all is in the next life, but I know my Master is there and that is enough for me."

The way to conquer death and live with Christ hereafter is to learn to live with Him now. For you and me eternal living does not begin at the grave. It is ours now.

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THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT was one of the topics discussed at the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press (ACP) in Nashville, Tenn., and Roman Catholic as well as protestant speakers were on hand to give their views. Participants in a symposium on the role of religious publications in interreligious understanding were (top photo, from left) R.C. Cunningham, president of the Evangelical Press Association; James A. Doyle, executive secretary of the Catholic Press Association; Miss Ella Harlee, president of the National Religious Publicity Council; and Alvert P. Stauderman, associate editor of The Lutheran.



A LAYMAN'S WITNESS By Charles A. Stuck

FREIGHT TRAIN ANNIE

Freight Train Annie might have been the name of a fictional character in some television serial. But she is a real person. Her name is not Annie but they really call her "Freight Train". And she's a character, alright. One of the most unusual ones I have met in a world full of characters. She is tall, gaunt, poorly dressed. Her hair comes out from her head in a dozen directions, and spills out from under a faded cap. A long scar starts under her left eye. It travels down the cheek, across the chin, stopping to distort her mouth into a witch-like grin. Then it plays out somewhere near the neck. She is far from pretty.

I had been granted permission to sit by the judge in municipal court that morning and to hear the cases. In this position I saw and heard all who came before him. And there were several there. The usual cases of drunkenness, driving while intoxicated, running stop signs, and the like. Annie was there on a charge of drunkenness. But Annie was the star of the morning's session. The court almost broke up when she asked the judge for permission to leave jail and go home for a day. Her dog had just had 9 pups, she said, and they were all locked up in the house. Could she go home and let them out? The good judge gave permission. Then order was restored in the courtroom.

Freight Train Annie is a negro woman. Possibly in her fifties. Tooth-

less, she mumbled her answers to the judge's questions. Every official in that court knows her because she is one of the most frequent "callers". A policeman testified that when she is sober she loves all policemen. But when she is drunk she fights them. Singly or in bunches, she challenges all comers in a language that makes the paint curl on the walls. She probably did not have enough money to pay the fine that the judge imposed upon her. So she will have to "lay it out" in jail. Then she will have a short season of forced sobriety.

Why do I pay so much attention to a 'hopeless' alcoholic, a broken down street walker, a problem of society in that good city? Here is why. It is fairly easy to feel sorry for a young girl from a "good family" who gets into trouble and needs to be loved back into righteousness. Many are willing to ask a judge for special consideration when a teen-age boy is arrested the first time. But it is very difficult to look into Annie's face and realize that she can still be saved from her sins if she will only ask God to forgive her. Preaching salvation to a congregation of freshly-scrubbed, cleanly-clothed people is not very hard to do. But trying to think of Annie as one of the people for whom Christ died is something else.

Annie did not realize it but she preached a silent sermon to me that sunny, spring morning. She made me think of the words of Jesus. "Those who are well don't need a doctor," He said. He also said, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Sin is not matter of geography or of social status. Sin is sin whether it occurs in a mansion or in an alley. It is the same to preacher or prostitute. And the chief difference between Annie and me is that she probably never had a chance to find God. Like I had.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

THE LIFE OF JOHN

It Seems Impossible, But . .

By The Rev. Charles Martin, Minister
St. Paul Methodist Church
El Dorado, Arkansas

At first sight these unpretentious little letters of I, II, and III John appear to be a group of meditations without any strict logical sequence. Yet underneath the authors constant admonition to love and to speak of his readers as "my little children", there is a great truth for all Christians everywhere. There can be no doubt as to the purpose of the author. It is to urge upon Christians the recognition of the supreme and twofold requirement, namely (1) true faith in Christ and (2) true brotherly love. These two notes are constantly stressed and repeated. The text of this author might well be found in Chapter 3 verse 23:

"And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he gave us commandment."

Of all the precepts with which the Christian ethic confronts us, none is less accomodating than "love one another." None is more difficult to exercise, none less dramatic, none more damaging to our own self-esteem. And yet the New Testament says quite plainly that the mark of Christian discipleship is a love for other people. It insists that we love our next door neighbor, the louse with whom we work, as well as our unpredictable friends. And, as if these are not enough, it tells us that we might test our discipleship by starting to love those who actively hate us.

No wonder this precept appears difficult. Most of us lost our patience at times with those who are nearest to us. To ask us then to love our less intimate acquaintances appears impossible. We are, we say to ourselves, just ordinary human beings. We are not saints; we can't love everybody. And in a sense this may be true. On the other hand it may be a confession of our limited faith, or just a plain unwillingness to consider this precept of loving one another seriously. It is much easier, at least for myself, to study christian doctrine or discuss the nature of the Church, or talk about unity, than it is to love people, particularly if they are nasty and ugly to me. This makes us about as uncomfortable as a sore thumb, and yet here is this command, "love one another". If we want to be Christians we can't very well ignore it. But how can we love those whose ways are alien to ours? How can we love those whose morals disgust us? How can we feel any affection for those who are against us?

A soldier who had fought through many battles stood in the ruins of a bombed out city and cried aloud, "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES", BAH! I suspect many of us have felt that way when we have been faced with the wickedness in the human heart. Thus we realize the tremendous difficulty of this command. But at the heart of the Christian Evangel are these words, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us". God's forgiveness, His dissolution of our guilt is conditional on our readiness to forgive others. We may receive from Him other gifts unrewarded and unearned, but His forgiveness can only be received according to the measure of our warm spontaneous forgiveness of those who sin against us. This is a haunting and frightening thought.

It seems to me that the answer to this problem of loving others is to be found in another Biblical phrase, "in Christ". For it is in this peculiar-inness in Christ that we distinguish the difference between vague secular concepts of love and the Christian concepts. Loving others for the person who is 'in Christ' won't be a matter of loving them for their nicer qualities. This person will see other people as he sees himself, and the more he lives 'in Christ' the keener will be his perception of his own unlikeable qualities, and of how little natural niceness he has. If a man considers himself fairly decent, he will find it amazingly easy to condone both his own and other people's sins. But when he is 'in Christ' and realizes what sin is in the eyes of God, he won't find forgiveness easy. Real forgiveness between God and man, or between man and man, demands a high price. The astonishing assertion of the Bible is that God loves us not because we are nice but in spite of our nastiness. He loves us when we are unlovable. Thus, it is only from this sense of our own and other people's worth to God that we can begin to love one another.

Let The Children Come

For six weeks we have been thinking together and learning from our Bibles more about Jesus--how He grew, the land in which He lived, the friends He knew, and the ways He used to teach his followers. This week let us think about how each one of us can learn to be better followers in our own lives. Jesus told many stories or "parables" about the people whom he worked with or visited every day. He often walked beside the small streams where the shepherds kept their sheep. He worked in a carpenter shop with Joseph. He talked to the people in the villages and on the hillsides. He was interested in them all.

Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, has rich valleys where the farmers grew food for the people and the animals. Turn in your Bible to Luke 8:5-8 and read about one of these men.

Jesus called this farmer a "sower" because he was going out to plant his seed. Some of the seed fell on the path in the field and people walked on it. Some fell on rocky places where there was no water and the plants could not grow. Some fell among weeds and thorns and there was no room for it. But some fell on good ground and grew well and yielded much food.

The lesson we may learn from this story is that when good thoughts and ideas come to us, we must let them grow in our minds and actions.

Whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are honest,
Whatsoever things are just,
Whatsoever things are pure,
Whatsoever things are lovely,
... Think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

-----Aunt Feather

see, however, that Job helped to prepare the way for the assurance that there is life after death. God in His providence and in His matchless love for man was at work in staging the "drama of redemption." This drama was not completed until the coming of Christ. In the life and death and resurrection of Christ the drama was brought to a marvelous climax. We are fortunate to live on this side of Easter. Job lived on the otherside, but he had an important part in preparing the way for our Christian faith in all that the Easter message says to us.

Poem For The Week

WHO CARES?

Lift your eyes unto the farthest and
highest hill,
From whence help cometh, for the Lord
is waiting still;
He is the keeper of all our trouble and
all our woes;
He preserves the coming out and going in
our care that grows,
And when life seems difficult, and our
worries seem to double,
"You got yourself into it," He declares,
"I'll help you out of trouble!"
HE CARES!

Murriel Green
El Dorado, Ark.

MISS MAVIS PATE, a registered nurse, presented a color slide program recently to the membership of Olla's Methodist Church which were taken during her year's work aboard the S.S. Hope (hospital ship) on its initial trip to Viet Nam during 1960-61. Miss Pate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Oden, members of the Olla church. Miss Pate has presently returned to work at the Tyler, Texas, hospital. She is shown here during the lecture dressed in native costume presented to her and members of her team while in Viet Nam.



MISS LINDA HARRIS, president of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church MYF was a guest speaker recently at the Bogalusa Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church's Sr. High "World Friendship Banquet". She spoke about her trip last summer on the "Outer State Mission Tour" which she took with a group of other young people from the Louisiana Conference to projects in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Accompanying her to Bogalusa were Raymond Fox, Sharon Overhultz and Milton Dale Baker.



Children's Choir



Junior Choir

**Sunday evening family fellowship
at
Cotton Valley's
First Methodist
Church**

Sunday evening family fellowship is held each week at Cotton Valley's First Methodist Church. Shown here is the April 10 fellowship where adults are studying different religions and the Bible; and the MYF and Junior Youth each have begun a study on the "Rim of East Asia," which the children have just completed. Mrs. O.M. Hooten is the children's department superintendent. The Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr., is the pastor.



MYF fellowship



Adult fellowship



A WEEK OF STUDY of the New Testament was led by the Rev. Jerry Means at the Vinton Methodist Church recently. Shown here at the beginning of the week are, from left, Bobby Fusslier, Janice Dorman, Mr. Means, Bobby Kinball, the MYF president, and Tommy Longnion. Mr. Means also conducted instruction for Visitation Evangelism with the members of the commission on Membership and Evangelism of Vinton.



(Photo by Judy Seal - Bogalusa Daily News)

SPEAKERS FOR the evening at the "Around the World" banquet held at Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, recently were, from left, Linda Harris of Baton Rouge, Cheryl Henderson and Bob Crichlow. This fourth annual banquet was held by the World Friendship Girls who are sponsored by the WSCS and WSG. Bonnie Adams is president of the youth group.



THE LAYMEN of the Collinston Methodist Church are presenting a series of stewardship messages at the Sunday morning services of the church. Speaker for March 24 was Innas Pagan, shown here at the top; on March 31 the speaker was Harry Eubanks, shown above; and the pastor is the Rev. Joe Robinson, shown below.



YOUNG ADULTS of Collinston Methodist Church were entertained with a supper party in the Educational Building March 21. The speaker was the Rev. John Stewart, pastor of the First Christian Church, Monroe. Mrs. Bill Bolton directed the games. There were 31 present.





MARY VIRGINIA GALATAS, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Galatas, is shown here being baptised by the Rev. Luman Douglas in the Quitman Methodist Church during a recent worship service.



A NEW RECORD of attendance was posted March 31 at the First Methodist Church, Cotton Valley. The figure, 153 (up 17), is being placed in the register. R.B. Swain is Church School Supt.; W.H. Wright is Church School Secretary; and the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr., is pastor.



The Springhill Methodist Church held open house March 31 for the new Youth Building and Fellowship Hall. These four pictures show some of the activities that day. Top left, a group of Junior Highs in the youth lounge; top right, ladies of the church in the WSCS parlor; lower left, Seniors in the youth lounge; and lower right, Pam Staten conducting the worship in the Junior High rooms.

In Memoriam

S. C. McKinzie

Samuel Clyde McKenzie, 79, a resident of Oil City, La., for the past 43 years, died February 28, 1963, at the Doctor's Hospital in Shreveport. He was born at Homer, La., Jan. 2, 1884, the third child of the late Squire Caswell and Fannie Welden McKenzie.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 1, in Shreveport. The Rev. James W. Jones, pastor of Oil City Methodist Church, of which Mr. McKenzie was a member, officiated. Burial was in Forrest Park Cemetery, Shreveport.

Mr. McKenzie is survived by his widow, the former Miss Ruby Mabry of Homer; two sons, Lloyd M. McKenzie and Leonard C. McKenzie; three brothers, Furman and Leslie of Woodsboro, Texas, and Jesse of Cuero, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Howard of Woodsboro and Mrs. Maggie Harsdorff of Lake Jackson, Texas; four grandchildren, many cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Mr. McKenzie, although denied physical vision for the past 30 years, had a keen insight into everything, and was everyone's philosophical friend. This eulogy from a friend and neighbor, Mrs. H. H. Warren, was written of the name McKenzie: M—for the man he was, C—character so fine, K—kindness he gave, E—endurance so strong, N—neighbor the best, Z—zeal he had, I—incentive for good, E—eternal life is his.

—a friend

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B. E. Midyett

B. E. Midyett, 78, a resident of Stonewall, La., for the past 60 years, died at his residence there April 3 following a long illness.

Mr. Midyett was a native of Midyett, Tex., and was a merchant.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. James Burford of Stonewall and Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. John Cockrell, both of Carthage, Tex.; three sons, the Rev. Jack Midyett, Bossier City, Perry Midyett of Stonewall and W. E. Midyett of Shreveport; five sisters, Mrs. Will Sepaugh of Carthage, Mrs. Jewell Bains, Stonewall, Miss Lucy Midyett, Shreveport, Mrs. John Roach of Texarkana, Tex., and Mrs. J. L. Berry of Shreveport; three brothers, F. S. Midyett, Carthage, B. B. Midyett of Stonewall and Pete Midyett of Shreveport; also 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 4 at the Stonewall Methodist Church with the Rev. J. T. McKeithen, pastor of the Ferriday Methodist Church officiating.

(The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, has received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service from New York University's Religious Education Fellowship. Dr. Smith, who earned his Ph.D. degree from NYU in 1944.

Missions Board Lists 13 Summer Conferences

In the early spring, when many persons already are making summer plans, the Methodist Board of Missions calls the attention of mission-minded Methodists to 13 summer missionary conferences to be held throughout the United States in July and August.

In past years, more than 2,000 Methodists have attended the interdenominational and Methodist summer conferences to learn: the latest about happenings in Methodist mission fields, how to develop an effective year-round program of missionary education in the local church, information on upcoming mission studies, and how to stimulate increased missionary giving.

Seven of the summer missionary conferences are interdenominational, and six are for Methodist-only. In the ecumenical conferences, Methodists join with other denominations and with interdenominational agencies in the sponsorship. The conferences are as far apart as central Massachusetts and extreme southern California.

The summer conferences provide the major training and learning opportunities for Methodist missions leaders during the year. Those encouraged to attend include conference and district missionary secretaries, district superintendents, pastors and chairmen of the Commission on Missions in the local church. More emphasis is being placed this year on the attendance of commission chairmen and other laymen interested in missions.

One of the highlights at each conference will be the presentation of resources for the 1963-64 mission study themes and training in the use of these resources in the local church. The themes for next year are: Interdenominational home theme—"The Changing City Challenges the Church"; interdenominational overseas theme—"The Christian Mission in Southern Asia"; Methodist churchwide theme—"Our Mission Today."

Conferences will provide training in effective techniques of missionary education, such as the churchwide school of missions, audio-visuals, mission festivals, missionary education in the church school, techniques of missionary recruitment, use of literature, parish papers, displays, bulletin boards and missionary letters. Tips will be presented on how to promote World Outlook, the Methodist magazine of missions.

Experts will be at each conference to report and interpret the latest developments in Methodist mission fields at home and overseas. Special emphasis will be given to financial causes related to missions. The need for Advance Special gifts as an essential element in the Methodist missionary program will be presented.

Methodist leadership at each conference will be provided primarily through the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Boards of Missions. The Joint Section will furnish leaders for seminars, workshops, classes and demonstrations, and will assign Methodist missionaries to attend the conference. Some of the leaders will be staff executives of the Joint Section; others will be qualified conference and

district missionary secretaries.

The Rev. Dr. John R. Wilkins, New York, director of the Department of Missionary Education of the Board of Missions, coordinates the planning and development of Methodist participation in the summer conferences. Anyone desiring complete information about any of the conferences may write to Dr. Wilkins at: Methodist Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

The dates and places of the summer missions conferences:

Silver Bay Conference on the Christian World Mission (interdenominational), Silver Bay, N. Y., July 10-17.

Northfield Conference on the Christian World Mission (interdenominational), East Northfield, Mass., July 14-20.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Missionary Conference (Methodist), Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 19-25.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Workshop for the Commission on Missions (Methodist), Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 19-21.

Ecumenical Mission Conference (interdenominational), California Western University, San Diego, Calif., July 26-31.

Ecumenical Mission Conference (interdenominational), Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif., August 2-7.

Pacific Northwest International Mission Conference (interdenominational), Vancouver, British Columbia, August 16-21.

Appalachian Missionary Conference

(Methodist), West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va., July 29-August 2.

Midwest Conference on the Christian World Mission (interdenominational), Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., August 5-9.

Diamond Ranch Missionary Conference (Methodist), Diamond Ranch, Chugwater, Wyo., August 12-16.

Chautauqua Conference on the Christian World Mission (interdenominational), Chautauqua, N. Y., August 18-24.

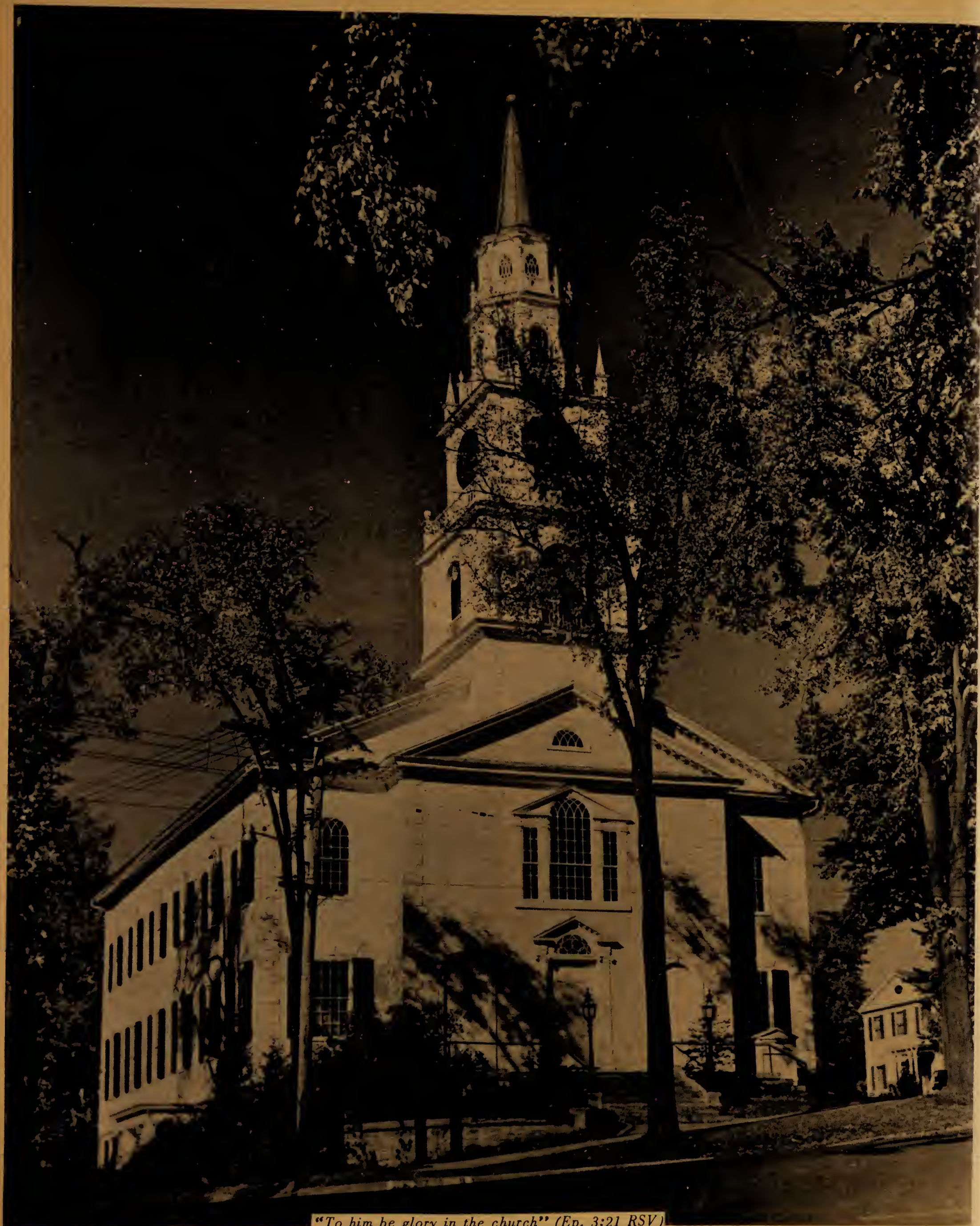
South Central Jurisdictional Missionary Conference (Methodist), Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., August 13-16.

South Central Jurisdictional Workshop for the Commission on Missions (Methodist), Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., August 16-18.

Anyone interested in more information about a particular conference may write to: Dr. John R. Wilkins, Director, Department of Missionary Education, 13th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.



LAMBARENE, Gabon - Albert Schweitzer on his 88th birthday, a photographic study by Lisle M. Ramsey, St. Louis executive who spent a week with the medical missionary at his hospital in Lambarene, Gabon. Mr. Ramsey went to Africa to invite Dr. Schweitzer to visit the U.S. He found that Dr. Schweitzer still follows an 18-hour day in the service of Africans. Schweitzer declined Mr. Ramsey's invitation, replying that he wished to spend the rest of his life at the mission hospital.



"To him be glory in the church" (Ep. 3:21 RSV)

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 20, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I returned last evening from San Francisco where the spring meeting of the Council of Bishops was held this week, Tuesday through Thursday. Reports from over the Church are encouraging, and the Bishops present from overseas thrilled us with their stories of the heroic witnessing of our people in strategic places and dangerous situations around the world.

It is just six weeks now until the Louisiana Annual Conference will convene in First Church, New Orleans. Much progress has been made this conference year but much remains yet to be done. The Aldersgate celebration is before us in May. Let us give careful and prayerful attention to following up the evangelistic efforts made in all of our charges. Let us look to our financial budgets and especially to our benevolence obligations that every charge may report everything "in full."

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton

Bishop Walton in Shreveport District Churches Next Sunday

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will visit three churches on the Shreveport District on Sunday, April 28, for special services.

At North Highlands Methodist

Information Director Leads PR Panel

Mrs. Lona Wilson, Director of Methodist Information for Louisiana, served as moderator for a panel on "Church Publicity" as a part of the program of the National Religious Publicity Council at its annual meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Tuesday of this week.

Following the NRPC meeting, Mrs. Wilson is participating in the Methodist Information All Staff Conference at the Orrington Hotel, Evanston Ill., Wednesday through Friday under the leadership of Dr. Ralph Stoddy, director of the general Methodist Information program.

Church, where the Rev. George Harkins is the pastor, he will preach at the morning worship hour and consecrate the new organ. In the afternoon, he will visit the Hosston Methodist Church, dedicate the new parsonage, and preach at Vesper Services at 5 p.m. The Rev. John G. Gieck is the pastor.

At the evening worship hour, Bishop Walton will be preaching at the new Lakeview Methodist Church, formerly the Park Avenue Church, of which the Rev. James Beasley is the pastor.

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WORTH QUOTING

"Communism as a philosophy of life has worn thinner than we think. Many of the old religions of the Far East have become decadent. There is a tremendous vacuum that needs to be filled. The world is starving to death for something as big as Christ." — Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta Area, speaking in Memphis at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation.



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON will dedicate the Hosston Methodist Parsonage at 3:30 p.m. next Sunday, Apr. 28. After the dedication there will be a reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. Walton and then the bishop will speak at the 5:00 p.m. Vesper Service at the Hosston Church.

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Four Louisiana Methodists Will Tour of Indian Mission Work

Four Louisiana Methodists joined approximately thirty-five others from all sections of the South Central Jurisdiction for a tour of the Oklahoma Methodist Indian Mission Conference, Apr. 24-28.

Civic Foundation Founders' Banquet

The Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation will hold a Founders' Reunion Banquet in the Skyline Room of the Capitol House Hotel, Baton Rouge, Tuesday, Apr. 30 at 6:30 p.m., according to Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, executive director.

Dr. J. D. Gray of New Orleans, will deliver the memorial address in tribute to the deceased founders. President William L. May will serve as toastmaster. "Honor Awards" will be presented to all of the LMCF's founders or to surviving members of their families.

Tickets to the banquet are \$3.00 and may be secured from LMCF, Inc., P. O. Box 2951, Baton Rouge 1, La. According to Dr. Hotalen's announcement, "All LMCF folks are cordially invited."

The Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation was organized September 25, 1942 by approximately one hundred dedicated men and women who met in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria. The late Dr. Edgar Godbold was elected the first president, Dr. Virgil Morris made the first financial contribution, and Dr. Oscar Sanden was chosen as the first executive director.

Alexandria District

In the Alexandria District lines have been re-drawn for a new sub-district Youth Fellowship. It will include Trinity Church, First Church, and Horse-shoe Drive Church, all of Alexandria; First Church, Pineville, and Bunkie. This is being done so that the larger churches of the district might be together in one sub-district. The first meeting of the new organization was held April 15 at Trinity Church.

Those participating from Louisiana are the Rev. Jerry Means, Dubach; the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid, Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles; the Rev. Roy E. Mouser, North Baton Rouge Methodist Church; and the Rev. Loyd Williams Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe. The tour has been arranged by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction.

The group assembled in Oklahoma City, Wednesday afternoon and attended Prayer Meeting together in an Indian Mission church in that city.

On Thursday morning they toured churches and institutions of the Southwestern District spending the night in Ada. The Friday schedule called for visits to the District Center, the Talihina Indian Hospital and other points of interest in the Southeastern District. They will spend the night in McAlester.

On Saturday the group will tour the Northeastern District, including a look at Eufaula's Girls School and Fife Memorial Church in Muskogee. They will spend the night in Tulsa.

The final day of the tour will take them to preaching services in the Northwestern District including the Thage Mission, the Pawnee Mission, the Ponca Mission, the Kingfisher Mission and the El Reno Mission.

They will return to Oklahoma City Sunday evening to conclude their tour.

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The first religious emphasis week was held at LSU at Alexandria the week of April 14 under the joint sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union, the Methodist Student Fellowship and the Newman Club. The Rev. Richard Hoffpauir is Wesley Foundation Director at LSU at Alexandria.

Philippine's Mission Wins 1,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — More than 1,000 first decisions for Christ and 700 baptisms were reported as results of a Methodist evangelistic mission in the Philippines Feb. 3 to March 1.

Editorials

What we give we keep

Few Methodists these days can be unaware of the challenge of stewardship as most of our congregations move right along in the final days of their Every Member Visitations. Recognizing that today's financial picture in the average church is miles ahead of the methods used just a generation ago, the fact remains that great numbers of Methodists are still not educated to the point of giving proportionately for the support of the building of the Kingdom of God through the church,

What we need to see in many instances is that giving is actually a process of living and that our greatest happiness in our spiritual life waits on our seeing this clearly and universally.

Jesus put "the ethic of giving" with peculiar emphasis at the heart of the Sermon on the Mount. You will remember that he said, "Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Master was apparently underscoring a motive we blush to accept as a principle of giving. There is a fine and noble sense in which he says, "Give in order to get back." Selfish as it may seem at first, self-interest is involved in our giving. Even in the Beatitudes he spoke of the sanctions for the good life and the good attitude in terms of rewards.

Giving is really a complicated matter, starting out in self-interest and ending on its highest level with self-realization and the two motives are never really far apart.

Someone has said "You can never give anything away." This is really true because there

are so many rich rewards for every gift from those who share unselfishly the resources with which God has blessed them. It is the spirit which characterized the principle character in a popular novel a few years ago, who refused to take money in repayment for loans made for worthy purposes by saying, "I can't take the money back. I've already used it up."

Reasons come in different sizes

Dr. Roy L. Smith, one of the great authors of modern Methodism, died this week, but he will live for a long time in the memory of those of us who read his terse and lucid sermonettes which have filled our periodicals even up to the time of his death in his seventy-fifth year.

In one of his brief homilies, Dr. Smith told of a girl of fifteen whose mother was accusing her of some gross foolishness. The girl said to her mother, "But mother, I had a good reason for what I did." To this, her mother replied, "Yes, it was a good reason, but it was a very small reason. Reasons come in different sizes, and you are never right until you use the best and biggest reason of all in making your decisions."

What great truth there is in that statement, "reasons come in different sizes." It is so easy to decide big issues on the basis of small ideas. For example, we are using a small reason when we defend fairness to one person or one group of persons at the expense of others. One's reason is not large enough when he justifies the exploitation of future resources or happiness for pleasure today.

We are being petty when we rationalize extravagance when necessities should be claiming our attention. The reasoning is of the same caliber when a board member opposes a for-for no other cause than "we have never done it that way."

Prejudice, impatience, selfishness, pride, personal vanity, selfish ambition, jealousy - what petty reasons these vices can supply, and what disasters they can precipitate by their defenses!



the EDITOR'S CORNER

NOT AN ORDINARY DAY

Last Thursday and Friday will really have to be classified as something other than ordinary in the life of your editor. It may sound a bit fantastic, but we spoke to the Methodist Men of eastern Clay County, Ark. on Thursday evening and then a little more than twelve hours later appeared before the World Service and Finance Commission of the Louisiana Conference meeting in Alexandria some 450 miles away.

This is not a recommended diet, but one for which there seemed to be no alternative at the time. The speaking date was one of long standing and the appearance before the WS and F Commission was a "must"

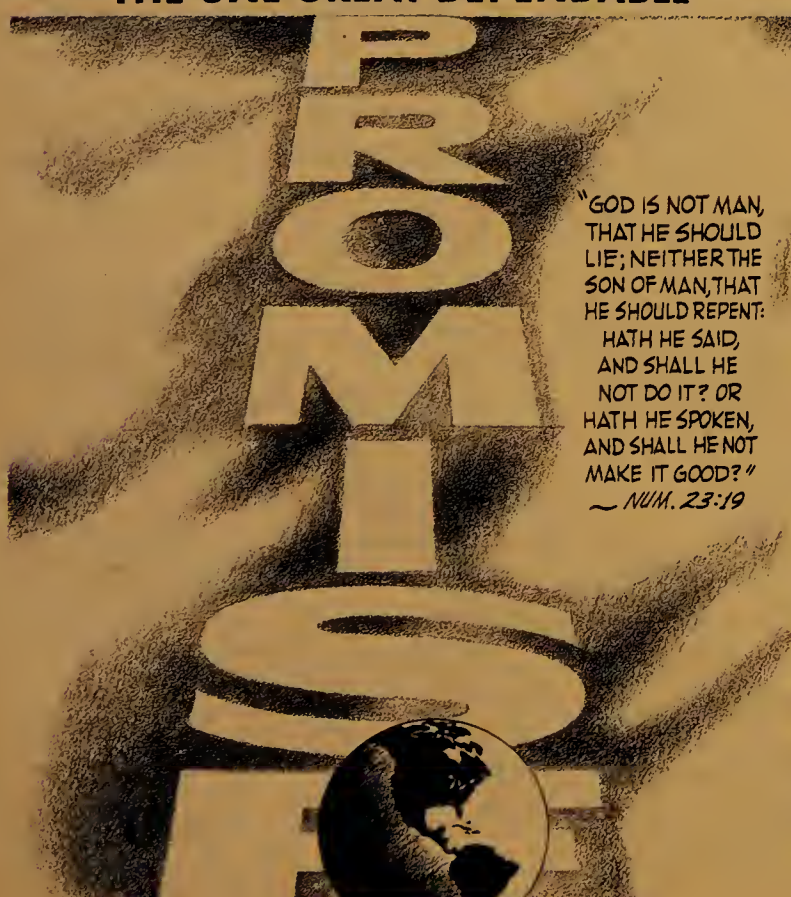
We have driven all night on a few previous occasions and do not count it among our most refreshing hobbies. However, we did go to bed following our appearance before the commission and felt that we bounced back in short order.

On Sunday we were with the Rev. Loyd Williams and his fine congregation at Memorial Methodist Church in Monroe. This beautiful church near the campus of Northeastern State College gives evidence of being vigorous and aggressive in every phase of church life.

We had a most flattering introduction to this congregation as the pastor honored us by reprinting a recent editorial on the last page of his bulletin for this Sunday. Now if you don't think this will make an editor do his best in the pulpit you just try it some time.

Then after a lovely visit with the Williams family, including two attractive grandchildren, we hit the road for home and how good it was to see it again. The homecoming is the richest reward for traveling.

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Church Focus on Town, Country Congregations In July Conference

The focus of the 10,000,000-member Methodist Church will be on its congregations in small towns, urban fringe and open country for three days in July at the National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country. The conference, to be attended by about 1,200 persons will be held July 9-12 on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis.

The conference will be the highlight of the Methodist Church's Quadrennial Emphasis for 1960-64 on the small congregation. Called by the Methodist Council of Bishops, the Town and Country Conference is being sponsored and planned by the Methodist Interboard Committee on Town and Country Work. The theme of the meeting will be "The Church at Work in a Changing World" and the purpose is:

"To explore the mission of the church in town and country life with emphasis given to the small church and its ministry to clergy and laity, to the changing patterns of population and culture in town and country areas, to the world revolution and to the development of a cooperative and united ministry as our response to the lordship of Jesus Christ."

Those attending the conference will represent virtually all groups in the Methodist Church concerned with the development of the church in small towns, growing fringe areas around metropolitan centers and the open country. Each person attending is chosen by his annual conference. Among such persons will be bishops, district superintendents, officers of annual and jurisdictional conference Town and Country Commissions, pastors and laymen in town and country churches, representatives of conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service, special rural church and community workers, students from Methodist theological seminaries, editors of church periodicals, professors of town and country work in Methodist colleges and representatives of national Methodist agencies.

The conference program each day will be based around a theme and will include a morning keynote address, study groups, resource clinics and an evening program feature. The daily themes and program highlights will be:

July 9—Theme will be "The nature of the church and her mission as responsible concern for society." The morning keynote speaker will be Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas Area. The evening program will be a musical one under the leadership of Dr. J. Edward Moyer, professor of church music at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

July 10—Theme will be "To communicate the Gospel and to fulfill her Lord's mission." The morning keynote speaker will be the Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, a staff member of the Department of General Church School Work of the Methodist Board of Education. The evening program will include an address by the Rev. Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, professor at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. and a drama by the Nebraska Wesleyan University Players.

July 11—Theme will be "To be the evangel and the steward of the manifold grace of God." The morning keynote speaker will be Bishop Eugene

Slater of the Kansas Area. The evening program will include an address by Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area and an audio-visual presentation of the church at work in a world of need.

July 12—Theme will be "To glorify and praise God at worship." The morning keynote speaker will be Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of the Illinois Area. The conference will close at 1 p.m.

During the day, those attending will be divided into small groups for discussion of the theme for the day. In addition to the discussion groups, the delegates will also have opportunity to attend each day 25 resource clinics dealing with various phases of town and country church life such as: rural evangelism, music in small churches, group ministries and lay preaching. Leaders of the resource clinics will be specialists in the various fields represented.

An important function to be held in conjunction with the conference will be a banquet of the Methodist Rural Fellowship the evening of July 8. Al-

though not an official part of the conference program, the banquet is open to all those attending.

The Interboard Committee on Town and Country Work, which includes representatives from six national Methodist agencies, is in charge of over-all planning for the conference. Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area is the chairman. The co-ordinator of the planning is the Rev. Dr. Harold S. Huff, Philadelphia, Pa., director of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Methodist Board of Missions. The program is being planned by a conference program committee, of which Bishop T. Otto Nall of the Minnesota Area is chairman. Both the Interboard Committee and the program committee are working in cooperation with the Bishops Committee on Town and Country Work, of which Bishop Phillips is the chairman.

MISSISSIPPIANS TAKE STAND

Twenty-eight Methodist ministers of the Mississippi Conference, concerned over present trends of curbing the freedom of the pulpit, issued a statement of their common convictions, which was printed in the Jan. 2 issue of The Mississippi Methodist Advocate.



SEOUL, Korea -- U.S. Servicemen on duty at the First Cavalry Division's 8th Engineer Compound in Korea are silhouetted against a clear sky as a 16-foot cross reminds them of Christ's sufferings. The cross was erected for Easter sunrise services on the post. Many such Easter devotions were held for American servicemen overseas.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

April 28—Sunday	Col. 3:1-17
April 29	2 Peter 1:12-21
April 30	Phil. 3:1-11
May 1	2 Timothy 1:1-14
May 2	1 Samuel 1:1-18
May 3	1 Samuel 1:19-28
May 4	Proverbs 4:1-9
May 5—Sunday	Proverbs 10:1-14

Description Of Merger Plans Within British

A lucid description of the proposed plan looking toward the union of the Church of England and the Methodist Church of Great Britain appears in the April issue of *World Parish*, organ of the World Methodist Council.

It was written by the Rev. Eric W. Baker, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, during his recent visit as great lecturer at several American colleges. Dr. Baker was one of the twelve Methodist conferees.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, editor of *World Parish*, has consented to the reprinting that follows of portions of Dr. Baker's explanation. Dr. Tuttle is secretary of the World Methodist Council and maintains offices in Lake Junaluska, N. C. and New York.

Dr. Baker traces the movement toward union to a sermon in 1946 by the then Archbishop of Canterbury in which an invitation was extended to nonconformist churches to consider an episcopal system. This, if adopted, he said, could lead to a closer relationship with the Church of England. In response, conversations involving several church bodies were held.

In 1956, at the further invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, negotiations between twelve representatives of the Church of England and twelve from the Methodist Church began. These consultations produced the plan now before these churches for study.

Methodists agreed to participation in the conversations on several conditions. One was that they would contemplate no new associations that would disturb the present harmonious relations between Methodism and other nonconformist churches. Another condition insured for Methodists the same liberty of interpretation in regard to the meaning and significance of episcopacy as at present appears to exist within the Anglican communion.

The proposals received unanimous approval by the twelve Anglicans. While eight Methodist consultants favored the plan, four expressed non-concurrence in a minority report. All representatives, however, agreed in commending the reports to their respective authoritative bodies for study. No vote is to be taken before 1965.

The following condensation of Dr. Baker's Report on the Conversations is in his own words:

Should the verdict by each church
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One Hundred Seven Charter Members

The Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, who supposedly retired in 1960 after completing 50 years in the ministry, proved conclusively on Easter that he had not retired. That was Charter Membership Sunday for a new church in North Sulphur, which has been organized under his leadership.

The new church to be known as Wesley Methodist Church received 107 charter members Easter. Of these 27 were received on profession of faith; 16 were from other denominations; and 64 were received from other Methodist churches, many of whom were inactive members. The Church School enrollment is nearly 100.

Some three months ago a survey of North Sulphur was made with the help of Dr. J. David Bowdon, Sr., pastor of Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, and several of his members. A number of families expressed interest in a new church, and several meetings were held in the City Hall at the invitation of Mayor Earl Koonce to discuss plans for beginning a new church.

Church services were begun in a theatre the first Sunday in February, with Mr. Hoffpauir serving as pastor. A short time later a small frame church became available from another denomination and arrangements were made to purchase it as a temporary location. The purchase price was \$5,000 and the building was paid for on mem-



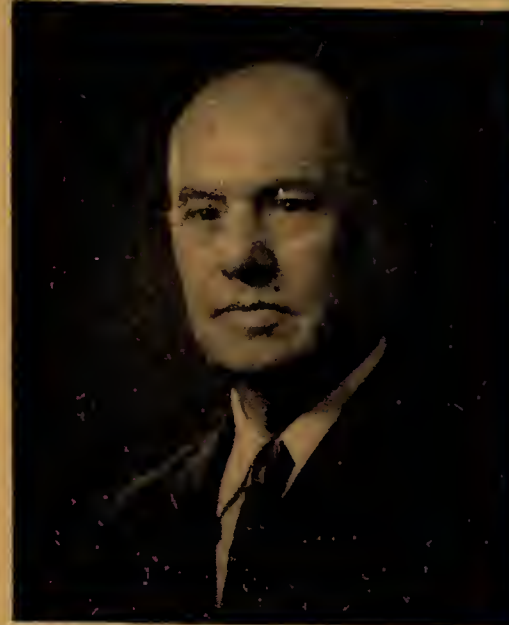
The Rev. Louis Hoffpauir

bership Sunday and awaits dedication by Bishop Walton.

Several members of Henning Memorial Church, including Mr. Mayo Foreman and Mayor Koonce, worked with Brother Hoffpauir to secure the necessary funds for this property.

Brother Hoffpauir retired in 1960 after seven years as pastor of First Methodist Church, Crowley. He completed 50 years in the ministry, ten of which were spent on the Ruston District. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffpauir moved to Sulphur in 1960

Centenary College Names Lowrey New Professor of History



Dr. Walter Lowrey

Shreveport — Centenary College added another fine teacher and another strong Methodist to its faculty family last week with the announcement that Dr. Walter McG. Lowrey, now Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences at Nicholls State College, will come to Centenary as professor of history next September.

Lowrey is a native Louisianian, having been born and raised in Mansfield and earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Louisiana State University. He took his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University, but

virtually his entire teaching career has been spent at Nicholls State in Thibodaux.

At the latter college he has served successively as assistant professor, associate professor and professor of history, head of the Department of Social Science and Dean of Division. He is a specialist in American history, and especially that of the Deep South and the Mississippi Valley.

Dr. Lowrey is a member of the official board of the Thibodaux Methodist Church and chairman of its Building Committee. His pastor, Rev. Rupert D. Coles, wrote of him: "He is one of our most active members, willingly furnishing leadership and service in any capacity in which he is asked . . . I believe Centenary College would gain immeasurably from the presence of a man like Dr. Lowrey on the faculty."

five feet deep. This, of course, ruined much of the bottom part of the building. When the water receded, the members set about repairing the damages. It was necessary to replace most of the foundation as well as much of the siding and floor, which was accomplished without altering the building.

Even with the necessary renovation in 1948, which consisted of reversing the pews and pulpit, it retains its original design. At the same time a front porch entrance was added to face the new road. In 1956 an educational annex was added consisting of a fellowship hall, classrooms, and other facilities.

Wesley, in the past, has been on the circuit with Tensas Chapel, L'Argent (pronounced Le John), long since abandoned, Waterproof, Crowville and St. Joseph. Wesley and St. Joseph are now a separate Charge. Services are held at 11:00 A.M. each Sunday morning.

One of the earliest markers in the church cemetery dates back to 1845. A marble slab inscribed with the name W. E. Ford, Masonic emblem, and date covered an old brick vault. This marker has been removed from the vault that still remains. The many floods through the years prevented the people from using this cemetery extensively.

The influence of Wesley has proven itself by those who have had their early training here as they have continued to make contributions to its support, even after they have moved to other communities. They are also leaders in the churches where they have made their new homes. Their love for Wesley is further demonstrated by their frequent visits back to the church of their earlier days. A recent product of this church, Miss Johnnie Mae Webb, is now a social worker in the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Truly it is meet and proper, and due to the generations following us, that we maintain the service rendered before and thus hand Wesley down to those who come after us that they may know that we, who have lived before them, were God-fearing and God-serving people.

Methodism's Landmark in Tensas Parish

by Ardis S. Berry and Arby W. Coody

Sitting on the West bank of Van Buren Bayou in a grove of oak and gum trees about 10 miles west of St. Joseph in Tensas Parish you will find the historic Wesley Methodist Church, which is believed to be one of the oldest church buildings in use today in this area. It is understood that the early worshippers, who later built this structure, worshipped for some time under an arbor on this same sight perhaps built with palmetto over poles cut from the woods. Wesley is of Colonial architecture and on the interior still has the dividing rail which for years separated the men and women during the worship service.

It is believed that the Tensas tribe of Indians was not entirely extinct when this House of Worship was built.

In the early days, the road ran along the bank of the bayou because the land was better drained and therefore could be traveled a greater part of the year. The church faced this road and bayou. But in more recent years, the highway was changed, and ran behind the old church. This later prompted the reversing of the church to face the new road.

Wesley is an antebellum church, being established about 1843, with the building being started, according to "hearsay," about 1852. This cannot be certain, due to a fire in 1927 which burned the old Mayflower Plantation home where the records were kept. We are reasonably certain of the antiquity of the present building because, according to folk stories, women of the community gathered there to sew and make bandages for the soldiers of the

Confederacy.

Even though the building is of frame construction and simple in appearance, with little decoration, it was not completed at that time, but was used for many years without any ceiling, just a hull of a frame building.

After the crops were "laid-by", the community came together and made the structure ready for use by hewing and splitting various types of native woods, taken from the local forests. Cypress and locust were largely used and fastened with wooden pegs. Rafters were made of sassafras. The only material purchased was the clapboard siding brought up from Natchez, Mississippi by boat.

Some of the early families who supported and helped build Wesley, included a local preacher and farmer, the Reverend Dieffenwirth, Nichols, Lynch, Baker, who was a contractor and architect, Blanche, Guthrie, Harrison, Smith and Chew.

Some of the present members, many of whom are descendants of the founders, remember when services were held on the first Sunday and then only during the summer months, because of bad roads during the winter. These Sundays were made an occasion by having services at ten o'clock in the morning followed by "dinner-on-the-ground," served by the ladies. In the afternoon, before returning home, they would have another sermon. And of course, the time in between was filled with much gaiety and fellowship, as these meetings were the chief social life for many who lived some distance from

their nearest neighbors. This custom of the "dinner-on-the-ground" is still observed through the summer months on every first Sunday.

Strangers were welcome, as indicated by the provision of black alpaca coats for them and other passers-by, who might not have proper attire. Some of these coats were left hanging in the back of the church long after their usefulness had passed.

People of the colored race have played an important role in the history of Wesley. In the early days, Negro boys were on hand to take care of the horses. They would unhitch them from the buggies and surreys, water and have them ready when the day's activities were over. A place was provided for all the Negro servants present to attend the services of worship.

Ole Uncle Trapp, an ex-slave, was caretaker of Wesley for at least sixty years. He and Uncle Ned Diggs both stayed for church, having a special pew provided for them in the back. They continued to attend these services as long as they were physically able to do so, this being as recent as twenty years ago.

Before remodeling, when they had Sunday School, classes would meet in the one-room building and under one or more of the spacious trees which shaded the lawn. The Sunday School has been somewhat limited through the years for lack of enough children in the community, and has not always been maintained.

During the 1927 overflow, the church was standing in water above

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE PELICAN METHODIST CHURCH had as its guest minister on Palm Sunday, the Rev. R.L. Clayton of Shreveport. The Rev. Sayes is pastor of the Pelican Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, observed Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday as a special part of the Holy Week observance. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.

WISNER FIRST METHODIST Church was host to the Easter sunrise service. The message was brought by the Rev. Carlton Vance, pastor of the Wisner Baptist Church. The Rev. Paul Durbin is the Methodist pastor.

NEW OFFICERS OF Methodist Men at First Church, Bossier City, are: Don Bailey - president, E.O. Beauvais, vice-president, and A.R. Lott - secretary-treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

THE URANIA PARK AREA was the site for Easter sunrise services with all denominations in the area participating. The Rev. E.W. Sandel, pastor of the Trout-Urania Charge, was the speaker.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice president of Centenary College, was guest speaker for Methodist Men of Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport on Monday April 15. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.

THE FARMERVILLE METHODIST Youth Fellowship held the senior high and junior high banquet in the church on April 19-20, respectively, with a large number in attendance. The Rev. John D. Corley is their pastor.

THE SANCTUARY, Antiphonal and Crusader Choirs of Alexandria's First Church presented Everett Titcomb's cantata "To Calvary" over KALB-TV from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.

MR. RAY BURNHAM directed the cantata "Behold your King" written by John W. Peterson, which was presented in the Springhill Methodist Church at the evening service on Easter. The Rev. Ralph Cain is the pastor.

THE ANNUAL SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE was held in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. George Ross bringing the message and Mrs. S. Baldwin of the Grace Methodist Church in Ruston bringing special music.

SPECIAL MUSIC was provided by the Junior Choir of North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Palm Sunday. The group was under the direction of Mrs. C.M. Schuette, and Mrs. J.C. DeLoach was the pianist. The Rev. George Harkins is pastor.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE was appointed in the Haynesville Methodist Church to study the possibility of a youth and music director for the church. Appointed to the committee were Dr. Tom Cochran, Ralph A. Lowe, and Mrs. B.M. Watters. The Rev. K.G. Rorie is the pastor.

IN THE DeQUINCY METHODIST CHURCH, four Scouts were presented their God and Country Awards at the Sunday morning service, April 14. The young men who received them are Edward Lee Hines, Sammy Snider, Winfred Martin, and Paul Carlson. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

THE NORTH BATON ROUGE Methodist Church will begin construction immediately. A loan has been

secured to be paid off in a fifteen year period. The construction contract was awarded Bob Finley, Inc. at a total cost of \$89,977. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is the pastor.

DR. EMILE BERNARD, JR. was in charge of the program when the Napoleon Avenue Church in New Orleans held the church-wide dinner on Wednesday, April 24. The event promoted the stewardship program of the church, of which the Rev. Don Alverson is pastor.

MRS. F.G. KELLY is leading the study of "Dimensions of Prayer" being held in Grace Methodist Church at Ruston. The first class was held on Monday evening. The Rev. George W. Ross is pastor.

"FORSAKEN OF MEN" by Leo Sowerby, was presented by the Cathedral Choir of Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans, Sunday, April 7, at 5 p.m. Directed by Dr. Richard Waggoner, soloists were John Paquette, Jack Wilson, Will Finnin, Howard Peachey, Don Bernard, Barbara Biermann, and Anita Wilson. The Rev. B.A. Galloway is the pastor.

DOWNSVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE have been participating in a volunteer Wednesday evening Bible study throughout the year. The Sunday evening Methodist Youth Fellowship has been for young people of the circuit, including Bethel, Downsville, and Mt. Nebo churches. The Rev. Brady B. Forman is their pastor.

SOLOISTS AT LAKE CHARLES First Church when the youth choir presented "The Resurrection According to Nicodemus" were: Leta Adele Burns, Shirley Nutter, Sharon Shields, Jim Carver, and Don Guillory. The narrator was John Keller. Ministers at First Church are Dr. George W. Pomeroy and the Rev. Donald J. Hall.

ERNEST ARNOLD, a layman from Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church in New Orleans, spoke to the Methodist Men's Club of the Lake Vista Church on Monday, April 22. He told about one of the most important lay-movements in the history of the Methodist church, that of "The Twelve". The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. is minister of Lake Vista.

MR. ROBERT LAY of Shreveport was the guest speaker for the Methodist Men of Fairview Church in Camden, Arkansas, on Thursday night, April 4. Also present was the Camden District Superintendent, the Rev. Ralph Clayton, who gave the invocation. Pastor of Fairview is the Rev. John P. Miles.

CHURCHES OF MINDEN held a joint sunrise service on Easter on the property across from the Methodist youth building. The Rev. Richard Knott, pastor of the Minden Presbyterian Church brought the message. The evening service in the First Methodist Church brought the Easter message through scripture, poetry, art, and the music of two choirs. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is the pastor.

THE JONESVILLE First Methodist Church held a fellowship supper in the educational building on Friday, March 22, following which a period of prayer was held for the Aldersgate revivals in the Harrisonburg and Jonesville churches, of which the Rev. Roy Garrett serves as pastor. A prayer vigil was held the next day from 6-9 p.m. in the sanctuary.

IN NOLLEY MEMORIAL Church, Jena, the adult choir presented the cantata "The Way of the Cross", by Roger C. Wilson, on Thursday night, April 11. Soloists were: Mr. Carl Balus, Mrs. Carl Balus, R.M. Reeves, George Morgan, Mrs. W.M. Palmer, Jr. The reader was Lewis Sleeth; the organist Mr. C.A. McCartney, and the pianist Mrs. Jack Honeycutt. The director of the choir is Mrs. R.M. Reeves and the pastor is the Rev. A.G. Taylor.

THE SLIDELL METHODIST Youth Fellowship sponsored and presented the entire Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. under the trees on the church lot. John Bevan brought the message. The youth choir was led by Mrs. Louise Pichon. The scripture lesson was read by Eddie Bergman. Donnie Green was in charge

of arrangements; Susan Maygielf is the new president of the group, and Mrs. Nora Bailey is the counselor.

DR. J.W. NICKEL was guest speaker in the Broadmoor Church at Shreveport on Sunday night, March 31. Dr. and Mrs. Nickel and their family, are members of the Broadmoor Church. Dr. Nickel is a professor of German parents, Dr. Nickel left Russia shortly after the Communist Revolution and migrated to Canada. He has served as a Mennonite minister, has taught and preached in Canada, in South America, and in the United States. Pastor of Broadmoor is the Rev. James T. Harris.

WALKER CIRCUIT, Baton Rouge District, is sending THE LOUISIANA METHODIST into every home of the three churches on the charge. Mangum Chapel, Friendship, and Walker, the Rev. Wallace P. Blackwood, pastor, all report this a fine evangelistic endeavor. The Spiritual-Depth Group, which meets on the Walker Circuit on Wednesday evenings, has recently completed a devotional study on "What the Holiness People Believe". The group will continue now with "The Full Blessing of Pentecost". A recent guest was the Rev. Roy Mouser, of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, who gave his testimony.

THE MELVILLE METHODIST MEN'S Club conducted its third annual laymen's revival from Monday, April 8 through Friday, April 12. Guest speakers were as follows: Monday night, Tilman Jones; Tuesday, Mrs. Ruth Herbert; Wednesday night, youth program with services conducted by the young people, with Chris Andrews of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, as guest speaker; Thursday, Hewitt Bordelon; Friday, W.W. Merritt, safety engineer, Ethyl Corporation, Baton Rouge. Special music each night was under the direction of Johnny Zerangue, Jr. The pastor is the Rev. George J. Burlew.

THE TRI-PARISH Methodist Youth Sub-district elected officers at the recent meeting in Vidalia. Elected were: president - Lenora Dampier, Waterproof; vice president - Stewart Chisum, Sicily Island; treasurer - Alice Ann Forest, Ferriday; publicity - Carole Black, Vidalia; sub-district representatives - Lela Gail Olds and Adella Dampier, Waterproof. Vidalia youth presented an Easter program. In the business session, reports were heard from the District Youth Conference, and the Youth Banquet. A report was made on the status of the Christian Vocations Clinic for the district. Mr. Ben Westerburg of Sicily Island is the counselor.

BROADMOOR CHURCH in Shreveport featured harpsichord, organ, and stringed instruments in the performance of two cantatas on Sunday, April 7. Eric Thiman's "The Last Supper" was performed with organ accompaniment, and the "Seven Words from the Cross" by Schutz, was sung to an accompaniment of harpsichord and strings. Capt. C.M. McKay, Barksdale Air Force Base tenor, sang the words of Jesus; Judas was by John Ford; Robert Major was Thomas; the Thief on the left was by Ed Faust; the Thief on the Right by Randy James; narrators were Mrs. James T. Harris and Miss Bonnie Brian. Joseph Running of Centenary College's School of Music conducted the Chancel Choir and 12 soloists from the organ and harpsichord. Pastor at Broadmoor is the Rev. James T. Harris.



THE PALM SUNDAY SERVICES were observed with the Junior choir forming a processional into the church singing "Hosanna, The Little Children Sang." This choir is under the direction of Mrs. C. Schuette at North Highlands Church, Shreveport, Mrs. J.C. DeLoach is pianist. The Rev. George Harkins is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR MAY 5, 1963: RESTORING BROKEN RELATIONS

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 32, 51. Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 32.

MEMORY SELECTION: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalms 51:17.

AIM OF LESSON: To point out the need for repentance and confession of our sins in order to make way for the new life in Christ. To emphasize also the inner joy that comes to our lives in the consciousness that our sins are forgiven and that we are in peace and fellowship with God.

The 32nd Psalm, our lesson text for today, is the second of the seven "Penitential Psalms." In the title of the Psalm David is named as the author. There are some who think David wrote this Psalm in penitence after his great sin against Bathsheba and Uriah.

On reading the Psalm, however, one is not impressed with the feeling that it is a confession of some one great, overshadowing sin. Rather it sounds like a confession of sin in general. There is little question but that Psalm 51 was written by David as he repented for the great sin of his life which he feels even included "bloodguiltiness." In reading this Psalm one is impressed with the intensity of grief, sorrow and penitence for some great, overwhelming sin of life that is absent from the Psalm of our lesson text.

For this reason many doubt that Psalm 32 was written for the same reason which prompted Psalm 51 and many even doubt that the author is the same.

THE FACT OF SIN

In the first two verses of our lesson text the writer uses four different Hebrew words to describe the four kinds of sin to which he refers. Young's Analytical Concordance of the Bible gives us a definition of the shades of meaning of these four words the writer used to describe sin.

1. The first of these words is "transgression." We are told that transgression means a willful rebellion against God's authority.

2. The next word he uses for sin is the word "sin." This word the Psalmist uses for sin means failure, error, or to miss the mark.

3. The third word for sin is "iniquity." The word iniquity means perversity, crookedness, uneven.

4. The fourth word used for sin is "guile." We are told that this word means deceit, slothfulness or self-deception.

By the use of these various words for sin, we see something of what the Psalmist had in mind regarding the sins that had separated him from God. He felt that to be rid of the sense of guilt of any or of all of these sins was a blessed experience in the life of a sinner.

We find in this Psalm, as we find throughout the Bible, a recognition of the fact of sin in human life. If we accept the teachings of the Bible, we can never think of sin as a small matter. According to the Bible sin separates us from God and is a peace-shattering, life-wrecking, soul-destroying force that every normal individual must reckon with.

Sin is much more than just a "guilt complex." It is more than moral sickness or mental depression. It would appear, at times, that the more wide-spread and destructive sin becomes the more ready we are to overlook it or apologize for it or rename it to keep it from appearing to be what it really is. We do not

object to reading books or hearing discussions on misbehavior, moral delinquency, misconduct or impropriety but we do not get very enthusiastic about a frank discussion of the ugly fact of sin.

There are some great, vital truths that are essential in laying the foundation for the development and growth of Christian character. We find these truths in the emphasis the Bible gives to the matter of conviction for sin or a consciousness that we are sinners, to repentance, to confession and to forgiveness.

In adult life, in passing from the unregenerate state of life to the peace and happiness of the Christian life these experiences are necessary. They are not necessary in order to please God; they are necessary, however, before the individual is mentally or psychologically prepared to live the Christian life. In these experiences, we become conscious of sin in our lives which is very necessary. We have become sorry enough for that sin to confess it, repent of it and quit it and ask God to forgive it. Let it be said that if we treat sin lightly, we will never be rid of it.

THE JOY OF SIN FORGIVEN

While the writer of the 32nd Psalm opens his writings with a recognition of the fact of sin in human life, in the same verses he speaks of the blessedness, the happiness of the man whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin has been covered. He declares the man is happy to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity and in whom the Lord finds no guile.

There is an old song that we once sang with feeling. Part of the chorus ran, "O happy day, O happy day, when Jesus washed by sins away." While we do not sing this song as often as we once did, it is our feeling that the joy bells are still made to ring in the heart of one whose sin has been forgiven. We can hardly imagine how anyone who believes in God could have a deeper sense of satisfaction than to come to the belief that everything that separated him from God has been removed. In this new-found joy he is conscious that God's spirit bears witness with his spirit that the child of God. This brings a sense of satisfaction and security that no other experience of life can bring.

THE INNER HURT OF UNCONFESED SIN

Many Bible students think that the writer of the 32nd Psalm had been desperately sick. As was quite common in Jewish life, he thought this sickness had come to him because of sin in his life.

For a while he "kept silence." He would not confess his sins to God. As a result his "bones waxed old." He likely meant that his bones and joints ached as ours sometimes do in sickness. Fever dried up the moisture of his body like a drought parches the land in the summer. All the while he felt that his sufferings were the result of the sins he had bottled up in his life.

In order to be free from his sickness as well as his sins the Psalmist finally decided to confess his sins. He says, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee." As a result of his confession and repentance he felt that God had forgiven his sins.

We know that sickness is not always the result of sin in one's life. Some of the best people on earth suffer indescribable pain. Nevertheless, we know that conscience at times makes hidden sin unbearable. Many people whose crimes have been undetected have been driven by their conscience to confess their crimes. They found relief in their confession de-

spite the punishment they received for the crimes committed.

WHY CONFESSION OF SIN IS NECESSARY

Nothing heals the rifts in family life quicker than for the person who has been selfish or unthoughtful to confess the wrong and apologize. This restores happiness and harmony. When we have sinned against God the only thing that will restore happiness and harmony between ourselves and the Lord is for us to confess our sins and ask God to forgive.

The manner of confessing our sins varies widely between Catholics and Protestants. We all know that in the Catholic Church members are required to make a confession of their sins to the priest. The priest acts as a mediator between the confessor and God in the forgiveness of sins. The Protestant church teaches the doctrine of the "Priesthood of believers." That means that each individual is his own priest unto God and he has a right to make his own prayers and confess his own sins directly to God. The Protestant believes that Christ is the only mediator we need. Hence we make our prayers directly to God in Christ's name.

It may relieve us to an extent if we talk over our sin problems with the pastor or some personal friend about our difficulties. However, our sins are sins against God. It is God's laws that have been broken. We can restore broken relations with God only by recognizing that fact. In Psalm 51:4 David, in confessing his great sin unto God, says to God, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this great evil in thy sight." David is conscious that he has wronged both Sheba and Uriah. However, in what he did, it was God's laws that were broken.

PRAYING IN A CRISIS

In verse six of our lesson text the Psalmist speaks about praying to God "in a time when thou mayest be heard." He seems to indicate that there may be times when our prayers may not get through to God. Prayer is instinctive. In times of great danger the most wicked of men instinctively cry out to a supreme Being. They may not even be conscious of the fact. Such prayers, born of fear alone, are about as futile as they are instinctive. In Hosea 7:14, God says through the Prophet, "They have not cried unto me with their hearts when they howled upon their bed." Prayer born of fear alone lacks the faith that is essential to true, effective prayer.

In verse 9 the Psalmist exhorts us to act like human beings rather than like horses or mules. Beasts have no power to reason and respond only to a bit or bridle. Human beings, made in the image of God, should have the power and the desire to respond to God's love and find joy in following the pathway he has marked for us. Again we say this response should be born of love rather than fear.

BE GLAD. . . REJOICE. . . SHOUT

In the closing verse of our lesson text the Psalmist gives expression to the sense of joyous victory which he feels has come to him because he has restored the broken relations that had existed between him and God.

One of the most effective ways to promote the cause of Christ and impress people with the value and reality of our religion is to make our religion attractive. If Christianity holds the meaning for the individual which we profess to believe it does, the Christian should normally be a happy person. We will never create in others a desire to be religious if we live our Christian lives as if Christianity had done something to us rather than for us.

In football and baseball there is a wild exhilaration of enthusiasm that is very contagious. Television has shown us, in our Democratic and Republican national conventions, an orgy of shouting, bonnet waving, tumultuous parading and uncontrolled and at times uncontrollable excitement that makes them look and sound more like madhouses than national conventions.

Christianity will never impress the world with such wild expressions of uncontrolled enthusiasm. Nevertheless, we believe that Christianity could take a great step forward if Christian people would give a sincere, well balanced expression of the peace, joy and sense of security which a Christian should feel when he is at peace with God and man.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A Superior Court judge in San Francisco has thrown out a suit in which an attorney sought to have the Roman Catholic Church prove the "physical location" of heaven, hell and purgatory. The case originated in an attempt to break a will which left \$175,000 to a number of Catholic institutions. The attorney claimed that the writer of the will had been induced to include the institutions "to prepare his way to heaven." He charged that since "there is no heaven," the will was made under false pretenses.

It seems to us that some courts have been getting pretty much involved in religious interpretations of late. However, we can't imagine this judge doing anything else in this case.

More than two tons of coins valued at \$4,000 were collected recently in Kiel, Germany by Evangelical youth groups. In assisting the "Bread for the World" campaign of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) the young people distributed 26,000 collection boxes in the predominantly Protestant city.

All we have to say about this collection is that the two tons amounting to only \$40,000 sounds like some church collections we have seen in this country.

Delegates to a Seventh-day Adventist regional meeting in Atlantic City recently were told that the church should "stay out of politics." The Rev. Theodore R. Carcich, president of the Adventists' North American Division, declared that the Christian Church "has not been sent to Christianize the social order, and certainly the church has not been put in the world to interfere in the politics of the world."

We simply cannot see how the church made up of people seeking their salvation together, can avoid "being in politics" at practically every turn. And to affirm that the church has not been sent to Christianize the social order sounds like a proposal to witness in a vacuum.

The Federal Communications Commission has launched an investigation into a short-wave station whose daily overseas broadcasts allegedly feature attacks by Dr. Carl McIntire, ultra-fundamentalist leader, on all major U.S. Church bodies and on the government.

One thing is certain. If Carl McIntire is broadcasting, he is broadcasting attacks on all of the major denominations in the United States. He seems to have no other Gospel to spread than this of hate, which he has exploited to the hilt for so many years.

Some Roman Catholic priests in Pompton Lakes, N.J. have registered their opposition to general public support of a proposed YMCA to serve an 11-community North Jersey area. In a letter to parishioners, 22 priests called upon Catholics not to support the project, because Catholics, in conscience, would not be able to participate.

In all of the so-called "dialogues" that are going on between Protestants and Catholics we would like for someone to give us a clear-cut explanation of why a Catholic would be straining his conscience to support the work of the YMCA.

America, a national Catholic weekly, has cautioned against "popular misunderstanding" and even "deliberate misinterpretation" of Pope John's new en-

cyclical on peace. The editorial said at one point, "Partisan commentators may pounce on such a document and claim it as a papal stamp of approval on their personal views.

L'Espresso, a Rome independent weekly magazine has created a stir by publishing an article charging Pope John was "going too far to the left." It said conservative elements were "shocked" by the recent papal audience with Alexei Adzhubei, son-in-law of Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Presiding Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger of the Protestant Episcopal Church has announced that a physical disability has forced him to curtail his public appearances and will probably cause him to resign at the time of the denomination's General Convention in 1964.

In England a ten-man clerical and lay committee to examine the entire question of ordaining women to the Anglican ministry has



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. -- The "Espresso Priest" does his bit toward toning down the boisterousness of the annual Easter "college holiday" at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Rev. Malcolm Boyd, Episcopal chaplain at Wayne State University, is shown at center acting in a playlet given at a coffee house. Concerned about the actions of some 15,000 college students who descend on Fort Lauderdale each Easter vacation, many church groups acted to channel their activities into more wholesome programs.

been formed. This action came in response to a request last November from the Church Assembly. Dr. Gerald Ellison, Bishop of Chester will head the committee.

Protestant Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California recently predicted in New York that the United States Supreme Court will come up with "Much better written" decisions in two pending cases relating to prayer and Bible reading in public schools than it did in its 1962 decision banning the New York Regents' Prayer. "Then we'll know where we're heading," Bishop Pike told a symposium at Columbia University.

The endorsement of nuclear weapons for Can-

ada by Dr. A.C. Forrest, editor of the United Church of Canada's Observer, has brought a protest from 65 members of the denomination, including many ministers. They signed a statement also protesting what they declared was an implied accusation that those who oppose nuclear weapons for Canada are victims of Communist propaganda.

A total of more than 33,000 persons attended five Tokyo rallies, with 1,650 of them making decisions for Christ as the month-long Baptist evangelistic crusade in Japan closed its first phase. Known as the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, the crusade is being sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Japan Baptist Convention.

Pedro Beltran, a Latin American statesman and newspaper executive, will be the main speaker at the 53rd annual meeting of the Catholic Press Association in Miami Beach, Fla., Apr. 30-May 3. A Former Prime Minister of Peru, he is the publisher and editor of Lima's internationally known paper, La Prensa.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., told the congregation of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York that he had withdrawn his earlier announcement that he would resign as minister of the church effective Dec. 31. The Negro clergyman and congressman said he would continue to serve the 11,000-member church without salary. He also announced that the Rev. Wendell T. Russell, dean of students at Virginia Union Seminary, a Negro Baptist school in Richmond, would become associate minister of the church.

Bishop Friederich Wunderlich of Frankfurt on Main, head of the German Methodist Church, recently said in Berlin that he expects ultimate unification of his denomination and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to be completed by 1968. The two denominations in the United States are also working on a plan of union which may result in a merger by 1968.

American film star Kim Novak has been commended by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, for taking a stand in favor of modesty. She is reported to have stepped out of a leading role in the film "Of Human Bondage" because she was required to portray the main character as a totally evil woman and because she would have to wear clothes that she considered too revealing.

A Detroit Federal Court jury has convicted a 45-year-old Grand Rapids man of swindling the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph of \$100,000 on a pretext of furnishing their new home for the aged.

Dr. Harold Fey, editor of Christian Century will participate in a panel discussion on press coverage of the Second Vatican Council at the 53rd annual national convention of the Catholic Press Association, May 3. Dr. Fey participated in a similar panel at the recent meeting of the Associated Church Press, Protestant counterpart of the Catholic press association.

Msgr. Francis J. Lally, editor of the Pilot, newsweekly of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, will be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference in Wellesley in May.

A ban on participation of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Vermont Girls' State program by the American Legion Auxiliary, sponsor of the event, has been condemned by the social action committee of the Vermont Church Council. A resolution adopted by the committee urges schools throughout the state to make selections in this and all other competitions "without regard to the pupils' religious convictions or affiliations. Meanwhile the girls in the junior class at Bennington High School voted unanimously not to participate in the Girls' State program because of the restriction aimed at the religious sect.

Ground Broken For New Student Center at Northwestern State College

by E.W. Sandel

Northwestern State College in Natchitoches will soon begin construction work on a new Wesley Foundation Building. Ground was broken on March 27th with Rev. George Pearce, Jr., Pastor of First Church Natchitoches, Rev. Bob Tatum, Wesley Foundation Director and Mr. Robert Marshman, President of the Youth Group participating.

some of the varied activities offered by Wesley Foundation, under the able direction of Rev. Bob Tatum are shown on this page.

An enlarged Wesley Foundation Board has been formed consisting of ten laymen and ten ministers from the District. This group met in March and again April 18th to formulate plans

for the immediate construction of this building. The group attending in March are pictured in the little room now being used as Wesley Foundation's sanctuary; it is obvious to the eye that not only are they not worshipping in a building designed to be worshipful, but that the seating space is hardly adequate for a large Sunday School Class. It is for these reasons that the immediate and speedy construction of this new facility is desired.

An additional three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars is needed very badly between now and May 31st for this purpose; it is hoped that churches in the area, who have not paid their assessment to this cause, will do so immediately and that any individual to whom Wesley Foundation has played a part in his or her religious life might



AN IMPORTANT activity is the preparation of Wednesday meals which the students prepare themselves.

to \$89,200. Construction is expected to start before Conference meets in June. It is hoped that it can be completed and ready for occupancy by September 20 of this year.

A varied and interesting program to stimulate and enrich the religious life of the Methodist Student is offered at all times under the able direction of Rev. Tatum, a former football great and alumnus of the College.



"COOKIE" MARTIN, DeQuincy, and Sue Feemster of Shreveport, 1963 Girls' Doubles Ping Pong Champs.



THE DINING ROOM is crowded for the Wednesday night supper at the center.

'I don't think the U.S. needs super-patriots, who take extreme positions--radical--make radical statements, attack people of good repute who are good patriots. They do this to get their names in the headlines. These extremists want to go back to eliminating the income tax from our laws and the rights of people of unionize, advocating some form of dictatorship.'

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
Quoted in the Indianapolis Times,
Nov. 24, 1961

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Here and There

"What we have a right to expect now is the emergence of creative thinking about the application of lay religion to areas of common life — p. 95

The essence of the new development is the discovery or rediscovery of the explosive power that lies in a really committed group who seek to witness together to the life and reality of the Living Christ—p. 98

The Christian gospel affirms the absolute and transcendent worth of the individual soul, but in practice it is a group experience and never mere solitariness—p. 110

SIGNS OF HOPE
Elton Trueblood



THE REV. GEORGE PEARCE, Jr., the Rev. Bob Tatum and Mr. Robert Mushman handle the shovels for the groundbreaking for the new center.



GOING OVER THE PLANS for the new center are: Standing, the Rev. Fred Flurry, district superintendent; Mr. Robert Breedlove, treasurer of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Burt Boone, Jr., treasurer of the Board of Directors; Mr. R.S. Fly, chairman, Board of Trustees; Mr. Ike Robertson, member, Board of Trustees; seated, Dr. Robert Hammond, chairman of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Building Committee.

This was a big day for the Methodist Students at Northwestern and the realization of a dream they have had for sometime for adequate facilities. They are at the present time worshipping in very inadequate facilities, a small room which will seat only 45 worshippers.

There are at the present time 620 Methodist Students on the Campus looking to this Foundation as the 'center' of their religious life, while on the Campus. Regular programs, worship services, and fellowship suppers are offered by Wesley Foundation to the Methodist students and any other students on the Campus. Pictures of



MEMBERS OF THE ENLARGED Board attend a recent meeting at the center.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS MARY DANIEL

Miss Mary Daniel, a native of Louisiana, now lives at 1760-C Filbert Street, San Francisco, California.

In 1902, she finished her studies at the State College in Natchitoches, La.—then called State Normal College—and began teaching. Four years later she went to Scarritt College, located in Kansas City. After receiving her degree there in 1908, she was appointed to her first work as a Deaconess, in Atlanta, Ga. Miss Daniels spent three years there working among the cotton mill people and then went to establish work in a little Mississippi factory town where there were many deaf and dumb young people employed. Most of these girls stayed with Miss Daniel at Friendship House. She recalls, "Here I had the honor of standing beside our minister as he married a deaf and dumb couple. I spelled the ceremony as he read it."

From Mississippi, Miss Daniel went to Mary Elizabeth Inn in San Francisco, where she was assistant director for three years. Then Houston, Dallas, and finally ten years in Richmond, Virginia, as director of Wilson Inn.

She returned to Mary Elizabeth Inn and became director there in 1940. Miss Daniel continued here until her retirement in 1948. Since then she has been active in Grace



Miss Daniel

Methodist Church, where she teaches a Bible Class for young grandmothers. The class, called CLUGA (Come let us get acquainted), does much missionary work, Miss Daniel says.

She recently celebrated her 80th birthday. "My life has been very happy," she says. "As a child I received a call to special service and how thankful I am that I heeded that call! I do so pray that at least seventy-five new recruits will offer themselves for deaconess service," Miss Daniel said, and "I want you dear Louisiana women to know how much I've appreciated your cards and other messages—God bless you all, and hasten the coming of His Kingdom."



From Arkansas' newest U. S.-2

Miss Lenita Wixson, a U.S.-2 from Fisher, Arkansas, (Jonesboro District), who has been teaching physical education at Vashti School for Girls in Thomasville, Georgia, since September, writes that she has a set of slides that any Woman's Society or Guild could use for a program about Vashti (a special project of the South Central Jurisdiction).

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Miss Mildred Osment, North Arkansas Conference President; We have about 100 girls here—grades 5 through 12. We have three girls from Cuba, one from Mexico, and four Indian girls.

Girls are here for many reasons. Most are from broken homes or do not even know where their

parents are and have been placed here by welfare. These kids are so starved for love and attention. Mary Beth (another U.S.-2) and I, being young and new at the job, are eager to get to know them all individually. I guess our

being young and paying them some attention is the reason they flock around us as soon as we stick one foot out the door. The only time we can be alone is to shut ourselves into our bedrooms.



FOREIGN STUDENTS PROJECT

A major project of United Church Women of Berkeley-Albany, Calif., is "Operation Foreign Students." The program set by the council of Churches provides hospitality "and mutual appreciation of each other's values" for the more than 2,000 foreign students attending twenty-two colleges in the area. United Church Women of Northern California-Northern Nevada also

has an "Operation Foreign Students" program. In addition to entertaining students in homes and churches, the council helps to support a Protestant minister to foreign students on the University of California campus. The state United Church Women and United Church Women of Oakland sponsor a special "briefing session" for those persons interested in participating in this project.

District Officer Training

On May 1 and 2 a conference-wide training school for district officers and secretaries of lines of work will be held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1st and close at noon the next day. This session is for those who are elected at the spring district meetings this year and for those officers who will continue in office for another year. Attendance at this meeting is essential for you to learn the work of your office. Expenses will be paid by the conference. Please notify your district secretary of promotion immediately of your intention to be in Alexandria so she can make your reservation. Each district strive for 100% attendance of the officers so that with properly trained and dedicated women serving in the various capacities we can make ours the best conference in our jurisdiction.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Conference Secretary of Promotion



United Church Women to Observe May Fellowship Day

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY is one of three annual observances sponsored by United Church Women. Always on the first Friday in May, this year the theme will be "One Family Under God: Genuine and Full Participation," and is the second in a three-year program, "Assignment: Race 1961-1964."

Last year's May Fellowship Day "gave women a chance to explore their own communities to discover who their neighbors are and what discrimination does to everyone in a community," according to Mrs. J. Russell Henderson of

Little Rock, Arkansas, chairman of United Church Women's Christian Social Relations program.

"This year the emphasis is upon strengthening the participation of church women from all racial groups in the work of the councils, including planning and leadership responsibility. We are one family under God. Our task now is to make this a fact in our daily lives," Mrs. Henderson said. Christians belonging to exclusive groups "miss by that much the fullness of their inheritance," she declared.

The offering from May Fellowship Day will be used this year to strengthen the work of local and state councils of United Church Women and for special projects in Christian social relation, according to Miss Eleanor French, staff director for UCW Christian Social Relations.

Many small groups over the state have been studying and discussing the booklet "Claiming Our Inheritance," in preparation for this observance.

United Church Women is a national fellowship of 12 million Protestant and Orthodox church women. There are some 2,300 UCW councils across the country.

Many readers of this page live in areas sponsoring this observance. May we strongly urge you to make arrangements to attend. Every society should be concerned with sending more than just token representation.



ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY IN LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. S. Callahan addressed the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles, at the April meeting. Mrs. Callahan is district treasurer and her remarks described in detail the uses and benefits of the pledge money.

Mrs. R. Fontenot led the worship service; Mrs. Dick Hickson, Jr. was hostess. Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir presided. The group voted to prepare six health kits and two sewing kits for migrant workers in Louisiana. Officers elected are: president — Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir, vice-president — Mrs. Larry Chronister, secretary — Mrs. T. R. Prine, treasurer — Mrs. Merlin Verrett, mission-

ary education — Mrs. H. Robinson, Christian social relations — Mrs. R. Fontenot, youth and children — Mrs. J. R. Case, promotion — Mrs. Butler Young, literature — Mrs. O. Golson, spiritual life — Mrs. R. Morton, local activities — Mrs. G. Copeland, flowers — Mrs. C. Corley, sunshine — Mrs. W. C. Reeves.



A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Self-Assurance Builds Greatness

SELF ASSURANCE -- "Self-trust is the first secret of success." So wrote Emerson. A certain amount of self-assurance is necessary to get us started in life and to keep us going. It was not until after months, nay years, of discouragement and disappointment that Thackeray gained a hearing from the public. But he had taken measure of his intellectual capabilities, and knowing what he could do if an opportunity were given him, he waited without repining until it came. His self-assurance saved him.

Yet while self-assurance can thus sustain a person, it may also prove his undoing. The collapses of cleverness and self-confidence are too numerous to need recounting. In the treatment of an entrenched habit like that of drunkenness, the victim must be brought to the point where he no longer thinks that he can manage himself, and where he puts his trust in a higher power. How far then is self-assurance a virtue to be encouraged?

Perhaps we think that the answer to this question depends on a person's temperament. If he is timid or doubting, then self-confidence should be inculcated. If he is by nature boastful and conceited, then restrain his self-assurance. But would not a deeper observation be that self-assurance is a matter of tempering rather than temperament. Belief in oneself is a native ore which needs to be tempered into the steel of strong character.

Beethoven said of Rossini that he had in him the making of a great musician if he had only been well-flogged as a boy, but that he had been spoiled by his facility of composition. However true or false Beethoven's estimate of Rossini, it is a fact that early success and facility have often not been tempered by sufficient hardship and struggle to make a great talent. Great art has usually come out of great tribulation.

For great living the native ore of self-confidence must be tempered into an assurance that can steel the character against the attrition of adversity, the tension of delay, and the attacks of opposition. And if I sense the mood of our time, it is such tempered self-assurance that we need now. Mere buoyant self-confidence is not enough for these times. We need a deeper and diviner assurance.

And for this I offer the formula of the Psalmist in the one hundred twelfth Psalm: "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

When a man's "heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord," he gets the self-assurance which comes from the greatness of God. We little men move about our daily rounds somewhat as a spider crawls up the sides of a skyscraper. He comes to a mortared crevice between the stones, and what a barrier it seems to him. He reaches an overhanging ledge of stone, and he thinks how topsy-turvy the building is.

So we move about the immensities of God. We are prone to judge the nature of things by the little grooves and haunts we know. When our outlook is thus limited, we have no perspective which can prepare us for untoward circumstance. We need to be lifted out of our littleness to catch the perspective of God's greatness. That is why the Psalmist sang, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my strength. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Thus the greatness of God calmed the Psalmist's shrinking soul.

And we get assurance also from the goodness of God. Jesus pictured God as a Father whom we can trust. How it helps our self-assurance to know that others trust us.

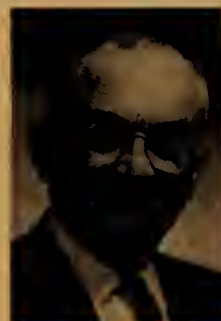
Well do I recall my first efforts at public speaking. My mother had been a teacher and sometimes gave readings. She wanted her boy to be a speaker. So I was put up to "speak pieces" at community gatherings. More than once my voice cracked and I came off the stage in tears. But she had faith in me and finally I overcame my fear of audiences.

In similar but far greater fashion the awareness of God's loving trust restores our self-assurance. In the midst of suffering, persecution and peril, Paul shouted, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

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AFTER BEING LOST and unaccounted for almost 400 years, this Leonardo Da Vinci painting -- "Christ Among The Doctors" -- has been found in America. Two art historians reportedly have authenticated it as the work of Da Vinci. It is claimed by its owners to be one of the most valuable treasures in the world today, valued at above \$2,500,000. Owned now by Gregory's Old Master Gallery in New York, the work was commissioned in 1504 and finished by Da Vinci in 1507. It was acquired by a French family which later fled to England where the painting went into obscurity. The artist's name, it is said, had been removed from the work in order to protect it from confiscation. It was acquired by Cathy and Bobby Gregory in 1952. The Gregorys plan to exhibit it at the New York World's Fair in 1964.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Suck/Lay Evangelist

TWO VERY UNUSUAL PEOPLE

Three weeks ago in a small suburban of Wichita Kansas I met two of the most unusual people I have been allowed to know in many a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ecker (That's not their real name, though) live pretty much the same way as thousands of people live in that teeming city. Mr. Ecker has a good job at Boeing Aircraft Company. A very dependable worker, he seldom takes a day off. His particular job is unglamorous though. He uses a drill press all day, boring holes in small parts of airplanes. Fact is, he does not even know where the part goes. But there is a need for the product that comes from his machine. So he delivers these special pieces with a regularity that makes him very useful.

Mrs. E. has taught a Sunday School class for years, but recently asked to be relieved from it, since the duties of her home took most of her time. They have a lovely teen-age daughter and a husky, active son about 10 years old. So you can see she has plenty to do, what with carrying on her home work under some difficulties and rearing these two active children.

On a recent visit to their town I was invited to have lunch with the Eckers. The young pastor and his wife were also guests. The pastor's wife, went back into the kitchen to help with

the last minute preparations, because there was a problem involved with serving the food. But I'll come to that later.

Both of these people are good musicians. The last Sunday night I was there Mr. Ecker sang a solo at the church service, and was accompanied by Mrs. Ecker.

Now this incident would not be much different from dozens of other experiences that I have every year as I travel across this country. Housekeepers prepare meals as a matter of course. Husbands hold industrial jobs in many factories. People invite me to visit in their homes. They sing in church services. And of course they have children.

But the Eckers are different. Much different. Mr. E. has no idea how the factory looks. His wife puts food into the oven and has to depend on her sense of smell to learn when her food is done. She has to read her cook book with her fingers. Neither one of them uses music.

You see, both of the Eckers are blind.

The next time you feel sorry for yourself, think of a husband and wife in a small Kansas town who live almost as normally as you and I do. But without sight. And remember that they are radiant Christian witnesses, shaming many of us with their active, loyal, constant devotion to our Lord's work.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

by Rev. Carlos Martin, Minister
St. Paul Methodist Church
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We can recognize a policeman, nurse, fireman, or a sailor by their uniform. You can identify a Texan, they tell me, by listening to him talk a few minutes. We can identify a nation by its flag. We can identify a car by the shape of it. But what is the mark of a Methodist?

Mr. Wesley has said that the distinguishing marks of a Methodist are not his opinions of any sort, not assenting to this or that scheme of religion, or embracing any particular set of notions. Nor is our distinguishing mark to be found in our assenting to any creed, although we do hold to the historic creeds of the Church. What then is the mark of a Methodist? Let us hear the answer from the Scriptures.

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all that heart, strength, mind and soul, and thy neighbor as thyself." THIS AND THIS ALONE IS THE MARK OF A METHODIST. As Mr. Wesley puts it, "a Methodist is one who has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him. One who says My God and my all." The mark of a Methodist then is LOVE. But what kind of love? And the answer is Christian Love.

Love is a word that calls forth many meanings. Someone has facetiously defined love by saying "life is one thing after another and love is two fools after each other." This may or may not be true, but it is not Christian Love. Love is something more than moonlight and roses. It is something more than the romance we read about in the latest movie star magazine. Christian love is something more than fellowship or friendship or association with like-minded people. Christian love is not based on how we feel toward a person, for a Christian does not wait for his sentiments to determine what his attitude shall be toward another. Sometimes we mistake possessive love for Christian love. Sometimes we love those whom we can possess or manipulate and bend or make them conform to what we think they should be. I know of a woman who loves little children but she is always talking about the juveniles. Why? Because as the little children grow up and start to have ideas of their own she can no longer possess or manipulate them. Christian love I think is not responding love, that is loving those who love me. For the scriptures say, "do not even the publicans and sinners?" It is always easy to love those who respond to my love for the. It is always easy to love

those who are lovable. It is always easy for me to like those who like me. But Christian love is not loving simply those who are well disposed toward us.

Love spells greed when a miser hoards his money.

Love spells patriotism when a soldier serves his country.

Love spells devotion when a martyr dies for his convictions.

Love spells knowledge to the scholar.

Love spells beauty to the artist.

Very well then, let us seek to answer the question of what is Christian love. The first thing we have to say of course, is that Christian love always begins with God. "We love because he first loved us". "Let us love one another for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. No man has ever seen God but if we love one another, God abides in us." So we say then that all Christian love has its source in God and is from God. We might call this Divine or initiating love. This is always the way a man meets God. "In that while we were yet sinners He loved us and sent his Son to die for us". We have received from God undeserved love. God humbled himself as a man to show us that if we would be the victor we must first become the victim. If we would know the resurrection we must first be crucified. There is no reason why God should love me. But the amazing testimony of the Bible is, He does.

This Divine Love from God is for everyman. There are no limitations. Many men may choose to ignore this love, and yet the man who would understand who he is in light of this Divine Love will respond in faith, humility, obedience, reliance, trust, thankfulness, and gratitude. Such a one will know from whence has come his redemption and will better understand the command to love his neighbor as he has been loved by God.

(continued next week)

Build A Devotional

MAN'S ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

By Rev. Maurice Lanier, minister
First Methodist Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

Have you sometimes wondered why God allowed some great disappointment to come to you? Have you sometimes been deeply disturbed because of intense suffering in your own life or in the lives of some of the members of your family or your friends? Have you ever asked why God allows innocent suffering?

The problem of unmerited suffering and disappointment and trouble and sorrow and misfortune presents itself to us from time to time. Sooner or later everyone who grows from childhood to youth and from youth to maturity will come face to face with suffering and disappointment and trouble. The book of Job in the Old Testament deals with this problem.

It is often thought that this is the only thing of importance in the book which tells of the terrible experiences of Job. However, there is much more in this great drama in our Bible. It deals with the much larger matter of man's encounter with God both in suffering and in the whole of life. This came as a surprise to me when I first discovered the fact that the book of Job deals with much more than the mystery of the suffering of an innocent man. Read about the book of Job in THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE and you will gain new insight, as I have. Better yet, read the book of Job itself and do not stop with a casual reading of it. Make it a life-time study. It takes a life-time to really make the Bible your own, and the book of Job is one of the most difficult to really understand.

The first two chapters set the

Let The Children Come

The Easter season has reminded us that Spring is here! The first warm, sunny days are here, but we know that there may be more chilly ones yet to come. The early flowers have been in full bloom. The trees first took on a pink, hazy look as their new leaves formed. Suddenly these little pink bundles at the tips of the branches have unrolled into firm, green leaves.

The first birds have come back from their winter homes in the South. It is said that after Valentines Day the mocking birds, the cardinals and blue jays start flying around in pairs looking for a place to build their new nests. Now the martins have come back to their bird houses and the blue jays have come back to the same houses they used last year.

These things make us think of God's wonderful plan for all. In the first book of the Bible we find this verse:

"While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8:22

Spring is the seed time. Get a package of seed and hold them in your hand. Think what a wonderful thing it is that this tiny, brown seed can become a beautiful flower or a vegetable to eat. God's plan also includes the planting of this little seed in the warm, rich earth. It must have sunshine and rain and time to grow.

Look all around you today and think:

"How great are thy works, O Lord." Psalm 92:1.

"Stop and consider the wondrous works of God." Job 36:4

"God has made everything beautiful in its time."

Ecclesiastes 8:11

stage for the drama. Here is the story of Job and his good life and his wealth and good fortune. Then God allows Satan to test Job. You will find the details for yourself. The bitterness of Job, when he finds his pain so unbearable, is part of the story of his struggle. But bitterness was not Job's final response. He came through to a face to face encounter with God. God spoke to him out of the whirlwind. Then Job knew God did care about him. God had larger plans that Job had ever dreamed of, and this made him humble. He said, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth Thee." (Job 42:5)

Poem For The Week

SLEEP

In dark rooms
The people find their sleep,
And lose the troubled faces
Of the day,
Sleep will give the people mirth
In a gentle way.

In the dark cities
Of their sleep
Men search to find,
In the soundless aisles
Of night
A safe and simple mind.

William Beyer



THE REV. W.W. BEVILL of Pine Grove Church, Ruston District, is shown here presenting the chairmen of the Official Board and the church treasurer a check for \$5,000, a bequest left to the church by the late Mrs. Edwin Stewart of Minden, La. Pictured here are W.R. Grigsby, chairman of the Official Board; the Rev. J.A. Alford, a retired minister of the Pine Grove Church; Mr. Bevill; the Rev. Luman Douglas, Ruston District Supt.; and H.G. Dunn, church treasurer.



DURING PALM SUNDAY SERVICES at the Choudrant Methodist Church, the above couples presented their children for infant baptism. Following the baptism the couples remained and took the vows of church membership together. From left and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Sadler with their son, Bryan Dean; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Conn with their son, William Mark; and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbye Ben Taylor and their daughter Charlotte Ann. The Rev. W.T. Hall, Jr., is the pastor.

ALCOHOL AND CRIME

Dr. Shaw E. Grigsby, Professor of Sociology at Florida University, reporting on the study of state prisoners in Florida to the American Society of Criminology meeting in New York, stated that 63 per cent of the white men, 77 per cent of the Negroes, 93 per cent of youths under 20, 94 per cent of women prisoners had been drinking, or under the influence of alcohol when they committed the crimes for which they were convicted.

METHODIST BRIEFS

The Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, director of the Department of the Christian Family of the Board of Education, will attend a meeting of the International Union of Family Organization in Rio de Janeiro, July 21-

29. He will represent the National Council of Churches' Committee on Family Life, of which he is currently serving as chairman. Mrs. Staples will accompany him. Before and after the conference, they will visit mission work in five South American countries. They will leave the U. S. July 10 and return in early September.

"The church needs to be vitally concerned about conditions which breed crime in the community, and in my opinion it commits a sinful act when it totally and completely neglects the opportunity to give creative assistance to men who have already been stigmatized by crime and yet seek to rehabilitate themselves in decent society."—Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of Columbia, S. C.

Jurisdictional Workshop on Hospitals and Homes



HERE is a picture of those 58 persons who attended the workshop at Oklahoma City, April 16. Representatives were from 15 of the 22 annual conference of the South Central Jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction with the geographical area.



REPRESENTATIVES of the Louisiana Conference were, from left, the Rev. E.B. Emmerich, chairman of the Louisiana Board of Hospitals and Homes; Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy, who spoke on "Unmet Needs"; and Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdictional Executive Secretary.



WORKSHOP LEADERS from left, included the Rev. Coyd Tabbart, Gen. Bd. of Hospital and Homes; Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Ft. Smith, Jurisdictional chairman; the Rev. Don Davidson, Dr. Bolton Boone, Dr. John Hoon, Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy, the Rev. D.L. Ball and Dr. Virgil D. Morris.

LOUISIANA'S

Community Worker

by E.W. Sandel

What is a Community Worker

Mrs. Martha Overbey, was appointed to the Trout-Urania area on June 1, 1962. She assists in the church work in an area which includes Trout and Urania and Belah, Eden, Lewis Chapel and Tullos. But the lines for her work have also included work in other areas: as special speaker for the Pineville Methodist Church, WSCS, as an instructor for the Day Camp held at Jena last summer, a teacher for The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need held at Jena and including all of the churches in LaSalle Parish, a teacher for the Junior Camp held at Camp Brewer, an assistant in Vacation Church Schools held throughout the area, to mention just a few...

The handbook for the Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work list the duties and roles as follows:

"Certain concerns are prevalent in every area: the development of a more effective church and a community of concerned Christians.

"In order for a more Christian community to be built, it is necessary for Christians to be concerned about the welfare of all the people in the community and for the Church to be a part of the community not separate from it."

"Town and Country Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service provides church and community workers who serve in small town areas as members of a Staff or team striving to help develop a more effective Christian Church and to build a better community. With the ministers of these areas, the workers serve as resource persons to bring enrichment to the total community and an enlarged social concern and world vision to the churches.

"They cooperate with government agents, civic and educational leaders, as well as with ministers, in working toward community development and improvement.

"The responsibilities include (1) becoming familiar with churches to discover strengths and weak points in order to find out where and how she



MRS. OVERBEY is shown as she met with the WSCS at First Methodist Church, Pineville.

may work more effectively within community needs... (3) Work with various organizations within the Church and Church School as resource person and stimulator (4) Cultivation of interest in and development of leadership for various aspects of the Church program (5) Introducing new ideas, methods or procedures through demonstration projects, group discussion and visits in homes (6) Support of group ministry... (7) Cooperation with organizations such as Home Demonstration Clubs, PTA, 4-H and the like...

"The Church and community worker should be a mature, emotionally stable, committed Christian. She should have an interest and a love for people and an understanding of town and country life. An outgoing personality, a sense of humor, initiative, imagination, adaptability and physical fitness are necessary attributes.

"Her training includes such courses as the Bible, Christian education, philosophy, psychology, rural sociology, social group work, community organization and missions. She may be a skilled recreation leader, musician, artist and/or craftsman."

Regular staff meetings are held with the Pastors of the churches with which Mrs. Overbey works. Rev. E. W. Sandel and Rev. J. C. Rousseaux. At these meetings plans for future work in the churches is mapped. It is the aim of

Mrs. Overbey to establish two more Woman's Societies of Christian Service during 1963-64; a fifth Church School is in the process of being organized in the area. Plans have been made for her participation in the Vacation Church Schools in the area, and the Day Camp at Jena.

Mrs. Martha Overbey is well qualified for this job educational wise. She holds both the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Masters degree as well. She has served for many years as a Public School Teacher and a Home Demonstration Agent. She has worked for the past five years as a teacher in the Migrant Ministry in the Hammond area (she is engaged in this work at the present time; here she teaches children to read and write who would have no schooling without the benefit of this school operated for them by our Methodist Church.

The Migrant Ministry of the Church is of a special concern to Mrs. Overbey for she sees the results of this labour firsthand. She receives letters throughout the year from these Migrant Children as they travel about with their families from place to place; they eagerly look forward to this time of year when they will return to 'their



DAY CAMP at Jena which was directed by Mrs. Overbey.

Catholic partner to work for conversion of the Protestant partner.

Instead, he said, he supports the idea that "each partner has to respect the Christian faith of the other."

It is even more important, Father Kueng said, that the Catholic Church recognize mixed marriages performed in Protestant churches.

"They are now considered invalid," he commented. "It is a very sad and tragic situation. It is not good for the mixed marriage. It also is not good for the Church."

More Negotiations Asked on Merger

HYDERABAD, India (RNS) — Further negotiations were urged in a proposed union to form the United Churches of North India and Pakistan despite opposition among some of the participating bodies.

The plea was made in a resolution adopted by the Hyderabad Methodist Conference which has approved the proposal. However, the merger failed to win the required two-thirds majority among the 11 annual conferences of the Methodist Southern Asia Central Conference, one of the groups in the proposed union.

Others are the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican), which has voted against the merger; the British and Australian Methodist Conference; the Church of the Brethren; Disciples of Christ; the Council of Baptist Churches and the United Church of Northern India.

Of the participating bodies so far, only the United Church of Northern India has endorsed the merger plan. It did so at its General Assembly last December.

The humble man is usually surprised to discover how many honest men there are in the world.

"Mixed" Marriages Upheld by Priest

CHICAGO (RNS) — Father Hans Kueng, Roman Catholic theologian and consultant to the Second Vatican Council, said here he believes the Catholic Church should recognize mixed marriages in Protestant Churches as valid.

In an interview in Chicago, the Swiss-born priest, dean of the theological faculty at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, said he favors several changes in the Catholic Church's attitude toward mixed marriages between Protestants and Catholics.

"I think it's absolutely necessary to do something," Father Kueng said. He stressed that changes in Catholic marriage rules are especially needed in the U.S., England and northern Europe nations where mixed marriages occur frequently.

The theologian said he favors change of the Church's canon law requiring the



AT A STAFF MEETING the Rev. E.W. Sandel and the Rev. J.C. Rousseaux meet with the community worker.



MRS. OVERBEY is shown conducting a training class in one of the churches in which she works.

Officers elected at the Council of Bishops
of The Methodist Church
San Francisco, April 18, 1963

President—Bishop Paul Neff Garber, Richmond, Va.

President-Designate (to take office as president in April 1964)—Bishop
Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, N. Y.

Secretary—Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn. (elected for quadrennium)

Officers of the six Jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops

CENTRAL—President—Bishop Charles F. Golden, Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary—Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, Atlanta, Ga.

NORTH CENTRAL—President—Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill.

Vice-President—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa

NORTHEASTERN—President—Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va.

Secretary—Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SOUTH CENTRAL—President—Bishop Paul E. Martin, Houston, Tex.

Secretary—Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Lincoln, Nebr.

SOUTHEASTERN—President—Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C.

Secretary—Bishop John Owen Smith Atlanta, Ga.

WESTERN—President—Bishop Everett W. Palmer, Seattle, Wash.

Secretary—Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Portland, Ore.

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Bishop Garber Named President of Council

SAN FRANCISCO — Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond, Va. is the new president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

He was elected here by his colleagues in their semi-annual meeting in the Californian Hotel April 16-18. Bishop Garber succeeds Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of New York City was chosen president-designate. During the coming year he will fulfill the duties of vice-president of the Council and take over the presidency in April 1964. The secretary, Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn. is in office for the quadrennium.

Bishop Garber heads one of the largest episcopal Areas of the denomination, administering 2,047 churches with a combined membership of 553,806. The Richmond Area includes most of Virginia and the eastern half of North Carolina.

The new president has been a bishop since 1944. Elected by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, he was assigned to administer Methodist work in nine European countries and North Africa. In 1952 he was appointed to the Richmond Area.

A native Virginian, Bishop Garber was born in New Market in 1899. He came to the attention of the church as an educator and historian. One of his several books, *The Methodists Are One People*, was published in the year of unification and is credited as a heavy contributing factor to the good understanding with which the merger was effected. After his graduation from Bridgewater College, Bishop Garber earned his master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees with honors at the University of Pennsylvania. This was followed by further graduate study. His scholarly attainments have also been recognized by five honorary doctorates including divinity, laws and humanities.

The bishop first taught history in the University of Pennsylvania, then



in Brown University. In 1924 he came to Duke where he served as assistant professor in the University. Then, successively, he served in the Divinity School as professor of church history, registrar and dean. He was ordained in 1926 in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Garber is the author of eight books, most of which are in the field of church history. He has also filled endowed lecturships at five universities.

The bishop is serving the denomination as president of its General Board of Education. From 1956 to 1960 he was chairman of the Commission on Higher Education. Other general church responsibilities are and have been with the Commission on Chaplains, the Commission on Camp Activities, which he heads, the Methodist Corporation, the executive committee of the World Methodist Council, the Commission on Courses of Study, the Board of Publication and many other agencies.

Bishop Garber was married in 1927 to the former Miss Orina Winifred Kidd of Fall River, Mass. She died in 1959.

Bishops Plan Churchwide Mission on the Ministry

SAN FRANCISCO—A series of one-day convocations to be held across The Methodist Church in the autumn of 1963 "to consider the challenge and the glory of the Christian ministry" was launched by the Council of Bishops during its April 16-18 session here.

To be known as "The Bishops' Mission on the Ministry," the plan involves a convocation in each conference (or Area). Each is to be chaired by the resident bishop but will be featured by the participation of three visiting bishops from other jurisdictions.

The aims of the mission, as set forth by the bishops, are three-fold:

(1) to call to the attention of the church in the months preceding the General Conference the crucial importance of the parish ministry;

(2) to lift the morale of the men already engaged in the parish ministry;

(3) to lay the groundwork for later cultivation for recruitment.

The ideal will be to give these convocations the status of "called sessions" of the several annual conferences. In some cases, however, it may be decided to hold the convocations on the episcopal Area level.

The suggested program for the convocation includes both an address by each of the three visiting bishops and group discussion. It is proposed that the keynote address be on "The Challenge of the Parish Ministry" the luncheon message on "The Equipment of the Parish Ministry" and the closing appeal on "The Glory of the Parish Ministry."

During the afternoon the conference will break into three groups,—ministers, ministers' wives and lay persons. Each group will be moderated by a visiting bishop and will seek to discover the role of its category in ministerial recruitment.

The general department of Ministerial Education and conference boards of Ministerial Training and Recruitment will support the bishops in setting up the convocations. It is expected that representatives of theological seminaries will be invited as resource persons for the groups.

Dates and places for the convocation will be decided by the bishops of the several jurisdictions within the following limitations:

Northeastern Jurisdictional and Delaware and Washington Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction—Sept. 30-Oct. 11.

North Central Jurisdiction and Lexington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction—Oct. 14-25.

South Central Jurisdiction and Southwest Conference and the New Orleans Area of the Central Jurisdiction—Oct. 25-Nov. 8.

Southeastern Jurisdiction and Nashville-Birmingham Area, the Atlantic Coast Area and the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction—Nov. 18-29.

Western Jurisdiction and Central West Conference of the Central Jurisdiction—Dec. 2-6 (California-Nevada Conference at San Francisco—Sept. 26).

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A Call:

The Bishop's Mission on the Ministry

We, the Bishops of The Methodist Church, herewith issue a Call for a Mission on the Parish Ministry to be held in the Conferences of American Methodist during the autumn of 1963. The foundation stone of Protestantism is the proclamation of the Word. The advance of the Faith in these crucial times is bound up with the vitality of the ministry. The hope of Methodism in the days ahead depends on the enlistment of sterling men and women for the service of Christ in the pulpits of His Church. As Chief Pastors in the Methodist fold, we take upon ourselves a Mission to the Methodist people and summon them to meet with us in their several Conferences to consider the challenge and the glory of the Christian ministry.

—Adopted by Council of Bishops
in San Francisco
April 17, 1963

In Memoriam



Judge C. T. Cotham

Judge Calvin T. Cotham died in a Hot Springs, Ark., hospital January 19, 1963, at the age of 90 years.

Judge Cotham was born of pioneer parents in Monticello, Arkansas, and had lived in Hot Springs the past 50 years where he had served with distinction as a judge and a lawyer. He was a past-president of the Garland County Bar Association, and the Arkansas Bar Association.

Judge Cotham was perhaps the oldest living graduate of Hendrix College. He had also been a member of the Hendrix faculty during his student days. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee Law School.

To his beloved Methodist Church Judge Cotham gave loyal and diligent service. He had served as Church School Superintendent, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, member of the Official Board, and was a trustee.

He is survived by a son, Calvin E. Cotham; and two sisters, Mrs. Euna McCrory, Hot Springs, and Mrs. Rubie Harrell, Tillar, Arkansas.

The funeral was conducted in First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, January 21.



Mrs. W. T. Thompson

Mrs. William T. Thompson, 90, widow of the late Rev. William T. Thompson, passed away March 14th in a Hot Springs hospital. Mrs. Thompson spent most of her life as the wife of a Methodist minister. She was the daughter of the Rev. John and Rebecca East. She came to Arkansas with her family from Iowa in the late 1880's. They settled in Greenwood, Sebastian County, where she taught school until her first marriage to Alvin Castleberry. He lived only two weeks after their marriage. She later married William T. Thompson, who spent more than thirty years in Arkansas Methodism. He served in both the Little Rock Conference and the North Arkansas Conference. He was presiding elder of the Russellville and Booneville Districts. Some of his pastorates were: Ozark, Russellville, Harrison, Booneville, Searcy, Batesville, Blytheville, Little Rock, Brinkley, Bentonville, Walnut Ridge and was serving as pastor at Mansfield at the time of his death.

Mrs. Thompson has been active in the Methodist Church and its activities all her life and was a member of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Hot Springs at the time of her death. In recent years she had made her home with her son, Wallace B. Thompson, of Little Rock and her daughter, Mrs. Jeff E. Davis, of Hot Springs.

Burial was in the family cemetery in Booneville. She is survived by one son, Wallace B. Thompson, of Little Rock; one daughter, Mrs. Jeff E. Davis, of Hot Springs; two grandsons, William Wallace Thompson of Little Rock, and Chaplin Jeff E. Davis, Jr., of the U. S. Air Force. She had two great grandchildren.



Rev. E. K. Sewell

The Reverend Emmett K. Sewell, the son of the late John and Sallie Sewell, was born in Merryweather, Georgia, October 30, 1869, and departed this life on Thanksgiving, November 22, 1962, at Sneed's Nursing Home, Memphis, Tennessee, after spending four years in this home. After spending almost 93 years in the vineyard of the Lord, and then went to spend eternity with the One whom he had walked, talked and lived with all these years.

Brother Sewell did his school work in Union County, Arkansas, and then entered Hendrix College, Conway, where he finished his College education. He left Hendrix College and went to Smackover, Arkansas, where he taught school for two years. From here he went to Holly Grove, where he taught two more years. While in Holly Grove, he was married to Miss Lida Chunn who passed on to her reward in 1949.

Brother Sewell, was converted and joined the church early in life. One day while teaching, he heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then he said like Isaiah, "Here am I, send me." He and his good wife dedicated their lives to the ministry. While in Holly Grove, they were very active in church work.

In 1905, he was admitted on trial into the White River Conference at Helena, and was ordained deacon the same year by Bishop Chas. B. Gallo-way. He was admitted into full connection at Corning, 1907; and was ordained elder at Searcy 1909, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. He served Vandale, and Earle charges, and then was appointed Presiding Elder of the Batesville District in 1912, and served the district only one year. He went back into the pastorate 1913, and served the following charges: Osceola, and Wynne.

In 1918, he volunteered for service with the Y.M.C.A., and while in France, he was wounded shortly after going to the front. He was brought back to America, and placed in the Bellevue Hospital, New York City, where he spent many weeks recuperating.

Following this experience, he came back to the White River Conference, and serve the following charges: Wilson and Marion, seven years each; Lepanto; Jonesboro, Fisher Street; Blytheville, Lake Street; and retired in 1941. Brother and Sister Sewell, moved to Osceola, where they made their home until death.

After he retired, he sang in the choir, and was superintendent of the Adult Home Department. He did a lot of visiting, and was always anxious to call and pray for people who needed his services. The chimes on the Osceola Methodist Church were given by Brother Sewell, in memory of his wife, Mrs. E. K. Sewell.

The writer has known Brother Sewell, for more than fifty years, and he was a man who went about doing good.

Many said of him "We remember you in a kindly way; you came our way; you preached to us; you visited with us; you left us feeling good, and above all you loved us, and then went on to other fields to share your ministry and life with others." This was true in every charge he served.

While in the Sneed's Nursing Home, Brother Sewell's prayers and spiritual life brought great comfort and joy to his fellow patients, and the nurses as well. Many times he was heard singing, "God Will Take Care of You." He continued to be a man of prayer, and of deep devotion, and always living on the sunny side of life. He never seemed to become anxious for things, but like Paul, "For I record that the sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

He leaves two brothers: N. F. Sewell, and Alvin Sewell, both of El Dorado, Arkansas, two nephews: Dr. W. D. sessions, of North Little Rock, and the Rev. J. Ralph Sewell, of Parksedale, Arkansas, a niece, Mrs. Thomas Ashcraft, of Memphis, Tennessee, and several other nephews, and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted for Brother Sewell, in the First Methodist Church at Osceola, Arkansas, November 24th, 1962. The Rev. N. Lee Cate, his pastor was in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. N. Storey, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District, and the Rev. Garland C. Taylor, pastor of the Luxora Methodist Church. Burial was in the Ermer Cemetery at Osceola.

No man has lived in vain who has written such a record of service as has this "good minister of Jesus Christ." The following words were penned to Sister Sewell's obituary, and the writer thought they would be appropriate for Brother Sewell's obituary:

"He had no need for any creed
No creed to seek or give
There's but one "creed" he'd ever need
The creed of how to live,
The life that Jesus portrayed
With Love and Truth in mind,
A teaching that was well obeyed
Within his heart—so kind."

J. W. Moore, a Life Long Friend
Paragould, Arkansas



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prove favorable, the report envisages two stages in the coming days. In the first stage full communion would be established at the earliest practicable time.

There would be a "Service of Reconciliation" at which the ministers of the Methodist Church would be received into the ministry of the Church of England and with identical words the ministers of the Church of England would be received into the ministry of the Methodist Church. There would be no reordination and no repudiation of former ministers.

Methodist bishops would be consecrated, the choice of bishops resting with the Conference. These bishops would take their place in the historic episcopate, and thereafter all ordination in the Methodist Church would be performed by such bishops.

The President of the Conference and ex-Presidents would continue to discharge this responsibility, but any

Methodist minister elected President, unless already a bishop would be consecrated. During this first stage the Conference would continue to be the supreme authority in matters of doctrine.

The report includes a full order of service, including hymns, Scripture passages, etc., which in the judgment of the representatives could, if approved, be appropriately used for the purpose of initiating this first stage projected.

If this were done, there would then be two parallel churches in full communion with each other, each church continuing its own life with its present church courts. Each church would have bishops and the relation of the Anglican bishops to the Methodist bishops would be the same as the relation of the Anglican bishops to each other.

It is proposed that there should be a new body of consultative character drawn from the two churches, the function of which would be to facilitate the growing together of the two communions in every possible way with a view to ultimate organic union, which would be the second and final stage.

The report envisages full communion at a relatively early date but makes it clear that this first stage could only be justified if it were the accepted policy of each church to proceed to ultimate organic union. Such complete union would not take place for a considerable period, estimates of which vary greatly.

This is not the place to predict the reception which will be accorded to the report in the two churches concerned, but it may confidently be affirmed that, whatever the outcome of this particular proposal, the report will mark a milestone in the development of the ecumenical movement.



Upper Room

Circulation

Reaches 3,250,000

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Upper Room, an interdenominational daily devotional guide with a circulation of about 3,250,000, has the largest circulation of any of the 164 church publications that are members of the Associated Church Press. This was announced at the ACP annual meeting, held here April 3-5. The Upper Room is circulated in about 100 countries, and is published in 35 languages.

Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor, said The Upper Room was started in 1935 with a circulation of 100,000. He said he has been unable to determine the reasons for the exceptional growth, though attempts have been made to analyze the factors in the success. Whatever the reasons, he said, "we believe that God has been in it."

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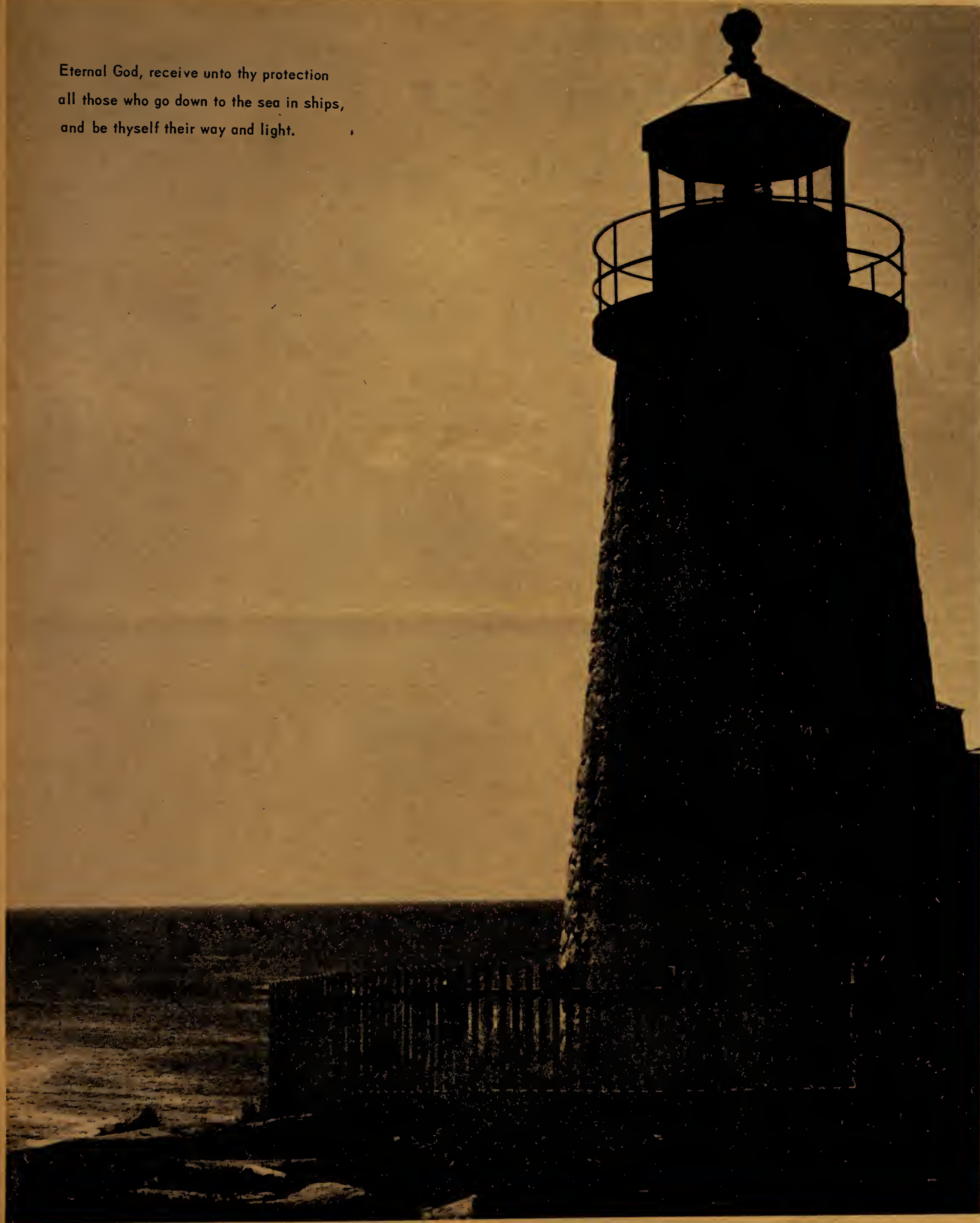
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FAMILY WEEK

May 5-12, 1963

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Shreveport, Louisiana
April 27, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I had no preaching engagement scheduled for last Sunday so Mrs. Walton and I attended services at Rayne Memorial in New Orleans where the minister, the Reverend Benedict A. Galloway, delivered a challenging message on stewardship as the congregation embarked upon an Every Member Visitation for the operating budget of the Church for the coming year.

This experience reminded me of the fact that during these days our churches over the Conference are engaged in the task of pledging the budget for the year 1963-64. This should be a time of soul-searching as well as of financial inventory. The resources of the church should be brought into line with the needs of the Kingdom. There is always more to be done than we have resources with which to do the job. Plans should be made concerning the ministry which The Methodist Church can perform and full information concerning this Proposed program should be given to the people. This whole task should be undergirded with prayer and carried on with dedication. The financial program of the church should be spiritually supported in every respect. Our Heavenly Father is concerned both about how we make our money and how we use it. When our people are properly informed and challenged they will respond with their gifts for the Lord's work.

Reports coming to me indicate that we are closing out one of the best years in the history of the Louisiana Conference. As we look toward the new year I do hope that we are broadening our vision and enlarging our plans so that we may serve our Lord in a larger way and in a more effective manner in the days which are before us.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

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125 Louisiana Methodists In Seminar on United Nations

Approximately 125 Methodists from every section of Louisiana registered for the United Nations Seminar sponsored

Centenary Announces Honorary Degrees

Centenary College will confer honorary degrees on Edward C. Greco, senior research associate for the United Gas Corp., and the Rev. William L. Hattaway, district superintendent of the Houston-East District of the Methodist Church, during commencement exercises June 2.

President Joe J. Mickle said that Greco will receive the degree of Doctor of Science, and the Rev. Mr. Hattaway will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The degrees will be conferred during the outdoor commencement exercises at 8 p.m. in the Outdoor Amphitheatre.

The Rev. Mr. Hattaway will also deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:50 a.m. the same day.

Conferring of the honorary degrees was recommended by the Board of Trustees-Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees and approved by both the faculty and the board, Mickle said.

sored by the conference Board of Christian Social Concerns at Centenary College, Shreveport, April 26 and 27. They heard addresses by the Rev. Dudley A. Ward, soon to become General Secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Girard Widdington, former staff member of UN, and now director of communications for the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches.

Following the addresses of the two resource persons on Friday evening, the delegates spent Saturday morning in two discussion groups in which they entered freely into interchanges with the two leaders.

Members of the sponsoring conference board expressed the opinion that the seminar was most worthwhile in giving persons with varying opinions on the United Nations a chance to gain additional information as well as an opportunity to freely express their own opinions.

Of the persons attending the seminar, 84 registered as delegates from 39 local churches of the conference, representing local church commissions on Christian Social Concerns and Woman's Societies of Christian Service.



PICTURED AT THE United Nations Seminar in the R.E. Smith Building at Centenary College, Apr. 26 and 27, were (l. to r.) the Rev. Woodrow Hearn, Shreveport, program chairman for the seminar; the Rev. Dudley Ward of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington; and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

Editorials

"When your family worships God every day"

Most American Christians are conscious of the fact that next week is being observed as National Family Week. This program has gradually evolved from the emotional appeal that once centered in Mother's Day. Now great numbers have come to see how deeply our welfare and our way of life are rooted in the rediscovery of American family life as a primary center of religious teaching.

This year daily family worship is being emphasized by the Protestant and Orthodox churches who share in the observance as it is planned by the National Council of Churches. The theme for the week is "When Your Family Worships God Every Day." The Rev. William H. Genne, director of the NCC's Department of Family Life, has observed that, "Families today are subjected to such crowded schedules and constant distractions that it is difficult for them to gather regularly for meals, let alone for daily worship."

We know that it will take the most dedicated imaginations for many families to find ways by which daily worship together may be practiced, but we feel that the values at stake are worth enough to urge us on to such imaginative considerations of the challenge.

Whenever family worship is suggested, many parents feel guilty because they have not been able to have the daily Bible readings or the Sunday evening hymn-sings that they remember from their childhood.

There may be some suggestion in the proximity of National Family Week to National Library Week. It could well be that the avenue down which we will find our way to regular fam-

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ily worship will be the sharing of books. Have you tried reading together around the table? Perhaps this is the way you will be able to implement the theme of National Family Week, "When Your Family Worships God Every Day."

A voice from the ocean floor

We have been quite impressed with the tribute which Richard Cardinal Cushing gave to the men who lost their lives on the nuclear submarine Thresher. He declared that the loss of the 129 men aboard the submarine should serve as a "point of meditation" on the human and spiritual values involved in the nuclear arms race.

Speaking from the text, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends," he said that the men aboard the Thresher performed a "perfect act of love" by the "supreme sacrifice" of their lives for the nation. In some strange way we are moved by such a dramatic loss as this to see through to truths that do not always appear when our servicemen lose their lives one by one. This is not to say by any means that these individual sacrifices are any less acts of love.

The most significant thing Cardinal Cushing said was that this naval tragedy should "help to direct the unprecedented progress in science and technology toward the survival of the human family, and not its destruction."

He went on to say that "scientific research for science alone is vanity built on pride; for military power it is frightening to conceive; for the welfare of the human race everywhere and anywhere it can be God's gift to the 20th century."

Certainly the lives of the men aboard the Thresher will have to be charged to research, since the nuclear sub is still a very young device. When such research contributes to the common good of man, then those who have given of themselves must be seen alongside all those who have marched down the uncharted trails that lead to the answers to the significant questions of life.

We hope that these who have given this last full measure of their devotion will be so elevated when the full story has been written.

News in Brief

Sidney R. Nichols, East Aurora, N. Y., layman, has been named to the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill. On Aug. 1, he will become associate director of the Department of Special Projects in the board's Section of Methodist Men.

Santiago College, Santiago, Chile, has become the first Methodist institution of higher education outside the U. S. to join the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church, reports the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Decker, Nashville, secretary-treasurer of the association. The organization decided in January to open its doors to schools outside the U. S.

Union Theological Seminary, New York, has announced that the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman will serve as Harry Emerson Fosdick Visiting Professor at the school for 1963-64. Dr. Sockman retired as pastor of Christ Church, New York, early in 1962 after serving there for 44 years.

A Methodist layman, Vance Archer of Hays, Kansas, has been appointed director of personal and visitation evangelism in the Department of Local Church Evangelism of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

NEW JERSEY MINISTER NAMED TO NCC POST

New York (RNS)—The Rev. John W. Schauer, Jr., of Tenaflly, N. J., who has been active in refugee resettlement, has been named director of Immigration Services for Church World Service here.

He succeeds James MacCracken, who was recently appointed associate executive director of CWS, relief agency of the National Council of Churches.

WORTH QUOTING

"I can well understand how many well-intentioned people, who are justifiably concerned about the threat which subversive groups present to our free institutions, tend to reach the conclusion that the only effective way to fight such organizations is to use the same evil methods they employ...But there could be no more dangerous fallacy. One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find the means becomes the end."

Former Vice-President Richard Nixon, quoted in CONCERN, April 15, 1961.

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Mr. Archer

Church Laymen Named Director Of Visitation

NASHVILLE, TENN. — A Methodist layman, Vance Archer, Hays, Kan., has been appointed director of personal and visitation evangelism in the Department of Local Church Evangelism of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here.

He will come to Nashville May 6 to begin his work, said the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, director of the Department of Local Church Evangelism.

Mr. Archer is a businessman who has served in various capacities in his local church and other church organizations.

He will succeed the Rev. Charles D. Whittle, Nashville, who was a staff member of the Department of Local Church Evangelism before being named in January director of the Department of District Evangelism.

Mr. Archer has been serving as lay leader of the Hays Methodist District, director of the laymen's retreat for the Central Kansas Methodist Conference, member of the Fort Hays Wesley Foundation board, and member of the an Kansas Council of Churches.

He is a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina.

During World War II, he served in the Air Force, flew 35 missions, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

'Breakthru' Shown By 100 Stations

NASHVILLE, TENN. — BREAKTHRU, The Methodist Church's first television series for children, has been shown by more than 100 television stations across the United States during the first year of its release.

This was announced by the Rev. Gene W. Carter, Nashville, executive secretary of the section on radio-TV of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFECO).

Dr. Carter said that March 17, 1963, marked the end of the first year of release for BREAKTHRU.

Senator McCarthy Says Politics, Church Can't Be Kept Wholly Apart

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "It is absurd to hold that religion and politics can be kept wholly apart when they meet in the conscience of one man," U. S. Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota said at American University here (April 3). He appeared in the Inter-Religious Club Council's series of lectures on religion. Speaking on "Religious Perspective in Public Affairs," the senator

Basic Principles In Church-State To Be Presented

WASHINGTON, D. C., The newest edition of Register Christian Opinion is just off the press and available to those seeking guidance for personal political action as Christians.

In addition to a directory of the current members of Congress, by state, committee assignment and religious affiliation, the pamphlet lists correct forms of address for federal officials as well as other resources for education and action.

On the basis that "Christian faith and good citizenship call for informed opinion," the pamphlet suggests ways of becoming informed, and means of expressing "your informed concern" to lawmakers. It stresses that its purpose is not "to dictate what policy you should support or oppose . . . (but) to aid you in expressing your opinion."

Register Christian Opinion was prepared by the Rev. Dr. Harry W. Campbell, director of the Department of Legislative Affairs, for the national Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Edition Published For Christians In Political Fields

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A proposal of basic principles in church-state relations, and their application to specific areas, will be presented to the 1964 Methodist General Conference for action.

The proposal will come from the Study Commission on Church and State Relations, authorized by the 1960 General Conference, and will be the fruit of some three years of inter-agency discussion of study papers, according to Dr. W. Astor Kirk of Washington, commission director.

At its latest meeting, the commission agreed to back up its statement of principles, which will be adopted at an Oct. 13-15 meeting in Chicago, with eight papers presenting information for study.

The applications will be in the areas of religious liberty, social welfare, education, taxation, and the formulation and execution of public policy.

The study papers will discuss proposals in those areas, tell the story of the church's present involvement in church-state relations, present theological perspectives of the issue.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland, Ore., is the commission chairman.

noted that "in a formal sense church and state can and should be kept separate," but added that "if a man is religious and he is in politics, one fact will relate to the other, if he is a whole man."

McCarthy said "there is in America a tendency to separate practical politics from moral principles on the one hand, and on the other hand to moralize political issues, to make of every campaign and every issue a crusade." This tendency results, he said, in a movement beyond partisan attack toward "attack on the moral integrity and character of the opposition."

The senator, a Catholic layman declared also:

"The fundamental objective of politics is to bring about progressive change in keeping with the demands of social justice, and these demands are ethical and moral demands."

Although politics is dependent on ethics for the determination of the ends the purposes of its action, "in politics the simple choice between that which is wholly right and that which is wholly wrong is seldom given."

Compromise is a mark of almost all human relations and "genuine compromise is not a violation of principle, not a compromise with principle, but with reality."

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PEACE IN TERRIS (Peace on Earth), an encyclical hailed by statesmen and religious leaders throughout the world, is signed by Pope John XXIII in his private library at the Vatican. With him, at left, is Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of state. In his appeal for peace, the Pope called for a strengthened United Nations, disarmament, a ban on nuclear testing and an end to racism and colonialism.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

May 5—Sunday Proverbs 10:1-14
May 6 Proverbs 13:1-12
May 7 Ppresians 5:21-33
May 8 Ephesians 6:1-9
May 9 Titus 2:1-15
May 10 I Peter 2:1-10
May 11 I John 2:1-11
May 12—Mother's Day
..... Ruth 1:15-22

Methodist Leaders Praise Pope's Latest Encyclical

WASHINGTON, D. C., — Two national Methodist leaders here have praised the latest encyclical, "Peace on Earth," from Pope John XXIII.

Both Bishop John Wesley Lord, a vice president of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Herman Will, Jr., director of the board's Division of Peace and World Order, issued statements emphasized the encyclical's call for building world understanding and for realizing the nature of modern war.

Said Bishop Lord:

"Men of good will the world over will hail the encyclical of the Roman pontiff.

"Men's great need is for a creative international policy that will build world community. The powers that shape our destiny are forcing us to achieve a greater humanity. We can no longer accept the monstrous immorality of nuclear war.

"We hail the pontiff's call for trust among men. This is a belief in a real future and an openness to new possibilities through collaboration. Man's last court of appeal is not that of war, but of divine arbitration. Peace begins in the minds of men. The encyclical is a mandate for men of good will everywhere to accept a morality consistent with the new conditions of life."

Mr. Will said:

Pope John's encyclical "Peace on Earth" is a welcome and needed message to the world. He wisely combines emphasis on the urgent need for disarmament with a call for strengthening the United Nations to safeguard world peace.

Many Christians share his conviction that "it is impossible to think that in the atomic era war can be used as an instrument of justice." This realistic view of modern war must be grasped by more and more people if a stronger and more effective popular will to peace is to emerge.

The Pope's support for negotiation underlines the need for the nations to work more energetically on resolving the issues which give rise to serious tension among the great powers. His message will be welcomed by Christians around the world.

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The best leadership is that which seeks nothing for itself.



THE REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, is shown second row left, with the other members of the Commission on Church Union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church, at a recent meeting.

Dean Fleming Honored at Centenary College

Dean Bond Fleming of Centenary College discovered last week that he hasn't lost the teaching touch since assuming higher administrative duties.

Alpha Chi, honorary scholastic fraternity for juniors and seniors, surprised the Dean at its annual spring honor chapel by presenting him with its first annual award to "the faculty member who has made the outstanding contribution to the college's academic life during the year." An engraved certificate went with the honor.

Dean Fleming qualified readily because, when not functioning as Centenary's top academic officer, he teaches several courses in philosophy. He was head of the department of philosophy at Millsaps College before coming to Centenary.

Also honored at the chapel was Don Scroggin of Shreveport, holder of a National Methodist Scholarship who was named the outstanding freshman student for 1962-1963. He compiled a straight-A average in his first college semester and was named Centenary's outstanding freshman chemistry student.

Scroggin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hal Scroggin of Shreveport, and a member of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

A Sunday School teacher at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del., has been named winner of the American Schools and Colleges Association's 1963 Horatio Alger Award for substantial contributions to society. He is John W. Rollins, head of Rollins Leasing Corp.

Lake Charles District Holds Workshop at Prien Lake

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will deliver the closing address for the First Annual Lake Charles District Laymen's Workshop which will be held May 4 at the camp of Voriş King on Prien Lake, five miles south of Lake Charles. If the weather is inclement, the meeting will be held at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

Following registration, the meeting will begin at 2:45 p.m. with singing led by Lloyd Johnson. A panel will follow with the following participants; "Lay Leadership," Roy Emmons; "1000

Methodists in the Washington, D. C., Area are rejoicing over the recent of Methodist womanhood in capturing "Mother of the Year" honors in all three of the political subdivisions of the area. The "Mother of the Year" winners in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia are all members of The Methodist Church with long records of service. They are: Mrs. Lawrence Oosterhaus of Takoma Park, Md.; Mrs. Nellie Butler Deane of Washington; and Mrs. Robert S. Lewis of Seaford, Del.

Hospital Chaplaincy Program Begun in Alexandria District

A district-wide program was begun in the Alexandria District in September, 1962, in ministering to persons of special needs in hospitals and institutions in the district.

Under the leadership of Reverend Ered Flurry, District Superintendent, and Rev. Louis M. Coppage, District Chairman, the following ministers were appointed to serve as chaplains in the Alexandria District: Baker's Nursing Home No. 1 and 2, Rev. G. W. Dameron; Baptist Hospital, Rev. D. R. Deen and Rev. Roland Friedrich; Central Louisiana State Hospital, Rev. Ken McDowell; Huey P. Long Charity Hospital, Pineville, Rev. Louis Coppage; Murrell Clinic and Hospital, Rev. D. R. Deen; St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, Dr. Guy Hicks and Rev. Byrl Moreland; State Colony and Training School, Kingsville Community, and State Industrial School for Girls.

Rev. Dale Lyons; Veterans Administration Hospital, Rev. M. L. Davis; Ar-

doin Hospital, Ville Platte, Rev. W. R. Akin; Cottonport Hospital, Simmesport, Mrs. Lelia Hickman; Four Nursing Homes, Jena, Rev. D. B. Boddie; Hair and Carlton Hospital, Lecompte, Rev. W. C. Barham; Jena Hospital and Golden Age Nursing Home, Jena, Rev. A. G. Taylor; Jonesville Clinic and Smith's Rest Homes, Harrisonburg, Rev. Roy L. Garrett; Marksville Hospital, Cottonport Hospital, and Center Point Nursing Home, Rev. John D. Bell; Natchitoches Parish Hospital and Natchitoches Nursing Home, Rev. George Pearce, Jr.; Olla Hospital and Clinic, Rev. Ted Smith; Winnfield General Hospital, Martin Hospital, and Autumn Leaves Convalescent Home, Rev. R. H. Staples.

This program has been very important in the Alexandria District, as there are a great number of institutions in the area. These chaplains visit in these hospitals at least once weekly.

Dr. Meredith Guest Speaker at Noel

Dr. Ron Meredith, pastor of First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kans., was the guest speaker for revival services at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 28-May 2. Dr. Meredith was secured for this week of services when the news came of the death of Dr. Roy L. Smith, who has been scheduled to be the speaker for the week.

Services are being held each evening, Sunday through Thursday, and noon services are also being held from 12:00 to 12:45 daily. A luncheon is being served following the noon services.

Dr. Meredith was educated at Hamline University and at Drew Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Wichita, he was the pastor of First Methodist Church, Fresno, Calif. Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans. will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities on him later this month.

A well-balanced mind is a Christian's greatest achievement.

Claiborne Methodists Hear Discussion on Discipline of Children

Mr. Buster Crowley, chief probation officer of Ouachita, gave an informative talk to the members of Claiborne Methodist Church on the social

and Moral Discipline of Our Children" recently. He spoke at a spaghetti supper prepared by the night circle of the Woman's Society of

Christian Service.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Van Westbrook, chairman, the night circle has planned four programs on parent education to help promote family fel-

lowship in the church program. The project is an outgrowth of the study of the book "Responsible Adults for Tomorrow's World". The Rev. T. A. Brown is pastor.



Buster Crowley, principal speaker



Mrs. Van Westbrook, chairman WSCS circle



Claiborne members at supper

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

A DINNER WAS HELD at the Wesley Foundation at South-western State University, Apr. 25, for the high school seniors who are planning to attend that institution next year.

AT THE APR. 17. MEETING of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Judge Cecil C. Cutrer presented a book review for the program. The past is the Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

THE DELTA SUB-DISTRICT MYF of the New Orleans District held their April meeting at the Algiers Methodist Church, Apr. 16. Elections of officers for the new year was held at this meeting.

ALL CAMP DIRECTORS of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts and their staffs will meet at Camp Istrouma May 24 at 4:00 p.m. and continue in training sessions through lunch on May 25.

ON WEDNESDAY, APR. 24, the Young at Heart Club of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church celebrated their "second birthday." Their pastor is the Rev. Roy E. Mouser.

A DEPUTATION TEAM FROM the Wesleyan Foundation from Louisiana Tech, visited First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday Apr. 28 and led the morning worship service. The pastor is the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, was the preacher for both morning worship services at First Methodist Church, Lafayette, on Sunday, Apr. 21. The pastor is the Rev. R.R. Branton.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, was the speaker for the evening service at First Methodist Church, Crowley, Apr. 21. The pastor is the Rev. W.C. Boddie.

THE REV. ALFRED A. KNOX, editor of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST, was the guest preacher at Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday, Apr. 21. The pastor is the Rev. Loyd Williams.

THE NEW EVANGELISM FILM "Conversion Plus", was shown at St. Paul Methodist Church, New Orleans, at the evening worship hour on Apr. 21. The Rev. E.J. Barksdale is the pastor.

MR. HOWARD W. PARSHALL of the staff of the School for Spastics at Alexandria was the speaker on Apr. 23 for these study "The Church's Ministry to Persons of Special Need" at First Methodist Church, De Ridder. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson.

THE REV. DON W. ALVERSON, pastor of the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the noontide services at the Church House in that city the week of Apr. 22. These services are sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches.

THE WSCS OF MUNHOLLAND MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Metairie, presented a style show, "Spring Into Summer," Apr. 25 at the Community Hall. The fashions were by Maison Blanche. The pastor at Munholland is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL Institute for the Ruston District was held Apr. 16 at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston. Mrs. B.J. Sumrall, district director of children's work, was in charge of the meeting. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. George W. Ross.



BISHOP DANA DAWSON is pictured with Dr. George W. Pomeroy, pastor of First Methodist Church in Lake Charles during Holy Week services. Bishop Dawson's topics for the series were: "My Symphony", "Communism Challenges Christianity", "John Wesley and Aldersgate", "The Vanishing Clergyman", "The Perfecting Imprint of the Heart", and "If I Had Only One Sermon to Preach".



MRS. DANA DAWSON spoke in the Lake Charles First Methodist Church Sunday evening April 7.

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN of Lake Charles sponsored a Leadership Training Course on Apr. 30 at Chateau Charles, with a "dutch treat" lunch following. Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy, wife of the pastor of First Methodist Church, conducted the course.

A DEPUTATION TEAM from McNeer State College was in charge of the evening worship service at De Quincy Methodist Church, Apr. 21. The director, the Rev. Lamar Davis, was in charge of the team. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is the pastor of the church.

DR. ROY L. SMITH, outstanding journalist and preacher of Methodism, who died last week in Los Angeles, had been scheduled to preach at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Apr. 28-May 3. The pastor at Noel is the Rev. Sam Nader.

AT SPRINGHILL METHODIST CHURCH on Sunday, Apr. 21, Local Preacher's Licence was granted to Charles Park. The district superintendent, the Rev. Luman Douglas, officiated and preached the sermon on the occasion. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

WORKERS IN THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION of Pharr Chapel Methodist Church, Morgan City, were privileged to have the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Learner, Baton Rouge District Worker in a training school in their church, April 1-3. The pastor is the Rev. John Sewell.

WE WOULD LIKE to add our congratulations to those of the members of the congregation of First Methodist Church, Monroe, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhodes, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Apr. 14. The Rev. George Harbuck is their pastor.

THE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER for the Every Member Visitation at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was held in the fellowship hall of this church on Thursday, Apr. 25. The pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

A JOINT SESSION of the Quarterly Conference and of the Church Conference of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church was held Apr. 30 to approve the financial arrangements for the new building work now under way by this congregation, whose pastor is the Rev. Roy E. Mouser.

THE REV. LAWRENCE L. GILBERT, conference director of youth work, spoke to the Senior Hi MYF and to the congregation at the evening worship service at First Methodist Church, Haynesville, Apr. 28. The Youth Choir furnished special music for the service. The pastor is the Rev. K.G. Rorie.

DR. CLOVIS CHATPELL, outstanding Methodist preacher and author, was the guest evangelist for revival services at First Methodist Church, Minden, Apr. 21-26. A men's prayer breakfast was held each morning, Monday through Friday. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is the pastor.

DR. JOE E. HOLOUBEK and Dr. Alice B. Holoubek, outstanding husband-and-wife team of Shreveport and leading members of the Catholic Church, gave an illustrated lecture entitled "A Doctor at Calvary" at First Methodist Church, Many, Apr. 8. The Rev. W.H. Bengtson is the pastor.

DR. GASTON FOOTE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., who was conducting revival services at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was the speaker for the annual banquet to honor the graduating high school senior from this church, on Apr. 23. The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is the pastor.

LAY SPEAKERS' CREDENTIALS were presented to ten members of First Methodist Church, Minden, at the early worship service on Easter. They are: J. Davidson Brown, Cecil P. Campbell, High Greer, B. Don Hinton, C.O. Holland, Alton Hortman, R.O. Machen, J.J. Miles, L.C. Starr and Marcus Wren.

CHAPLAIN AND MRS. PAUL G. DURBIN, son and daughter-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Durbin of the Wisner Methodist Church, were guests in the evening worship service in this church. Chaplain Durbin brought the evening message on the theme, "Sow A Cross, Reap An Empty Tomb."

MRS. CLEO BARNWELL reviewed the book, "Ministries of Merics," Tuesday morning, Apr. 23 in the Fellowship Hall of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, for the Woman's Society of Christian Services of this church. A coffee preceded the book review. The pastor of this church is Dr. James T.

MISS RUTH EMORY of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church was the resource person for the Commission on Education's concluding seminar at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Apr. 20-21. This was the final event in the year-long study of the Church's Ministry to Youth. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

DR. JAMES M. EAGAN, vice-president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Joseph P. Murphy, regional director of the conference, were leaders in the Institute on Rearing Children, which was held at Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, Mar. 28. The institute was sponsored by the New Orleans Chapter of the National Conference. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. Clyde Frazier.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education met with the Children's Workers Council at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Apr. 24. He presented the plans for the new Church School literature for children, which is being prepared by The Methodist Church. He discussed some of the theological foundations for this new material. The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

THE ADULTS OF FIRST Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, heard Marcella Flynt Womack, give the third discussion in a series about Okinawa, at the Family Fellowship program on Apr. 21. She worked as a civilian employee in religious education, attached to one of the chapels at this important base. She spoke on the problems, progress and concern being shown by the Armed Forces in the spiritual life of their personnel. The pastor of this church is Dr. Dana Dawson Jr.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR MAY 12, 1963: "GOD'S LAWS FOR FAMILY LIVING"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 78:1-8, 128. Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 78: 5-8, 128.

MEMORY SELECTION: He . . . appointed a law in Israel which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children. Psalms 78:5.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the importance of the home as a character building agency and to stress the responsibility of the home for the religious teaching and training of children.

The week just past was National Family Week throughout our nation. Today, the last day of National Family Week, quite properly, in our church calendar, is "Mother's Day". The observance of this special day is a very fitting way in which close the week given to a study of family life. The two Psalms we study today, as our lesson text, give special emphasis to "God's Laws for Family Living."

There are two things we should keep in mind in studying the Psalms.

1. The Book of Psalms is a book of poetry. The writers of the Psalms, as do poets of today, exercise what we call "poetic license." Among other things this means that they had considerable freedom in the choice of words to express their thoughts. This in turn means that the poetry of the Psalms, like poetry of today cannot always be interpreted literally.

2. We should keep in mind that in poetry as well as prose, the Jewish writers injected in their writings the general belief that only good things come to the good. If anything undesirable came, sickness, misfortune, suffering, poverty, it was the result of the fact sin had displeased God. Trouble, of whatever kind, was the result of sin. Experience, and what we believe is a better conception of the nature of God, leads us to believe they were wrong in this general conclusion.

ISRAEL'S LAWS WERE GOD'S LAWS

In the opening verse of our lesson text the writer refers to "a law in Israel." We should keep in mind that all laws that governed Israel, religiously and as a nation, were God's laws. In the beginning Israel was a pure Theocracy. Even later when Kings ruled Israel the laws by which they governed were largely the laws of God. Notions about Israel had laws that were established by the reigning kings. These laws made by kings or other rulers might change radically with the change of rulers.

This was never true of Israel. The laws that governed the Jews, for the individual, for the home and for the nation were laws which the Jews believed they had received from God through their leaders—especially Moses. These laws came to the Jew in two forms. There was the "Written Law." This was largely the Mosaic law which the Jew had in written form. There was also the "Oral Law." The "Oral Law" consisted of interpretations and explanations of the "Written Law". These interpretations finally took written form in the Talmud sometimes called the "second" law. Even these guides for living were considered to have come from God through Jewish leaders.

The Jew had nothing comparable to the man-made laws which governed people about them. Furthermore, so far as the writer knows, Israel is the only nation that has figured to any large degree in world history even down to our day, that did not have a system of laws established by its people.

Whatever may be the human laws governing the

notion in which a Christian lives, the moral and spiritual laws which give direction to the Christian life are still God's laws and are the same for all people "yesterday, today and forever."

In Israel, the laws which governed family life were very direct and meaningful. Today we think of the home, the school and the church and the great character building agencies. In early Jewish life there was little or no teaching in schools outside the home. Hence the home was the teaching and training agency which largely determined the early life of the child.

ORIGIN AND NATURE OF EARLY HOME SIMPLE

The origin of the early home was rather simple as compared to that of today. Parents planned the marriage of their children or the husband bought his wife or even went out and captured her. Home life does not begin like that for us.

The nature of the early home was simple as compared to our homes today. In the early homes the husband was the "big boss." Even as late as Paul's day we hear the apostle saying, "Wives be subject to your husbands." (Eph. 5:22) Just suppose some pastor making a statement like that to the women of his congregation today. It was Paul also who said, "The husband is the head of the wife." That being true we must conclude that some women get on right well to be as nearly headless as they are. Early home life was simple; simple like a dictatorship is simple as compared to a democracy. It was simple like a meal of bread and water is simple as compared to a "big dinner" with all the trimmings. A happy home today is based on mutual love and respect and it is altogether voluntary.

DIFFICULTIES FACING HOMEBUILDERS TODAY

In the opening verses of our lesson text the psalmist outlines a program of home training that would run for four generations. Fathers should make known God's laws to their children who in turn would teach them to "the generation to come . . . even the children which should be born." These children would then "declare them to their children."

It sounds comparatively easy for the writer to outline a program for the home that would run through the four generations. The Jew could do this because he thought he knew about what each succeeding generation would be like. After the experiences that have come to us in the last two or three generations, we know that such a program for the home is not so simple.

There was a time, not too long ago, when the home was the center of our family life. One hardly expected anything else. It is quite difficult to make the home a center of family life in our day because of the complex world in which we live as compared to life even fifty or seventy-five years ago.

Within the last seventy-five years it is quite possible that we have had more radical, revolutionary changes in our manner of life and living than the world experienced in any two thousand years of its history. Within his lifetime the writer has seen the ox cart go by at a snail's pace. He has also seen the jet plane shoot across the sky faster than the speed of sound. He has also seen the astronaut blast off for a trip around the world in a little more than an hour. (Incidentally do not go to Webster's Dictionary to learn how to spell "astronaut.")

People seventy-five or more years old have seen introduced into our life the record player, bicycle,

motion pictures, radio, television and most revolutionary of all the automobile and the airplane. All of these and many more life-changing inventions have been dumped into the lap of the home largely within the last seventy-five years and had to be digested and assimilated by the home life. Perhaps we should not be too surprised that such a conglomerated diet has at times caused domestic, social and religious indigestion.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HOME

The home has been so terribly decentralized by the various activities of modern life that parental influence and authority have been noticeably weakened. Nevertheless, the home is so vitally important as a character builder that parents should never relax in their efforts to make home the meaningful power for good in child life which God meant it to be.

Next to the church, God has always depended on the home as the saving element in the world's life. In Genesis 18:19 God said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." Having a man so dependable in the home, God felt that Abraham was such a man that he could become the father of a nation composed of God's "chosen people."

God says that Abraham was to "command his children . . . after him." Abraham, in the home, was to be an example of the character of life God wanted his children and his household to live. Only when parents have walked properly before their children in the home are they in a position to give effective leadership and direction to children of the home.

Let us not forget that children also have a responsibility to co-operate in efforts to build a good home. Child training is not a one-way street. Unless a child is responsive to efforts of parents to help them, these efforts fail. We have often seen examples where one child in a family of several children fails to respond to efforts to help it. Generally the result is a "black sheep" in the family, although the "black sheep" had the same love, the same care and the same opportunities the other children had. Sometimes parents are to blame if a child turns out bad. There are times when the child is definitely to blame.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD HOME

A well rounded Christian home must be intelligently and consistently religious. Religious fanaticism should be avoided as one would poison. Many young people have been driven away from God and the church by well-meaning parents who have lost their sense of religious balance. Young people do not want to be religious fanatics any more than they want to be any other kind of a fanatic.

In a Christian home parents should exercise a patient, sympathetic discipline. Children must learn to respect authority if they are to live happily in a world of law and order. It is the writer's definite conviction that parents, in accord with "God's Laws for Family Living," have a responsibility for guiding the lives of their children until they are old enough to make intelligent choices for themselves.

It is quite proper for a child to follow its own bend and trend in self expression so long as its natural inclinations lead it to do those things that result in good character. When natural inclinations lead it to do otherwise, helpful guidance by parents is in order. Some parents rule out the word "don't" in child training lest personality and personal initiative be dwarfed. Let us keep in mind that all but one of the Ten Commandments is negative in form. Eight of the ten carry the specific words, "Thou shalt not." A God of supreme wisdom did not hesitate to say "don't."

Good homes should have good literature, wholesome pictures and good books. There should certainly be a daily recognition of God in a Christian home. We live in a "hurry up" age. Nevertheless, parents can take time to bow and return thanks before eating a meal. There should be some form of family worship. The Upper Room is very helpful for this purpose. In less than two minutes one can read the scripture verse, the short comment, the thought for the day and even the prayer, if desired. Such a recognition of God in the home will pay big spiritual dividends.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A University of Notre Dame business professor recently told the convention of the National Council of Catholic Men, meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., that it is not easy to combine honesty and business success. Dr. Herbert Johnston, a specialist in business ethics, said, "It may be that, in this job or in that business, you simply cannot succeed and stay honest." He called on businessmen to police their own industries saying, "Businessmen can create a higher ethical tone simply by keeping their eyes open and being willing to do something about what they see."

Surely we must not surrender to a philosophy which concludes there are some businesses in which "you simply cannot succeed and stay honest." When we have done that we have undermined the fundamental foundation of our way of life.

In Ocean City, N. J., officials have decided to put to popular vote a controversial Sunday closing law, and a minister has promptly accused them of cowardice. The Rev. Paul A. Friedrich, pastor of First Methodist Church and president of the Ocean City Ministerial Association, expressed bitter disappointment and called for the bill's passage. "It is a sign of weakness and cowardice on your part," Mr. Friedrich charged. "I think you are ducking the issue."

Whatever be the grounds for opposing the Sunday closing law, this minister has weakened his case by objecting so strenuously to the use of the referendum, which is still a good American way of finding out what people want.

Heated reactions are expected in some quarters to a decision of the Southern Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Transvaal forbidding its members from public expression of opinions contrary to the Church's teachings or decrees. The Afrikaans newspaper, Die Weekblad, published in Capetown, warned that the action may result in a schism within the Church.

We would hope that such a ruling would threaten schism, or else the last chance of free expression on the part of the church members will be lost.

Some 300 young Seventh-day Adventists in Minnesota have completed a handwritten copy of the New Testament. The finished copy was recently unveiled at Stevens Avenue Adventist Church in Minneapolis. Sponsoring the project as part of a Bible emphasis program was the denomination's Minnesota Conference.

Far be it from us to criticize the program of another denomination, but our first reaction to this project is that a lot of good energy has been expended, which could have well gone into some more positive program of witnessing to the truths of the New Testament.

The Catholic Press Association has announced a special citation to the New Yorker magazine for its coverage of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. The citation was presented during the annual meeting of the CPA this week in Miami, Fla.

We were interested in reading all we could

find on the Vatican Council, but it didn't occur to us to include the New Yorker in our bibliography. It will be interesting to look up these back copies and read their coverage.

Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, has denied reports that the term "perfidious" was used at Good Friday Services in St. Peter's Basilica in a reference to Jews. The adjective had been used in a collect for the conversion of Jews at Good Friday ceremonies until 1959, when Pope John ordered it eliminated. Some newsmen present at the service reported that Fernando Cardinal Cento inadvertently inserted the word and then, after realizing what he had done, repeated the prayer in the corrected form.

Dutch Reformed churchmen in South Africa have long denounced beauty contests as morally objectionable, and now are pointing an accusing finger at baby shows. The Rev. J. A. Coetzee said that since beauty contests are not approved, consistency demands that baby shows also be frowned upon, because both constitute "pure self-worship."



PROTESTANT and Roman Catholic leaders and theologians are shown as they gathered at Boston College, Newton, Mass., for a Theological Colloquium marking the Jesuit university's centennial year. From left are the Very Rev. Michael Walsh, S.J.; Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, United Presbyterian and professor of religion at Stanford University; Father Jean Danielou, S.J., Catholic Institute of Paris; and Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, Lutheran and professor of ecclesiastical history at Yale.

Departure ceremonies were recently held in Berlin for 21 young German Protestants, including four girls, as they left for Jerusalem where they will build a home for blind children. The project is part of the "Token of Repentance Action" sponsored by the Evangelical Church in Germany.

In a similar vein, plans for a Protestant "repentance church" to be built on the grounds of the notorious Nazi concentration camp at Dachau have been announced by the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany. The church will be a memorial shrine to all victims of the Hitler regime, but especially the 30,000 persons, mostly Jews, who were killed in the camp. More than 1,000 Catholic and Protestant clergymen were also among the victims of Dachau.

African Christians are often "disillusioned" upon visiting England, the Archbishop of Canterbury said recently in a radio broadcast. Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey said many come to Britain expecting to find a deeply Christian civilization, only to discover "abandonment of the faith" and a "divided church." He noted, "they've known Christianity from English missionaries and they've had a rather idealized view of it."

Twenty-seven Jehovah's Witnesses, all of them non-citizens, have been ordered to leave Liberia within 14 days or face deportation, it has been officially announced in Monrovia. The announcement said the Witnesses were alleged to have refused on conscientious grounds to salute the Liberian flag, and to have preached disobedience to the country's laws.

Pope John, in a message received at Jounieh, Lebanon, declared that Catholics "have the task today of making concrete in various national legislative systems" the principles embodied in the Declaration on the Rights of the Child adopted by the United Nations in 1959. The occasion for the message was the World Congress on the Rights of the Child, being held in Apostles College near Beirut.

An English-language ecumenical publication, the Bulletin, has been launched by the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) to inform Christians "in other lands about the main currents of thought and action in the life and mission" of the denomination. The Bulletin will be issued in the spring and autumn by the Ecumenical Department of the Kyodan's Research Institute on the Mission of the Church.

Some 350 African Christian leaders from 42 countries were recently told that Christianity, which has survived in Africa against awesome odds, is now challenged to help build "a sound moral foundation for the rapidly growing edifice of social change, with its threat of secularization and materialism." Dr. K. A. Busia, a Methodist layman and sociologist of Ghana, was speaking to the constituting assembly of the All Africa Council of Churches, a new body which will be the first continent-wide organization of churches and national councils of churches.

In Colombo, Ceylon, demands that the government restore to their original owners Buddhist private schools taken over by the government in 1960 have been made by the Buddhist Society.

Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking at the dedication of his vastly-expanded world headquarters in Minneapolis, said his work "will go right on" should he die or find it impossible to continue. "God is not limited to one man," he declared, mentioning the success his team has had without him during their recent crusades in the Orient.

An auto and truck leasing pioneer who is a tenth-grade Sunday School teacher at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del., has been named winner of the American Schools and Colleges Association's 1963 Horatio Alger Award for substantial contributions to society. He is John W. Rollins, head of Rollins Leasing Corporation and a former lieutenant governor of Delaware.

Dr. Claude H. Pritchard of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Division of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), has been elected chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel at its recent semi-annual meeting in Washington. He succeeds Protestant Episcopal Bishop Henry I. Lottitt of South Florida.

LasSalle Parish Men's Club

The LaSalle Parish Methodist Men's Club met April 9th, for their regular meeting and to elect officers.

A new slate of officers for the new year was elected and installed: President, Omer Strong of Olla; Vice-President—C. F. Kinard of Trout; Secretary, U. V. Taylor of Jena and Treasurer, Blondie Watts of Tullos.

It was decided that this group meet only quarterly, since each church now has its own Methodist Men's Club.

Special speaker at this time was the Rev. Dan Blake, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jena, who spoke to the group on "Beggars in Velvet". He stated "we are in many instances beggars for principals and values once sought-long ago. We do not show emotion, yet we rose to glory as a nation because we could feel and express ourselves . . . the individual can be a 'beggar in velvet'—unless we have HIS spirit we are restless. Real peace can come only from God . . . we must have an experience.

Rev. Blake holds degrees from Louisiana Tech in Ruston and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans.

This meeting was held at the Nolley Memorial Church in Jena where the Rev. A. G. Taylor is Pastor.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS CITE ISSUES FACING YOUTH

San Francisco (RNS) — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders joined here in a statement calling attention to the fact that many issues facing young people are "moral issues." Current discussions of youth problems have neglected the morals involved, the clergymen said.

The statement was signed by Dr. Carl G. Howie, president of the San Francisco Council of Churches, Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco, and Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein, president of the San Francisco Council of Rabbis.



THE REV. DAN BLAKE, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jena, was the guest speaker for the recent meeting of the LaSalle Parish Men's Club, meeting at Nolley Memorial Church, Jena.

Doyline Church News

Mr. C. O. Holland of Minden First Church was guest speaker at the morning service of Doyline Methodist Church on March 10, in absence of the pastor, Rev. Edwin E. House, Jr.

The WSCS, the Methodist Mens Club and the MYF sponsored a covered dish supper and program at the church on March 20th, Wednesday. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill was guest speaker.

From Doyline we have four young people that have been elected to attend Leadership Conference at L.S.U. this summer. They are: Miss Marilyn McIntire, Miss Merry Hall and Bryan Taylor of Doyline Methodist Church and Harold Montgomery Jr. from Haughton Methodist Church.

Urge Observance of "Ministry Sunday" in May

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ministry Sunday will be observed in Methodist churches May 19 with the theme, "Shepherd of Souls."



SHOWN IN the parsonage Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, during the recent Aldersgate revivals were: The Rev. Carey Martin, Ponchatoula; (left); the Rev. Ted Smith, Olla; the Rev. Angus Carruth, Blackwater; the Rev. A. G. Taylor, Jena; the Rev. E. W. Sandel, Trout; and the Rev. Terrall Lowe, Hodge.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT NEWS

The Boyce Methodist Church is devoting its Sunday evening fellowship hour to a study of Methodist History, Doctrine and Polity. The study begins at 7:00 p.m. and is led by the Pastor, Jack H. Tinnin.

The study is predicated on the theory that church members who understand their church are better equipped Christians. The aim is to understand the meaning and message of Methodism in light of its history and organization.

Dr. A. M. Serex of New Orleans, for ten years Pastor of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church was the guest preacher at the Horseshoe Drive Sunday, April 20th. The Rev. Louis Coppage is the Pastor of Horseshoe Drive church.

Miss Jenny Mo Horton was the guest speaker at the Alexandria District WSCS meeting on April 22nd. Miss Horton was from 1950-53 a special term missionary in Brazil, where she taught at Colegio Isabela Hendrix at Belo Horizonte. She was commissioned a deaconess at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. in 1959. While in the Alexandria area, she also addressed the Wesleyan Service Guild at Montgomery and was

the guest speaker at St. Paul Methodist Church, where the Rev. George Dameron is Pastor, on April 21.

Liberty Chapel Methodist Church will hold its annual Memorial Day service on Saturday, May 4th. Liberty Chapel is a part of the Pollock Charge of which the Rev. M. L. Davis is Pastor.

The Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent was the guest minister at both morning services at First Methodist, Alexandria on Sunday, April 21st, during the absence of Dr. Guy Hicks, Pastor.

Camp Dates for the Alexandria District have been announced as follows: Older Adult Camp — (Lafayette, Lake Charles and Alexandria Districts) — July 10-12.

Junior High Camp—July 8-12. Tri-District Senior High MYF Institute (Lafayette, Lake Charles, and Alexandria)—August 5-10.

Junior Camp—August 12-16. Rev. Ira Robinson is the District Director of Camping for the Alexandria District.



ON PALM SUNDAY, the MYF of Centenary Church, Franklinton, had charge of the evening worship service. Presenting "The Challenge of the Cross" were: Dorothy Felder, Tommie Lou Brumfield, Judy Poole, Clyde Bickham, Wilfred Welch and Ben Garrett. The pastor is the Rev. M. D. Felder.

QUAKERS SPONSOR INTER- RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATION FOR WORLD PEACE

Toronto, Ont. (RNS)—A silent interreligious demonstration for world peace in front of the Royal Ontario Museum at Queen's Park was organized here by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

It included Dr. Abraham Feinberg, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom temple, and Roman Catholics, Protestants and others, officials said. The vigil began at 6 a.m. and lasted well into the night.

Rabbi Feinberg stood a two-hour watch, carrying a large sign in a high wind. It read: "Force May Subdue, But Love Gains."

LOSSES IN CHURCH PARTICIPATION CITED FOR EAST GERMANY

Berlin (RNS) — Heavy losses in participation but financial gains in the church life of the Soviet Zone of Germany were revealed here in statistics published by the West Berlin portion of the Evangelical Church in Berlin and Brandenburg.

Compiled in an unidentified church district of East Germany, one including a community of about 100,000 inhabitants, the statistics disclosed that baptisms, confirmations, church weddings and church funerals had dropped considerably between 1951 and 1961. Meanwhile, the number of participants in Holy Communion has remained constant, and financial contributions have increased almost 400 per cent.

It said that in the 10 year period, baptisms dropped from 1,103 annually to 349; confirmations from 1,290 to 183; church weddings from 566 to 171; and church funerals from 817 to 548.

Bolivian Mission Doctor Killed in Car Accident

A young Bolivian doctor related to Methodist medical mission work in Bolivia died February 12 in the Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital (Methodist) in La Paz from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in the Andes Mountains. Dr. Angel Alconini is the second doctor related to Methodist work in Bolivia to have died in less than 18 months. The first was Dr. Louis Tatom III, a missionary from Gainesville, Fla.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Bossier City First Church Lay Woman's Day

The First Methodist Church of Bossier City observed "Lay Woman's Day" in worship services on Sunday, April 21 at 10:45 a.m. with Mrs. T. Harris of Shreveport as principal speaker.

Mrs. Harris is the wife of the minister of the Broadmoor Methodist Church. She has been a director of youth and chairman of the committee on Christian vocation for the Louisiana Methodist Conference and has served as conference secretary of missionary personnel for the Woman's Society of Christian Services.

Services were conducted by Mrs. Robert Hill, president of the First Methodist Church of Bossier City's WSCS, assisted by Mrs. Lee Davis and Miss Maude Sumner. Ushers were Mrs. Noel Barnes, Mrs. Emmett Wyche, Mrs. C. A. Naylor, Mrs. A. M. Malone, Mrs. A. B. Ewing, and Mrs. M. B. McDowell.

Four lifetime membership pins were presented to four members for outstanding service in the WSCS. Receiving the pins were: Mrs. Lee Davis, Mrs. Emmett Wyche, Mrs. Johnnie Russell, and Mrs. Marie Seigler.



Alexandria District Parsonettes

Alexandria District Parsonettes met for their April meeting at the Jena Parsonage, Thursday April 11th. This meeting was unique in that 'parsons' were invited too, and were special guests on this day.

The devotional thought for the day was given by Mrs. Marguerite Garrett of Jonesville.

The program was entitled 'Keys to the Parsonage'. It was under the direction of Mrs. Estelle Dameron who ably presented a most interesting and enjoyable program in which the entire group was able to participate. She had prepared various 'keys' on which a good suggestion for happy parsonage living was printed. The members and their guests divided into small groups and each group 'acted' the suggestion on their 'key'; the other groups in turn attempted to guess what part they were playing—these ranged from relaxing, cheerful disposition, p.k.'s, to an unexpected visit by a very important person.



ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT parsons visit while Parsonettes meet. Pictured are George Pearce, Clark Bell, J.C. Rousseaux, and E.W. Sandel.

and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Tinnin.

Hostesses for this meeting were: Mrs. Inda Mae Taylor, Ella Mae Boddie, Billye Smith, Bryda Rousseaux and Mary Sandel.



LUNCHEON was served in the Nolley Memorial Church at Jena.

Mrs. George Pearce was re-elected president at the business meeting. Later the group adjourned to the Educational Hall at Nolley Memorial Church where lunch was served to the group by ladies of the WSCS there.

Attending were: Rev. and Mrs. Clark Bell, Rev. and Mrs. John Bell, Rev. D. B. Boddie, Rev. W. D. Boddie of Crowley, Mrs. George Dameron, Rev. and Mrs. R. Deen, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Flurry, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Garrett, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth McDowell, Rev. and Mrs. George Pearce, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Poole, Rev. J. C. Rousseaux, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Sandel, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Shirley, Rev. and Mrs. Ted Smith, Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Taylor,



CEYLON'S first Woman ambassador is a Methodist representing a predominantly Buddhist country in Ghana. Mrs. O.L.F. Senaratne has been named to the post of High Commissioner for Ceylon in the Ghana capital. She and her husband, an eye specialist, are members of the Kollupitiya Methodist Church in Colombo. By coincidence, Ghana's envoy to Ceylon is also a Methodist -- the Rev. Samuel G. Nimako.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS EMMA BURRIS

Miss Emma Burris, a native of Franklinton, La., is executive secretary of Social Welfare and Medical Work of the Woman's Division, national Board of Missions, New York City. Her responsibilities include supervision of hospitals, children's homes, and homes for retired missionaries and deaconesses related to the Woman's Division. Miss Burris is also the chairman of the staff of the Home Department of the Woman's Division.

Miss Burris studied at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., and has taught in Louisiana public schools. She holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Scarritt College, and attended the University of Illinois for special work in social service administration.

She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a member of the executive committee of the Department of Social Welfare and Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches. She is secretary of the Division of Home Missions.

Emma Burris was commissioned as a deaconess at Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C. She served on the staff of a number of community centers and as director of Mercy Center, Chicago, before being elected to the staff of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.



Miss Emma Burris

The area of Social Welfare and Medical Work of the Woman's Division is composed of 14 children's homes, 7 hospitals (one with a school of nursing), 4 homes for retired deaconesses and missionaries plus 4 units within an Annual Conference home, 2 homes for older people owned by Conference Woman's Societies, and 8 special projects consisting of Work with Senior Citizens, a community center in Nome, Alaska, 3 vacation homes, chaplaincy work in Los Angeles County General Hospital, and work with Morals Court and Travelers' Aid in the Western Pennsylvania Conference — making a total of 36 projects.

Methodist Writes About a President's Wife

The story of the woman who was president of the Methodist Woman's Home Missionary Society while she lived in the White House has helped to gain a doctor's degree for another Methodist woman.

The dissertation, not yet published but entitled "Lucy Webb Hayes—An Unexceptionable Woman," was written by Mrs. Ralph Geer of Bowling Green, Ohio. She has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in history by Western Reserve University.

Fund Increases

The United Nations Children's Fund notes that during 1962 both governmental and private contributions toward its activities increased over the 1961 total. In all, 104 governments provided \$23,600,000 during the year, as compared with \$23,000,000 from 100 governments in 1961. Twenty-one registered rises in their donations. Three countries participated for the first time. Receipts from sources other than governments reached \$6,400,000, including private contributions of \$3,500,000. The bulk of these came from Hallowe'en collections from children in the United States (\$2,500,000); \$350,000 from similar collections in Canada, and \$450,000 from milk fund drives in European countries. Proceeds of the greeting card campaign of 1961 were also received, amounting to \$1,100,000.

Mrs. Hayes was the wife of Rutherford B. Hayes, U. S. President from 1877 to 1881. According to Mrs. Geer, religion, particularly Methodism, was a motivating force throughout Mrs. Hayes' life. She studied under professors of the new collegiate department of Ohio Wesleyan University, and there met her future husband for the first time. They were married by Prof. L. D. McCabe of OWU, who helped them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary in the White House and conducted her funeral service.

The dissertation has many references to Mrs. Hayes' religious concern, including one full chapter to detail her activities as first president of the WHMS of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Geer noted that "In this capacity she tried to alleviate what she regarded as the most serious social problems of the time." The School of Nursing in connection with Sibley Memorial Hospital here (related to the Woman's Division of Christian Service) is named in her honor.

Mrs. Geer is a member of First Methodist Church of Bowling Green and a former youth leader and Sunday school teacher. She and her husband both teach at Bowling Green State University.

She did her thesis on Mrs. Hayes because there had been no major study of her life and "I liked and admired her character and personality."



A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Man Must 'Belong' To Derive Security

THE JOY OF BELONGING—One day the taxicab in which I was riding got caught in a traffic jam—and those who live in large cities know that jam means something less pleasant than grandmother's preserves.

I looked out of the window on a little sea of confusion—gesturing drivers, scurrying pedestrians, anxious, even frightened faces. But in the midst of the jostling group was a boy about five holding his father's hand. His big blue eyes were like two calm pools in the surging tide. He was not scared. He was not worried. He was looking around in untroubled confidence. Why? He was secure in the hand of the one to whom he belonged. He was his father's boy, and his father was with him.

Great is the security derived from belonging to a family. Well do I recall the words written to me by a friend at the time of my father's death. He said that when a man's father dies, it is like moving up to the front-line trench in a battle zone. The defenses ahead of him are removed. In the struggle of life when we have to make difficult decisions, do we not often look longingly back to the days when we belonged to our parents and enjoyed a security behind their front-line facing of responsibilities? And soldiers can testify what it means in the danger zone to feel your family behind you.

The fact of belonging to a nation also gives a sense of security. In the summer of 1946 a member of our Red Cross delegation to Russia was a prominent Jewish philanthropist, Louis Levine. When we reached Prague he was taken out at midnight to the Polish border where the poor Jewish refugees were being smuggled out of Poland. He told me how he waited in the dark until there would emerge from the blackness the bedraggled fugitives, frightened and desperate. The Czechoslovak government winked its eye at the practice and was willing to have the refugees pass through their territory. But where were they to go? They were people without a country.

No form of insecurity is more acute than that of "not belonging." The orphan without a family, the boy ostracized by his crowd, the man without a country—all these feel a lack of support which leaves them weakened.

Where do we belong? To the masses who mill around their petty material interests and then when the storm comes run like rats from a sinking ship? Or to those who feel their significance, help good causes, create lasting values, and at last return to God whose they are and whom they serve?

A person without fellowship is like a fish out of water. A person cannot work absolutely alone. All effective work involves some cooperation. A man cannot play long alone. Sometimes on the golf course I see a man playing around by himself; and there are times when I have felt it would be less embarrassing if I were to play golf by myself. But no game keeps its zest without fellow players.

What we belong to often means more to us than what belongs to us. A family may buy the best house in town but they are unhappy if the community does not take them in so that they feel they belong.

This feeling of belonging to a community becomes more important as our cities grow larger and we become submerged in mass living. Let a person feel that he belongs to a place, to its church life, its school life, its home life, and he becomes immune to the germs of subversive ideas. The spirit of community is one of our best defenses against communism.

What keeps the crews of our ships at their post of danger in times of storm? It is something which we call "the honor of the service." And life would not be livable without this honor of service, this spirit which sends a policeman into a burning building to save a stranger, which keeps a soldier from dishonoring his uniform on a lonely frontier post, which keeps men faithful to their oath in the service of others.

And I submit to you without argument that honor of service and oaths of loyalty mean little without belief in God.

Our sense of responsibility to God sustains our loyalties to others. What value has an oath given by a man who does not believe in God?

And by drawing closer to God, we come closer to our fellowmen, because we ourselves become more fit to live with—and that is the first point to watch in the matter of fellowship.

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THE REV. FLOYD WOODWORTH (center in white shirt) is shown after debarking from a plane at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., after being permitted to leave Cuba. The Assemblies of God missionary had been jailed and held incommunicado for 20 days by the Castro regime. He was charged with being a "spy" for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. His wife and two children had been deported a week previously.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 5-12 is National Family Week. But many of us are busy with families every day of the year. Sometimes we fail to see all the angles of family life. After all, is it necessary for the busy mother to have any new thoughts about her family? Doesn't she have enough to think about already? Junior steps on a nail. Big sister tears her new party dress. Daddy has a few problems of his own. He is laid off for a week. Or he comes home just after a fuss with his boss. Mom has a pile of clothes to iron. Daddy must mow the lawn because Junior is not able to do it with a sore foot. National Family Week? It's for the birds!

One of the nice things about being a grandparent is the ability to look at family problems from a distance. Not to gloat over being free from them. But to see problems with a longer view than they had when they too were raising a family. This gives the older person two reactions worth considering.

1. The young father or mother usually does not see that all of the worries of parenthood are part of God's plan of growth. The truly Christian parent tries to meet every family emergency with some measure of human love. The child seldom sees it. He only sees the parent as the one who should help or console him. But back of that tender parental ministry lies a strong love that

even the parent does not always recognize. And love is God's best soil for growth of spirit. Family love is the most powerful force within a family. The child who grows up with a memory of parents who often show their love has a built-in strength of soul that nothing else can give him.

2. Let's look at it from a negative standpoint. I have just finished serving on a jury in criminal court. The cases are by no means new. The defendants look like defendants have looked for all the years that I have observed them. And the basic causes of their evil deeds are still pretty much the same. In 90% of the cases the trouble is traced back to an upset family life. The father or mother or both did not show the depth of love that a young child needed. The child grew up with a resentment against the home. He later took his resentment out against society. He did a crime. Why? To "get even" with someone because he did not have the love that his soul had craved. Life is almost as simple as that.

So try to remember something the next time you feel overloaded with problems of childhood. Remember that love is a far smaller price to pay than the sorrow of seeing your children in serious trouble with the laws of society.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Mark of a Methodist Christian

Rev. Carlos Martin, minister
St. Paul Methodist Church
El Dorado, Arkansas

From John I, II, III.

The initiating love of God is for every man. There are no limitations on God's love. We may, however, choose to ignore this love. In the face of this divine love what can a man do? He certainly cannot repay God. If he cannot love God as God has loved him, what can he do? He can respond and must respond in one way or another. He can respond by refusing this love. On the other hand he can respond to this love with humility, obedience, reliance, trust, thankfulness, and gratitude. When one responds to God's love in this manner he then knows himself greatly loved although he also knows he is unlovable. He knows himself to be a part of the "New Community of new creatures".

Now this means I think that one cannot stand in this covenant of grace unless he himself also loves. One cannot really affirm that God is love unless he himself loves. It is quite possible to be friends and never think of God. There are people who are friends who have never responded to God's love in obedience and humility. But when a man has responded to God's love in the manner we described above he finds himself under the command to "love as God hath loved him." In other words there can be no limitations on our love. We cannot exclude anyone. There may be people whom we do not like. There maybe people toward whom we are not well disposed, but there can be no man whom I cannot love. When a man responds to this love of God he then must love his neighbor as himself, or as God loves him. This means I must accept by neighbor as he is. I must love him as he is, and this is what often becomes our burden and our sin.

The Russian novelist Dostoyevsky has told how hard this is to do. He says,

"I become hostile to people the moment they come close to me. It always happend that the more I detest men individually the more ardent becomes my love for humanity in general. I could never understand how one can love one's neighbor, for it is just ones neighbor to my mind that one can't love, though one might love him at a distance. One can love ones neighbor in the abstract, or at a distance, but at close quarters it is almost impossible."

If one wishes to assure himself that he "loves his neighbor as God has loved him", then let every possibility of requittal, every possibility of that neighbor doing anything for him except showing hostility and persecu-

tion toward him be shown, and then he will I think find out whether he is loving his neighbor for selfish reasons or as a person precious in God's sight.

Having said this however, I hasten to say that a Christian does not love his enemy for being his enemy anymore than he loves his friend for being his friend, for friendship might prove to be a hindrance just as much as enmity. This does not mean that I take glory in loving those who are my enemies. For one can lose his life right here and yet never find it. And just for me to "be big about it" doesn't mean that I have been Christian about it. We often quote the scripture and say that "whoever loses his life will save it". Not so! "Whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." It is quite possible that one give his body to be burned in order to save his own soul, and if such be the case he is still seeking to save his own soul even by being burned. One can speak of losing AND finding, not losing in order to find.

Now when one understands this I think he can understand something of what the author of these letters of John was speaking about. One might now speak with St. Paul of "loving and doing as he pleases", for he will understand that he now will desire to please God and respond to him in obedience, thankfulness, and gratitude. And he will love his neighbor as himself.

Build A Devotional "A GOOD WORK TO COMPLETION"

"My prayer for you is that you may have still more love - a love that is full of knowledge and wise insight." Philippians 1:9 (Phillips)

When we read the letter to the Philippians carefully we can share the feeling of a member of a class studying the Bible when she said, describing her impression, "I felt just like I was eavesdropping." There is a spirit of such love and concern Paul has as he writes that it does give us the im-

pression that lady described. Every time Paul thought of the Christians at Philippi he breathed a prayer of thanksgiving. There is trouble in the church but how lovingly he rebukes them; how tenderly he guides them!

The Apostle dwells on thanksgiving in his prayer for them and as we read the words we catch the spirit of his sincere spirit (Phil. 1:1-11). Here is the foundation upon which he builds in directing this church. It could very well be the foundation for every sincere Christian as he prays for the Philippian Church, "My prayer for you is that you may have still more love - a love that is full of knowledge and wise insight."

"That you may have still more love" immediately rebukes us in our self-righteousness and shames us in our self-centeredness.

The love Paul is writing about is not a weak sentimental feeling but an outgoing compassion which refuses to be withdrawn even in the face of "those who persecute." Paul is thinking of Christians striving to love as God loves. Methodism has a heritage that speaks of "perfect love". The goal is an ever-challenging one but in a world where there is so much hate and suspicion, dare we strive for less?

Growth in love must be accompanied by growth in knowledge. Our knowledge of our "world" today is a far cry from the thought that it had four corners held by angels. Today we think in terms of a universe which staggers the imagination. Once we thought of a Church in terms of its parish ministry only; today, we dare to think of "The world is our parish". After a course on the "Meaning and Mission of Methodism" a man said to his pastor, "I did not know that our church had such a broad ministry, and burning compassion, I have a deeper regard for it." -R.B.

Let The Children Come

For the next few weeks we will be reading about some of the great people of the Bible.

The first of these is Isaac. His story is told in the very first book of the Bible--Genesis. It is a hard story to read and we do not understand all of it, but it tells some lessons we can use and live by. His father was Abraham and his mother was Sarah. They lived in the same land that is today known as Palestine, the land where Jesus lived later. Their homes were tents and they owned many sheep and goats and cattle and were very rich. Isaac grew up watching after his father's flocks.

In those days people used strange ways to show their faith in God. They built small altars to God and made gifts of the things they loved the most. Abraham felt that God wanted him to give his only son, Isaac, as a gift on the altar. He was willing to do this because he felt that God had sent Isaac to be a leader of their people. He took him to a mountain called Moriah, and there he dedicated him to God. Because of his father's great faith, Isaac did become a great leader of their people. Today there stands a beautiful mosque, or Moslem church, on the very spot where it is said that Abraham made his gift. It is called the "Dome of the Rock" and as people go there they are reminded of two things:

The first is a father's willingness to give his son as a workman for God. Abraham never doubted that Isaac would be the great religious leader that he was.

The second thought is that Isaac always felt, after this, that he was a special person and that there was a certain job for him to do for God.

-----Aunt Feather

A SYMPHONY OF SYMBOLS

Last evening, dear Lord, when peace had come upon me,
And I'd set aside a quiet time for thoughts,
I closed my eyes -- the better thus to hear you --
And wondrous joy! You sent the happy message I had sought!
I needed just a word to urge me onward;
Or but a kindly smile to see me through.
Instead, was sent a Heavenly inspiration:
You showed me what the Springtime meant to you!
You first, in my imagination, showed a showdrop;
I glimpsed the tiny beauty's pangs at birth:
How perfect infant heads survived undamaged,
The seeming hopeless thrust through frozen earth.
"Behold," You said, "a symbol of my loved Son,
Who toiled and suffered through His earthly years;
But who, despite His trials and tribulations,
Brought forth a Paradise He nurtured with His tears."
And when this tiny symbol of the Springtime
Had slipped from view - but never from my heart -
I felt a soft, sweet whisper all around me,
And sensed a bright new world about to start.
I dreamy visioned tiny purple violets,
Their shy wee heads just barely peeping through.
And then my soul soared up with stately lilies,
Their heads a silvered purity, against the Heavenly blue.
"The violets," You said, "of mourning purple,
Symbolize the passing of my Son;
But the lillies show that He did rise eternal,
And through His pain the Kingdom had been won!
Then all around, with eyes so newly awakened,
I saw a symphony of color, lavish spread:
The black of night I saw as grief departing,
The rising sun a promise bore in red.
In the white of puffy clouds I saw a purity,
An innocence as in a springtime lamb.
And I saw the symbol then of each spring's coming
Not He lived; He died! But wondrously - "I AM!"

Lisa Davidson



Rabbi Marx

Rabbi Leads Old Testament Study

First Methodist Church of Lake Charles, La., where Dr. George W. Pomeroy is pastor, has concluded another very successful Adult Fellowship series. This series included instruction for all age levels, and a light supper was served each Sunday night to the entire gathering.

Rabbi Jerome Mark, of Temple Sinai in Lake Charles, was the speaker for all of the adult sessions, and he gave a wondrous and informative survey of the Old Testament. His last talk, on March 31 was a most inspiring look at the early songs and their varied messages in Psalms.

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THE REV. GEORGE PEARCE, JR. with members of the membership class at First Church, Natchitoches.

Holy Week Services at Natchitoches

Twelve children were received into the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches on Palm Sunday at the 10:50 a.m. service. They were members of the Membership Class who felt they are ready to accept the obligations of the church vows. Pictured are: front row, left to right, Joe Pierson, Jr., Peggy Fisher, Melissa Swafford, Emmy Bernard, Scriven Bernard, and Nelda Kay Breedlove. Second row, left to right, Mark Longlois, Stanley Salter, Sarah Lou Bright, Emily Wofford, Renee McGuire and Carolyn Burnette. Pictured with the children are, Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor and Mrs. Herschel Sandefur, Junior Department Superintendent.

On Sunday night, April 7, the Chancel Choir presented "Requiem" by Gabriel-Faure. Mr. James Ford direct-

Vacation School Institutes for Lake Charles District

The Lake Charles District Vacation Church School Institutes were held at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles April 16, with morning and evening identical sessions.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton welcomed the group and spoke briefly on the Foundation of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches.

Mrs. David Hunter introduced the instructors as Mrs. Everett Toney, Mrs. Coleen Pannell, Mrs. Leonard Cooke, Mrs. J. G. Sutton, Mrs. Erma Doland and Mrs. W. W. Paxton. All of these are from First Church with the exception of Mrs. Doland who is from Lake Arthur.

Twenty churches were represented with one hundred and sixteen workers present.

Mrs. Hunter is District Director of children's work.

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INDIAN THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY BUILDS HOTEL FOR WOMEN

Serampore, India (RNS) — The Serampore Theological University, a non-denominational institution in Bengal founded nearly two centuries ago by British missionary William Carey, has built its first hotel for women students.

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NEWS FROM DON AND JO ANN SMALL

Dear Friends,

For us, this is the climax of many months of preparation . . . in another sense, however, the preparation has only begun. Largely ahead of us still lies the formidable task of learning to communicate to persons whose whole orientation to life is shaped by cultural and linguistic patterns to which we come as foreigners who must be taught. And this, of course, will take time . . . we often remind ourselves, it is not primarily through spoken languages but at the deeper level of "the language of relationship" that the real good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ is communicated. And this is something for which God's grace alone is an adequate resource.

While we are studying Malay this first year, Don will be serving as supply pastor of small English-speaking congregations in Telok Anson and Kampar. Beginning in 1964, however a new graduate of Trinity Theological College in Singapore will be appointed to serve these churches full time. Then our primary institutional relationship will be seven Methodist schools in the same two communities. In general, this will involve assisting teachers of "Religious Knowledge" and otherwise working to improve the tone and content of religious life in the schools. We will be able to say more about what this will involve after we have been on the scene for a while.

We enter this new phase of our lives with a deep sense of the privilege that is ours in being permitted to share in this way in the world-wide witness which God calls upon His people to bear. We hope never to lose the conviction that our task differs neither in kind nor in the merit from that of every Christian, wherever he may live. We only pray that, as we are bound together in one fellowship, empowered by one Spirit and serving the one God who has shown himself to us in Jesus Christ, we may faithfully bear witness to the great gift that has been entrusted to us.

And while we will be immersed in the life of the church in "our" part of the world, we certainly want to keep abreast of events where you are and to hear a personal word from each of you as often as you can manage to write. Our mailing address is: P. O. Box 13, Telok Anson, Perak, Malaya.

It is most economical to use air-letter forms, which can be purchased at the post office for 11 cents each and sent anywhere in the world. But however you write we will be glad to hear from you. And make it soon. Best wishes.

Sincerely,
DON AND JO ANN

and Mrs. Ray Barbo; Terri Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Book; Richard Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner Johnson; Penny Dunning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Swims; Ronald Lane and Elisha Grace, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jariz.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP CALLS BOXING VIOLATION OF 6TH COMMANDMENT

Cleveland, O. (RNS) — Protestant Episcopal Bishop Nelson M. Burroughs of Ohio called boxing a travesty here and urged Christians to do everything possible "to put an end" to it.



AT THE GOOD FRIDAY breakfast at First Methodist Church, Welsh, the MYF presented a skit entitled "Seed for Sowing." Those participating were (l. to r.): Charles Ray McCown, Earl Shipp III, Jean, Jerri and Shirley Nottetone. Youth from First Baptist Church were guests. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

Danforth Grant Goes To Former Tulane Methodist Chaplain

Clarence N. Snelling, Jr., Director of the Graduate Office of Drew University, has recently received a Danforth Foundation Grant which will enable him to complete study for his doctorate degree in Theology and Cul-

ture from Drew University.

The Danforth Foundation in St. Louis, Missouri, is a private foundation which sponsors a number of grant programs. Snelling's \$6,000 grant is under a program for the campus ministry. The purpose of this grant is to give individuals who have served as college chaplains, directors of religious life, student "Y" secretaries, etc., for three or more years an additional year of graduate study.

Prior to this year a person could receive only one grant from the Foundation. However, recently the Board of Directors voted to institute grants for a second year of graduate study. Mr. Snelling who held a grant in 1958-59, is one of eleven recipients for a second year of study.

Prior to coming to Drew University Snelling was Methodist Chaplain at Tulane University. While at Drew he has taught sociology courses part time in the college.

† QUAKERS SPONSOR INTER-RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATION FOR WORLD PEACE

Toronto, Ont. (RNS)—A silent interreligious demonstration for world peace in front of the Royal Ontario Museum at Queen's Park was organized here by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

It included Dr. Abraham Feinberg, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom temple, and Roman Catholics, Protestants and others, officials said. The vigil began at 6 a.m. and lasted well into the night.

First Church, Alex, Visitation Plans

Appointment of Williard L. Cobb as General Chairman for Loyalty Day has been announced by Dr. Paul M. Davis, Official Board chairman, First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. Cobb has appointed 14-member steering Committee which has met and set May 19 as Loyalty Sunday.

On Loyalty Day First Methodists to go to the altar and deposit their pledge cards to finance church expenses for the new church year which begins on June 1.

"Giving proportionately to one's ability to give and in accordance with how much the Almighty has allowed us to realize in worldly goods — this will be our theme in the activities leading up to Loyalty Sunday on May 19", Cobb said.

Others on the Steering Committee include: Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Rev. Roland K. Friedrich, Dr. Davis, Joe W. Pitts, Judge George M. Foote, Dr. A. Q. Hyde, Roy O. Martin, Jr., Charles N. White, Charles S. Weems, J. Herb Johnson, Mrs. T. M. Sayman, Ragan K. Nelson and Frank Wiggins.



THIS PICTURE OF the preachers of the Lake Charles District and their guest ministers for the Aldersgate revivals was taken during their fellowship meeting at the Wesley Foundation at McNeese State College.



THE REV. GEORGE DUERSON, second from right, Wesley Foundation director at Northeast State College, was the speaker for the Good Friday breakfast for the senior high department of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, whose pastor, the Rev. Earl Emmerich is seen to Mr. Duerson's right. Also present for the breakfast was Dr. Virgil D. Morris, guest minister for Holy Week Services.

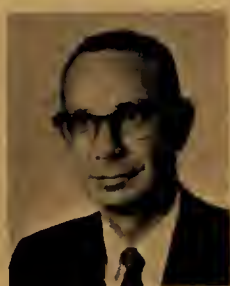


SEVENTY-NINE NEW MEMBERS were received at University Church, Lake Charles, on Palm Sunday. Of this number, 76 were in the youth and



children's membership classes shown in these two pictures. The pastor is the Rev. James Stovall.

Correction



WE ARE VERY Sorry that in last week's paper these two pictures were reversed in their identification. The picture at left is that of the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir and at right is Dr. Walter Lowrey.

Louisiana Smokey Mountain Travel Camp Plans

During the first two weeks of July members of Methodist senior youth groups (ages 15 to 18, approximately) will have the opportunity to visit the Great Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. Purpose of the trip is threefold: to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, to visit Methodist institutions in Nashville and elsewhere, and to work with an MYF group in Tennessee in visitation evangelism and leadership of a worship program.

Plans call for one day to be spent in Nashville visiting the Upper Room, Scarritt College, Vanderbilt University, the Boards of Education and Evangelism, the Methodist Publishing House, TRAFICO, and other points of

interest. While in the Smokey Mountains the group will visit Lake Junaluska, national Methodist camp. Opportunity will be available to hike a portion of the Asbury Trail, route which pioneer Methodist bishop Francis Asbury traveled as he directed Methodist work around the turn of the nineteenth century.

The group will sleep in churches each night enroute using sleeping bags and air mattresses. While in the Smokies the group will stay at Pittman Community Center, a location for missionary work in the foothills of the National Park, again sleeping in sleeping bags on air mattresses. While at Pittmann, the group will prepare its own

meals.

Although definite arrangements have not been completed, it is likely that the group will travel on a school bus. The trip is under sponsorship of the Lafayette district and young people from that district will have first preference. It is felt, however, that there will be room for a number of young people from other districts.

Cost of the trip will be \$50, plus cost of meals which will be eaten while traveling. Campers will be insured. Interested persons should contact Rev. Rupert Coles, 1257 Canal Boulevard, Thibodaux, La. for further details and an application blank. June 1 is the deadline for receiving applications.

a new space-age Methodist hymnody

By Bob Sands
Public Relations Director
Illinois Area, The Methodist Church

A new, space age Methodist hymnody is being prepared for printing presses of The Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. The first revision of The Methodist Hymnal in 30 years, now reaching final manuscript form, will carry forward into the new age the 18th Century Wesley tradition of evangelism by poem and tune.

The monumental work of making Methodist hymnody relevant to scientific achievement and contemporary theology has been since 1960 under direction of Bishop Edwin Edgar Voigt of the Illinois Area.

With the exception of the 28 members of the church's committee of the hymnal, charged with the responsibility of revising the 1935 Edition, and the bishop's secretary, Mrs. Doris McNier, Springfield, Ill., few persons know what hymns new generations of Methodists will be singing, and they are pledged to secrecy.

Said Bishop Voigt, committee chairman, in an interview:

"I'm sorry, but I can't tell you what the hymns are. We have been under terrific pressure to disclose the new hymnal's contents. We are under mandate to release this book first to delegates to the General Conference.

Delegates are laymen and clergymen to be elected at annual conferences this spring for membership in the General Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26-May 7, 1964.

Each delegate will receive a copy of the proposed new hymnal in January, 1964.

That there will be changes, however, will come as no great surprise to Methodists, for whom hymn singing always has been closely identified with the developing tradition of worship.

Bishop Voigt indicated as much in his Springfield headquarters as he packed his briefcase with manuscripts and prepared to fly to Nashville, Tenn., for one of the final sessions of the hymnal committee's editorial executive unit March 26-28.

"I can tell you this much," he said. "This new hymnal will contain 20 to 30 fewer hymns than the present volume of 564 hymns."

U. S. Methodists have been singing their theology ever since The Methodist Episcopal Church in America was organized in 1784. John Wesley, founder of the church, and Charles, his brother, gave them a running start with thousands of hymns that spilled year after year from the pen of Charles in an avalanche of poetry and music.

In the early days of the domestic church, a new hymnal was printed every 13 years on the average. Beginning in 1900, Methodists and other

denominations began to make revisions about every 30 years. Many Methodists want to know why another revision is necessary now.

Bishop Voigt snapped the lock on his briefcase and settled back in his chair.

"We do it for several reasons. First, there are some hymns that never got off the ground after 1935. So there's no use in carrying them any longer in the hymnal.

"New hymns are written and old hymns come to light that need to be included — call them space age hymns if you wish.

"Third, these are tunes and texts that don't match quite right and ought to be rematched and given a new try."

The churchman from Illinois, where he ministers to 300,000 Methodists in two-thirds of the state called attention to the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory," No. 279 in the 1935 edition.

"Harry Emerson Fosdick," he said, "wrote 'God of Grace and God of Glory' for the tune, 'Regent's Square,' but it never became popular. Then, somebody got the idea of putting it with an old Welsh tune in 1935. The tune and words clicked and have been a popular combination ever since."

Another reason for hymnal revision strikes to the core of Christian religious experience and theology.

"We must remember," Bishop Voigt went on, "that since the days of the Depression Thirties theological thinking has changed considerably in our country — about every 30 years it does — and our hymnal ought to reflect the contemporary theological climate.

"We've got a different slant on reality today than we had 30 years ago, and hymns popular then no longer speak to us."

In the final analysis, hymnody is not the product of preferences of a small group of dedicated clergymen and laymen who have met semi-annually since 1960 in general session and more frequently as sub-committees. The wishes of 11 million church members are reflected in the hymnal edition now in final draft.

The committee has been guided by results of a questionnaire mailed to every Methodist pastor. Bishop Voigt said 54 per cent of the pastors replied to the survey which solicited their

hymn preferences.

The bishop's committee in three years has read more than 4,000 poems in what the episcopal leader called a "labor of love for the church."

It has studied, page by page, line by line, and word by word more than 80 Protestant denominational hymnals in the course of the writing and editing.

The committee has no paid staff. Members have engaged in a 4-year church avocation. The laymen and clergymen represent constituents from every section of the country. Men who would not dare sing above a whisper before coming involved in hymnody have become lusty choristers in the assimilation of old and new forms of sacred music.

Three committee members are carryovers from the organization which compiled the 1935 hymnal: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of South Carolina; Dr. Earl Harper, director of the school of fine arts, State University of Iowa, and Prof. James Houghton of the Boston University school of theology.

How many copies of the new hymnal will be sold is anybody's guess. A clue to the eventual distribution through-

out Methodism is the 5½ million copies of the 1935 hymnal sold by the publishing house to date. The church today is larger in membership and numbers more than 40,000 edifices in the U. S. There are more pew racks to be filled.

Local churches will have to wait until at least early 1965 before the publishing house will be ready to begin filling initial orders from congregations. After the convention delegates receive their copies in January, 1964, the General Conference in May must approve the proposed hymnal. Then the publishing house must secure its copyright before the printing can begin.

Eventually, another in a distinguished collection of Methodist hymnals will become part and parcel of the common worship experience of millions of families for whom congregational singing is as natural and right as the faith they proclaim.

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The church pledge that is never paid will rise up on the Judgment Day and say some very unpleasant things about us.



BISHOP EDWIN EDGAR VOIGT, Springfield, Ill., chairman of the committee on the hymnal of The Methodist Church, studies manuscripts of hymns to be included in the revised Methodist Hymnal now in final stages of editing. The new edition is the first revision of the hymnal in 30 years. The Methodist Hymnal now in use was compiled in 1935.

Three Ministers, One President, Two Professors-

Persons Chosen To Deliver Sermons For 1964 General Conference in Pittsburgh

CHICAGO—Three parish ministers, a college president and two seminary professors have been chosen to deliver sermons at the 1964 Methodist General Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Announcement of the selection of the six speakers for the afternoon preaching hours at the denomination's quadrennial conference was made by the Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young of Chicago, general program chairman for the conference. Dr. Young is an associate publisher of The Methodist Publishing House.

The afternoon preaching services will be held in Pittsburgh's First Presbyterian Church, not far from the new Civic Auditorium, where business sessions of the General Conference will be held.

Preachers at the afternoon hours will be:

Monday, April 27—The Rev. Robert A. Raines, minister of the First Methodist Church, Germantown, Pa.

Tuesday, April 28—The Rev. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church (Methodist), St. Petersburg, Fla.

Wednesday, April 29—The Rev. Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, professor of preaching in Southern California School of Theology, Claremont.

Thursday, April 30—The Rev. Dr. Earnest A. Smith, president of Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Friday, May 1—Professor Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Saturday, May 2—The Rev. Dr. Chester A. Pennington, minister of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

In Memoriam



Mrs. B. A. McKnight

Mrs. B. A. McKnight, at the age of 81, A resident of Belleville, Arkansas for the past 20 years, passed away April 10, 1963, in her home following a long illness. Funeral services were held April 14, 1963, Easter Sunday in the Belleville Methodist Church. The Rev. J. T. Holland officiated, assisted by Rev. C. H. Farmer, Pastor of the Danville Methodist Church and Rev. L. Slape, Pastor of the Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Russell Cemetery, Belleville.

Mrs. McKnight is survived by 5 sons, the Rev. Melton McKnight, of Enid, Okla.; John B. McKnight, Houston, Tex.; Woodson B. McKnight, Little Rock, Ark.; Wilson McKnight, Lonoke, Ark.; and Joseph W. McKnight, Trieste, Italy. Three daughters, Mrs. M. K. Wherry, McCrory, Ark.; Mrs. Gladys Galloway and Mrs. Mason Moudy of Belleville, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Inez Wilson of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; 15 Grand-Children and 13 Great-grand-children and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Mrs. McKnight was the widow of Mr. Rev. B. A. McKnight, a minister of the Methodist Church for 53 years. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight served in Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas Conferences. They walked and worked together doing service of their Lord, doing good wherever they went, everyone who knew them loved them.

Mrs. McKnight was the mother of 11 children, three sons preceded her in death; the Rev. Paul B. McKnight; the Rev. Thomas E. McKnight, who was killed while serving as Chaplain in the Philippine Islands, during World War II; and Augustus McKnight.

Mrs. McKnight's father was a Methodist minister and she never knew any other but church work. She gave her children the love and heritage of a good christian home.

—The Rev. J. T. Holland
†

Mrs. Jeff Smith

(The following tribute to his mother was written by the Rev. Woodrow Smith, pastor of Mabelvale Methodist Church, and appeared in the bulletin of that church on the Sunday following her death.)

As I write this morning I think especially of my mother whose immortality we celebrate tomorrow (Wednesday, April 17). My — the many hours of selflessness, the years of devotion and love that go to make up a mother!

It reminds me of one of my favorite stories. A young college student had a sign over his desk which read, "I'm third." Out of curiosity his fellow students asked what it meant. But he refused to reveal its secret until the night of his graduation, which crowned four years of many honors. The question was asked again: What does "I'm third" mean? This time he answered. "I didn't want to reveal my secret out of fear I might not be able to live up to it. Now that we are leaving college I want you to know this motto has been by daily guide. I have sought to live under the light of its inspiration. It says simply, 'God first, others second, and myself third.'"

This is the kind of thing I want to say today about motherhood. More than any other person a mother thinks of God first, of others (especially those in her family circle) second, and herself last. Only after all else has been done, all other needs met, does she consider herself. I was fortunate to have had this kind of mother.

May all of us who have been so privileged to be worthy of such a heritage. May we dare to shed abroad in the lives of others something of the same love and devotion given us. Thank God for Christian mothers!

—Woodrow Smith
†

Dr. Roy L. Smith

San Bernardino, Calif. — Dr. Roy L. Smith, former editor of the Christian Advocate, known to thousands in all parts of the country as "Mr. Methodist," died of a stroke here Saturday afternoon, April 20. He was 75.

Due to preach at First Methodist Church, Glendale, Sunday, April 21, he stopped at a local auto agency to pick up his car. About to leave the

service yard he slumped behind the wheel and was pronounced dead on arrival at a San Bernardino hospital.

Funeral services were held in his hometown of Nickerson, Kan., Thursday, April 25. A memorial service was held at First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, where Dr. Smith served his most significant pastorate from 1932-40, on April 28, at 3 p.m.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy and Dr. J. Richard Sneed, present pastor of First Church, officiated.

Regarded as one of America's most challenging religious leaders, he combined unusual gifts as a speaker, editor, journalist, minister and business executive.

His travels to 82 countries gave him a grasp of world problems, and the relevancy of the Christian gospel possessed by few men. Much of this he wrote into his most recent book, *The Future Is Upon Us*, published last year,

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in which he urged churchmen to have a comprehensive world view, and challenged them to find their voice and declare their convictions.

A man of action who moved and wrote with a sense of great urgency, he was busy until his death working 11 hours a day on a history of Kansas Methodism, in addition to sermon preparation and columns for *TOGETHER* and other magazines.

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News of Louisiana Methodism in Pictures



ON EASTER this group received pins for perfect attendance at the Church School at St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where the Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr. is pastor.



THESE PUPILS in the Church School at First Methodist Church, Many were recently recognized for perfect attendance. The Rev. W.H. Bengtson is the pastor.



VISITATION leaders at Ingleside Church, Baton Rouge, are shown with their pastor, the Rev. Harvey Williamson right. They are: William Brown, Joe Cole and E.C. Hadlock.



A RECENT SPEAKER for Methodist Men at First Church, Welsh, was Capt. G.A. Freimark of Fort Polk, who spoke on Korea. With him are the Rev. Oakley Lee, pastor, left, and Frank Notestine, treasurer of Methodist Men.



THIS IS A PART of the Prayer Group which meets regularly on Wednesday evenings at the Trough Methodist Church, where the Rev. E.W. Sandel is pastor.

United Nations Seminar, Shreveport, Apr. 26-27



THE REV. DUDLEY WARD leads one of the discussions.



MR. GIRAD WEDDINGTON, one of the resource leaders; the Rev. Woodrow Hearn, chairman of the seminar; Dr. Bond Fleming, dean of Centenary College and the Rev. Dudley Ward.



MR. WEDDINGTON meets informally with a group following his address on Friday evening.



MR. WEDDINGTON addresses the seminar on the history and organization of United Nations.



VISITING DURING THE seminar were: the Rev. Spencer Wren, the Rev. Tracy Arnold, the Rev. John Winn, the Rev. John Jones and the Rev. Larry Gilbert.



THE DEQUINCY METHODIST CHURCH building was dedicated by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton in services on Sunday Apr. 28. The Lake Charles District Superintendent, Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, assisted in the service, as did the pastor, the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 4, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I spent last week-end in the Shreveport District where we enjoyed being the house guests of Dr. and Mrs. Jolly B. Harper.

On Friday evening and Saturday morning I attended the United Nations Seminar sponsored by the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns and held in the R. E. Smith Building on the Centenary campus. I appreciated the addresses that I heard and was much interested in the discussion groups.

Saturday noon with Dr. and Mrs. Harper and Dr. and Mrs. Mickle, Mrs. Walton and I were luncheon guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Dykes in the beautiful parsonage of First Methodist Church. This was a delightful occasion.

Sunday morning I preached at North Highland Church and participated in a consecration service for the new organ. The Reverend George Harkins is the minister. After the morning services we enjoyed a delightful visit and a delicious meal at the parsonage with Brother and Mrs. Harkins and their guests. North Highland is promoting successfully a vigorous program. In presenting the new organ for consecration, Mr. Brookings, Chairman of the Building Committee, expressed the hope that it would not be long until the congregation would be able to move the organ to a new sanctuary.

In the afternoon we went with Dr. and Mrs. Harper to Hosston where we joined in a varied and most interesting program. At 3 p.m. we dedicated an illuminated Bulletin Board given by Mrs. Merle Reed and her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Reed Price, in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Thomas N. Reed.

At 3:30 p.m. services of dedication were conducted for the beautiful new parsonage. Mr. W. D. Cavett and daughters, Mrs. L. N. Johnson, Jr., and Mrs. B. J. Allen, donated the land for the parsonage in memory of his wife and their mother, Mrs. Sara Freeman Cavett. On this land Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kavanaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Keeth have erected an attractive and comfortable parsonage in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Keeth, the parents of Mrs. Kavanaugh and Mr. Keeth. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeth had the distinction of being charter members and of helping to erect church buildings at Plain Dealing, Gilliam, and Hosston.

The parsonage is a brick veneer building erected at a cost of approximately \$23,000, with furnishings estimated at a value of \$7,000. The building consists of living room-dining room, family room, kitchen, three bedrooms, three baths, a screened porch, and a carport. The Reverend John G. Gieck is serving in his fourth year as pastor on the Ida-Hosston Charge, and he and Mrs. Gieck are enjoying their beautiful new home.

Mrs. Walton and I returned to New Orleans on Monday. At Natchitoches we stopped to observe the progress being made on the new sanctuary there, which will be completed by early June. We had lunch with

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LOUISIANA PARTICIPANTS in the recent tour of the Indian Mission Conference with Dr. Dewey Etchison, second from left, general superintendent of the Indian Mission Conference; and the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Pinezaddleby, Indian mission conference director of youth work. Seen from left: the Rev. Roy Mouser, North Baton Rouge Methodist Church; Dr. Etchison; the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, Simpson Memorial Methodist Church, Lake Charles; Mrs. and Mr. Pinezaddleby; and the Rev. Lloyd Williams, Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe.

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Bishop Walton Will Visit Four Lafayette District Churches

by Lona Wilson

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will conduct special services in four south Louisiana churches, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12. He will be at Melville, Jeanerette, Franklin, and Berwick. The Rev. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendent of The Methodist Church, will also participate.

On Saturday evening at 7 p.m. the bishop will be at the Melville Methodist Church to dedicate several memorial gifts. New pulpit furniture, altar, pews,

REGARDING MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Any organization, minister, or lay member of The Methodist Church may petition the General Conference by sending a memorial, which shall contain information indicating that the sender or senders are members of The Methodist Church.

It is recommended that each memorial meet the following requirements: (a) Three copies of it should be prepared. (b) It should deal with only one subject, and should propose revisions within only one chapter of the Discipline. (c) If it is one of series, each memorial should be written on a separate sheet.

It is recommended, too, that these memorials be sent to the conference secretary, Rev. Jack H. Midyett, or else be brought to the conference and submitted to him.

REV. JACK H. MIDYETT
P. O. Box 5517
Bossier City, La.

windows, lighting, and other items were given by members and friends during the recent complete renovation of the church sanctuary. The Rev. George Burlew is pastor at Melville. Clyde Jones, Sr. is chairman of the Official Board, and Gus Rosenberg is chairman of the Memorial Committee. The present church building was completed in 1950 and dedicated in 1955. A new \$20,000 parsonage was built in 1960.

The new Educational Building of the McGowen Memorial Methodist Church of Jeanerette will be dedicated Sunday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m. It was built in 1959.

The Methodist Church was the first Church built in Jeanerette, in 1875. The McGowen Memorial is the fourth to be built in this location. The first was destroyed by a hurricane in 1880, the second one sold in 1905, and the third building was replaced in 1951. The new brick church was dedicated in 1955 and named in memory of Florence Bussey McGowen, who had contributed service and financial aid to the church since its organization. She died

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Editorials

The lottery shadow

In the state of New Hampshire a step has been taken which could be an opening wedge in a new effort to legalize gambling across the nation. The governor of that state, John W. King, has signed a bill into law which legalizes a lottery in that state. Governor King had been a supporter of similar legislation when he was a member of the state legislature. This has been done in the name of an emergency when the state has neither an income tax nor a sales tax.

This country's first legalized lottery in the 20th century is bound to pose a real threat to all of us, not only because of the traffic in the sale of tickets which is bound to come but also because of the arguments which will be advanced for similar legislation elsewhere. This is not just the cry of alarm from the editor of a church periodical. Already the news commentators and the editorial writers of the secular media are raising the same warning signals.

A very familiar note is found in the arguments to justify the action in New Hampshire. It has been said that most of the money will come from the vacationers in the state and this will in reality be "painless taxation." How many times have we heard that refrain!

There is Federal legislation that makes it illegal to transport lottery tickets in interstate commerce. It will be interesting to see if this lottery can actually be restricted within the borders of the state which has legalized it. We have a strong feeling that it cannot be so isolated.

The thing we fear most about the New Hampshire legislation is the pressure which will almost inevitably result in other states for the same sort of vicious legislation now that the

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bars have been dropped in that state. It is our hope and prayer that the good Christian people of the land, who realize the deteriorating effects of legalized gambling anywhere, will begin to build their levees high and strong to see that this does not become a floodtide sweeping across the land to destroy the essential foundations of our American character and our "way of life."

Memorials to General Conference

One of the most important items of business at the session of the Annual Conference just prior to the General Conference is the consideration of Memorials to the General Conference. These are the petitions which start with individuals, local churches or other groups who have suggestions concerning actions that should be considered. Just as will the election of delegates, the processing of these Memorials will occupy a great deal of time in the coming Annual Conference sessions.

Many questions have been asked during the quadrennium about the stands and positions of The Methodist Church. Many have asked "Why doesn't someone do something about this?" It is individuals and groups throughout the church that determine the course of the business of the General Conference by their Memorials. Although these may go directly to General Conference without going through the Annual Conference, in many instances they are submitted this way and are studied by a committee that brings in a recommendation to that body.

At the General Conference the action on the petitions, or Memorials, determines the business of the conference. One thing is certain—every Memorial receives consideration and is reported to the entire conference with a recommendation concerning its passage.

Instead of Methodism receiving its program "handed down" from some hypothetically elevated "handing down" place, it is in reality handed up from the grass roots—from the individuals, local churches, and other various organizations through the Memorials that they send along to General Conference. The business originates here and becomes a part of The Discipline by the most democratic considerations.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

TRUTH CHECK LIST

Our good friend, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, spoke last week-end to the Arkansas Collegiate Press Association. He spoke of the "hate peddlers" on the current scene and the flood of publications they are using to spread their message.

He gave the college editors what he called a "Truth Check List" for use in evaluating these publications. We want to pass it along to you. The list asks these questions:

1. Who wrote it? Who published it? Missing names and/or addresses mean the author is hiding. Do not let invisible authors tell you how to think.
2. Where is the proof? If a sensational charge is not documented by a known and respected authority or department of the government, insist on seeing the evidence before you believe it. Don't fall for "guilt by association."
3. Watch the clock and the calendar. Note the date on quotations. Statements of 10, 20, 50 or 100 years ago often do not have the same meaning today.
4. Ask is it the whole truth or only part of the truth? Leaving out a key word can reverse the meaning of a quotation.
5. What did you actually see? Remember that photo trickery can put people in and out of real pictures. Don't be tricked by trick photography.
6. Separate damaging facts from words and pictures dripping with hate.
7. A good question to ask is: What organization did you say that was? Some organizations crop up out of nowhere and are as phony as a \$3 bill.

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12 British, 12 U. S. Ministers Paired For '63 Pulpit Exchanges

Twenty-four Methodist preachers, twelve American and twelve British, will soon be passing each other somewhere on the Atlantic. Each will be on his way to a summer pastoral assignment in an environment and tradition little known to him. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, N. C. and New York, the U. S. secretary of the World Methodist Council, has announced the 1963 exchanges. They were arranged with the collaboration of Dr. A. Stanley Leyland of London, who heads the exchange program in Great Britain.

The plan, sponsored for more than 16 years by the World Methodist oneness of the Methodist fellowship throughout the world," involves somewhat more than the exchange of two ministers. "It is an experience into which, on both sides of the Ocean, the local church enters and shares with the entire community."

Ireland, Wales and the Channel Islands, as well as the United Kingdom will offer hospitality to the American ministers. The British clergymen will also fan out widely. Congregations in New England, the Southeast, the Middle West, as well as on both coasts, will welcome the visitors.

For several months now the paired-off clergymen have been in correspondence, briefing each other on what

to expect in their temporary parishes. Each minister will live in the other's parsonage, drive the other's car and will preach and fulfill the usual pastoral duties of his opposite number. In general the exchanges will be for six weeks.

The pairings, churches and locations are as follows:

The Rev. A. John Badcock, Wallasey Church, Wallasey, Cheshire, England with the Rev. S. Mancil Bell, First Church, Great Bend, Kan.

The Rev. S. John Batson, Hoylake Church, Wirral, Cheshire, England with the Rev. D. Russell Lytle, First Church, Jefferson City, Mo.

The Rev. Herbert Brooke, Aquila Road Church, Jersey, Channel Islands with the Rev. Lawrence L. Hucksoll, the Federated Church, Bristol, N. H.

The Rev. Roland L. Cox, Westbury-on-Trym Church, Bristol, England with the Rev. Clement B. Yinger, Grace Church, Rochester, N. Y.

The Rev. Robert J. Good, Donaghadee Church, Donaghadee, County Down, Northern Ireland with the Rev. George E. Bailey, First Church, Bellaire, Ohio.

The Rev. John Jackson, Darlington Street Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England with the Rev. Chester E. Hodgson, Kings Highway Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Rev. Thomas Lee, Chapel Field Road Church, Norwich, England with the Rev. Frederick E. Still, First Church, Hertford, N. C.

The Rev. Reginald Mallett, Albert Hall, Manchester, England with the Rev. Henry E. Russell, First Church, Dyersburg, Tenn.

The Rev. Frank Mellor, Mill Hill Church, London, England with the Rev. N. Robert Kesler, Holliston Avenue Church, Pasadena, Calif.

The Rev. G. Robinson Myers, Bangor Church, Bangor, Caerns, Wales with the Rev. Walter C. Smith, United Church, La Plata, Maryland.

The Rev. Matthew Pickard, Dilston Road Church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; England with the Rev. Charles R. Ellinwood, Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Rev. George W. Sails, Albert Hall, Nottingham, England with the Rev. Richard Drake, Rocky River Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

May 12—Mother's Day	.....
.....	Ruth 1:1-14
May 13	 Ruth 1:15-22
May 14	 Joshua 2:1-14
May 15	 Esther 4:4-17
May 16	 Proverbs 31:10-29
May 17	 Luke 2:22-38
May 18	 Luke 7:36-43
May 19—Sunday	 Acts 16:6-15

Forward Focus Points Toward 1968 (Already)

While Methodist eyes will be focusing increasingly on Pittsburgh as the meeting place of the 1964 General Conference, forward-looking church leaders are already beginning to think in terms of finding a place for the 1968 General Conference.

At its April 18th meeting in Pittsburgh, the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference authorized its officers to send a letter to the active bishops who head the church's 44 episcopal areas in the United States, asking if any of the cities in their areas would like to invite the denomination's highest law-making body to hold its 1968 session there.

The letter to the bishops will bear the signatures of Frank E. Baker of Philadelphia, chairman of the commission, and Dr. J. Wesley Hole, Los Angeles, secretary.

This long-range thinking of the commission is occasioned by the increasing difficulty of finding suitable cities in which to meet without booking facilities well in advance of the meeting dates.

Mr. Baker emphasized that the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference cannot consider invitations except those presented officially by the resident bishop of a given area and other Methodist leaders who join with him in the invitation. Sometimes invitations have been extended by Chambers of Commerce or convention bureaus of a city without being channeled through Methodist leadership.

Invitations or inquiries relative to the 1968 General Conference should be addressed to Dr. J. Wesley Hole, Secretary, Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference, 5250 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles 29, California.

In case your memory is a little vague on where General Conferences have met since Methodist Unification in 1939 in Kansas City, Mo., here is the list:

- 1940—Atlantic City, N. J.
- 1944—Kansas City, Mo.
- 1948—Boston, Mass.
- 1952—San Francisco
- 1956—Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1960—Denver, Colo.

The 1964 General Conference is slated to open in Pittsburgh, Pa. April 26.

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MR. ROY J. GROGAN, who will be the principal speaker for the Baton Rouge-New Orleans Districts Layman's Retreat this week-end at Camp Istrouma, is shown with Mrs. Grogan in a Methodist meeting at which he spoke last year.

BISHOP'S LETTER

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the Reverend and Mrs. Fred Flurry in Alexandria and heard good reports of the work in that district.

On Tuesday I flew to New York to attend the spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, and returned to New Orleans on Thursday evening. I am glad to report that on Thursday morning by formal action of the Executive Committee, the Reverend and Mrs. M. Ray Holt were approved as regular missionaries of The Methodist Church. Brother Holt is associate minister at First Church, Crowley, and he and Mrs. Holt have been looking forward to their acceptance for missionary service. They have not been definitely assigned to a mission field as yet.

I regret very much to tell you that Mr. Curtis Cady, the father of M. C. Cady, our missionary to Brazil, has had a heart attack and has been critically ill this week in the hospital in Lake Charles. M. C., Rosemary, and Debbie will be home from Brazil this week-end. I am leaving today for a week-end in Lake Charles and will be expecting to see them and also to visit Mr. Cady in the hospital. Let us all remember them in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton

Texas Layman Main Speaker For Baton Rouge-New Orleans Retreat

The Methodist Laymen of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts of the Louisiana Methodist Church will hold a second Annual Retreat at Camp Istrouma on May 11-12, 1963. The Retreat will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and end at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 12, 1963.

Principal speaker for the Retreat will be Roy J. Grogan of Weatherford, Texas. Mr. Grogan is an attorney in the firm of Fulgham and Grogan of

Bishop Walton

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in 1948. The church bell was given by Dr. C. A. McGowen in 1887, and hangs in the present church, ringing every Sunday morning. The pulpit Bible is over 100 years old.

Present officials of the Jeanerette church are: The Rev. Hal P. Cansler, pastor; George Smith, Jr., chairman of the Official Board, Charles Cyr and E. M. Grimes, trustees; Clarence Causey, treasurer; Mrs. Taylor J. May, Church School superintendent; Mrs. Nic Nash, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. L. J. Criffin, Church School treasurer; Mrs. Norma L. Close, M.Y.F. counselor; and Mrs. Rivers Fortier, chairman of Commission on Missions.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Bishop Walton will preach in the Franklin Methodist Church. This will be the Bishop's first visit to this church. Dr. Albert S. Hurley is the pastor.

Sunday evening at 7:30, Bishop Walton will be in the Berwick Methodist Church. He will speak on "Our Church in Latin America," and will illustrate

Weatherford and has an outstanding record of public and civic service.

Mr. Grogan served as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is District Attorney at Parker County, Texas and is City Commissioner of the City of Weatherford.

He has been active in the March of Dimes, United Fund, Boy Scouts of America, Lions Club and Masonic Lodges.

He has served as Church Lay Leader, Associate District Lay Leader, District Lay Leader of the Cleburne District of the Methodist Church and was Conference Lay Leader of the Central Conference of Texas in 1960.

He has been a member of the Board of Evangelism of the Central Texas Conference and has served as secretary of the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church also in 1960.

Mr. Grogan will speak twice during the course of the Retreat—at 7:00 on Saturday evening and at the morning worship service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

his message with slides which he made during his visit to Latin America.

Bishop Walton Spends Busy Sunday in Lake Charles District

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Methodist bishop of Louisiana, spoke at four services in the Lake Charles district, Sunday, May 5. He dedicated the Grand Chenier and Cameron Methodist Churches Sunday morning, and was in Elton during the afternoon to dedicate the church organ. On Sunday evening, the bishop conducted dedication services at the DeQuincy Methodist Church. After the dedication at DeQuincy, a Fellowship Reception was held in the church's fellowship Hall.

Ministers of the churches are: Rev. J. Taylor Wall—Cameron and Grand Chenier; Rev. Paul C. Carroll—Elton; and Rev. Jack S. Winegeart—DeQuincy. Bishop Walton delivered the message at each of the services. Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, Lake Charles District Superintendent of The Methodist Church, also participated.

In 1957, Hurricane Audrey destroyed the Methodist Church and parsonage in Cameron, which had been built only eight years before. The parsonage, which belongs to both the Cameron and Grand Chenier churches, was rebuilt immediately. Construction of the Wakefield Memorial Methodist Church in Cameron was completed in 1958. The education building was opened in February of that year, and the sanctuary was completed in October. Formal opening services were held on November 16, 1958; and in November, 1962, the congregation made the final payment on their loan and burned the mortgage. Furnishings for the building were given as memorials. The buildings are now completely air-conditioned. The property is valued at \$77,000.

Officials of the Wakefield Memorial Church are Mr. J. A. Davis, church lay leader, district steward, chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance; Mr. J. B. Jones, Jr., Church School superintendent; Mrs. Charles Rogers, church treasurer; Mrs. Edwin Kelley, Woman's Society president; and J. A. Davis, E. W. Swindell, Thomas W. Steed, and George Kelley, trustees.

The Methodist Church at Grand Chenier was also lost in the 1957 hurri-

cane. A year later, the present church building was completed and the furnishings were given as memorials. In 1962, the membership of the church voted to complete repayment of the loan and title to the property was cleared in April, 1963. Some of the officials of this church are: Thomas Nunez, charge lay leader; Robert Chabreck, chairman of the Official Board; Clark Hoffpauir, Church School superintendent; Mrs. A. H. Crain, church treasurer; and John Paul Crain, William Kelley, Lee Nunez, Sr., Mrs. T. O. Sweeney, and Thomas McCall, trustees.

The DeQuincy Methodist Church was completed and formally opened in January of 1959 for a total cost of \$75,000. The seating capacity is approximately 250. The structure is along contemporary lines with divided chancel area highlighted by a stained-glass window depicting Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The building was erected during the ministry of Rev. A. A. McKnight. The building was freed of debt and the note burned on March 10, 1963. A special note-burning ceremony was conducted by the District Superintendent, Dr. R. I. Cooke.

Present membership at DeQuincy Methodist Church is 384. Future plans in a fifteen year period include a new educational building and a new parsonage. Mr. James H. Boatman, Jr. is presently chairman of the Official Board and he also served in this capacity when the building was completed. The Building Committee was composed of Dr. Howard L. Snider, chairman, Mrs. W. E. Bredehoeft, Ralph Mitchell, Frank Jameson, and Nat Penton.

Louisiana Theologs Hold Picnic at SMU

The LOUISIANA FELLOWSHIP of Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., held their Spring Picnic on Tuesday, April 30. In the cool atmosphere of Bachman Lake near Dallas, students and their wives ate barbecued chicken, roasted marshmallows, and other good food.

The picnic was coordinated by Mrs. John R. Johns, and the food was prepared by Mrs. Tommy Bergeron, Mrs. Earl Cantrell, Mrs. Frank Jones, Mrs. William Peeples, Mrs. Harold Price, Mrs. Fred Schwendimann, Jr., Mrs. Gilbert H. Wade, Jr., and the Perkins students. Mascots for the occasion were the children of Earl Cantrell and Gilbert Wade.

CALLS FOR LESS PESSIMISM

"If we had less pessimism in the pulpits and more faith in the pews, the church would advance faster," declared Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City president of the Board of Evangelism, at its annual meeting at Fort Monroe, Va., April 23-26.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE CONGREGATION OF CHRIST Methodist Church Shreveport, held open house in their new building on Sunday, Apr. 28. Their pastor is the Rev. Oscar Cloyd.

A "FUN FAIR" was held at Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, Friday, May 3. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

DR. BOND FLEMING, DEAN of Centenary College, was the guest evangelist for revival services at the Luling Methodist Church, May 3-5. The Rev. James L. Adams is the pastor.

THE SENIOR MYF of first Methodist Church, Minden honored the high school graduating senior of their church with a party at the Joe Hunter's home on Saturday, Apr. 27. Their pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

THE METHODIST MEN OF St. Paul Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored a pancake breakfast at their church on May 5. Their pastor is the E.J. Barksdale.

THE GRADUATING SENIORS of Leesville High School and their faculty sponsors were special guests in the morning worship service at Leesville Methodist Church, Apr. 28. Following the service a luncheon was given in their honor in the fellowship hall. The pastor is the Rev. Kirby Vining.

AS A PART OF THE observance of National Family Week at First Methodist Church, Crowley, the play, "Our Kind", was presented on May 8. This play was first presented at the National Family Life Conference in Chicago last October. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

DR. ALENE TAYLOR, an authority in the field of modern drama spoke to the Young Adult Fellowship of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, April 21, on Kirkegaard and Iben's "Peer Gynt." The pastor at Rayne Memorial is the Rev. B.A. Galoway.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS will be recognized at the 11 o'clock worship service of Unity Methodist Church, Lake Charles, May 19, and a luncheon will be served in their honor in the social hall following the service.

SESSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA Association for Retarded Children, were held Apr. 26-28 at Hotel Bentley in Alexandria. On Saturday morning, a special workshop was conducted for ministers and other persons interested in ministering to this special need.

A FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM was held Apr. 30 at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, with colored slides shown of all the activities and program of the church, of which the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is the pastor.

THE FRIENDLY CIRCLE of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, held their monthly meeting Apr. 11 with over 50 present. The Rev. Warren Blake-man, associate pastor, served the Lord's Supper to the group in Lane's Chapel. The Rev. Sam Nader is pastor.

THE GRADUATING SENIORS of First Methodist Church, Welsh, were guests of honor at a breakfast given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the church annex on Tuesday, May 7. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

THE REV. JACK WINEGEART, pastor of the DeQuincy Methodist Church, and Frank Harris, choir director of that church, presented "an evening of music" at Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday evening, Apr. 28. The Rev. A.A. McKnight is the pastor.

DR. ROBERT E. GOODRICH, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, was the evangelist for revival services at the Abbeville Methodist Church, Apr. 28-May 3. The Pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon Jr.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the conference Board of Christian Education, was the speaker for the annual Church School Workers' Recognition Dinner at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Apr. 29. His topic was "Can We Really Be the Church?" The pastor is the Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

ON MONDAY EVENING, Apr. 22, the Rev. Jack H. Midyett, pastor of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, presented the Eagle Scout badge to Greg Cleveland at a Court of Honor held in the Officers' Club at Barksdale Air Force Base. Greg is the son of Major and Mrs. W.L. Cleveland.

"CONVERSION PLUS", a 40-minute sound movie produced for the General Board of Evangelism, was shown to the congregation of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, as a part of the Sunday evening vesper program, Apr. 28. The Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr. is the pastor.

DR. GASTON FOOTE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Tex. was the speaker for the Family Night Dinner at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, May 8. This was a part of the observance of National Family Week in this church, of which the Rev. Sam Nader is the pastor.

THE CHARHAM AND EROS METHODIST CHURCHES have just completed a leadership Training School in the Chatham Church. The Rev. Richard E. Walton, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church taught the course, "The MYF in the Small Church," and the Rev. Leon C. Scott, pastor of the Chatham Church taught the course, "Your Home Can Be Christian." The Rev. Jimmie Pyles is pastor of the Eros Church.

JOE DOWELL, SINGER and recording artist stationed at Fort Polk, sang in the evening worship service at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Apr. 28 and gave his testimony as to what Christ and the church have meant to him. Also at this service the film "See All the People" was shown. The Rev. James Stovall is the pastor.

BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON officiated at the Dedication Service for the sanctuary of the DeQuincy Methodist Church, Sunday evening, May 5. Following the dedication there was a reception in Fellowship Hall for Bishop and Mrs. Walton. The reception was in charge of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, VICE-PRESIDENT of Centenary College, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, at the morning worship service on Apr. 28. The pastor, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., was conducting revival services at First Methodist Church, Kingsville, Tex. At the evening worship hour, Dr. Taylor preached at Broadmoor Methodist Church, where the Rev. Barry Bailey is the pastor.

THE REV. JIM McCULLOUGH, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker for the first of three Youth Revival Sunday nights at First Methodist Church, Shreveport. Jim grew up in First Church, and while a student at Byrd High School Prayer Group Movement among Shreveport High School students. Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr. is the pastor at First Church.

THE HOWARD BROWN SUB-DISTRICT MYF met at First Methodist Church, Oak Ridge, Apr. 21, to elect officers for the new year. Jami Jones, Epps, the president, was in charge of the meeting. The following new officers were elected; Tommy Black, Pioneer, President; Dennis Sandford, Oak Grove,

vice-president; Sandra Cook, Pioneer, secretary; Spike Heroz, Lake Providence, treasurer; and Linda Coody, Epps, publicity chairman. Mr. Billy Vining, Pioneer, will serve as counselor.

THE METHODIST MEN of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, installed officers for the new year at their meeting on May 1. The guest speaker for the program was the Rev. Jerry Means, pastor of the Dubach Methodist Church. The officers installed were: Dr. Charles Whitehurst, president; Joseph H. Barnwell, vice-president; Dr. Rhesa M. Allen, program chairman; and F.G. Kelly, secretary treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Ross.

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN of Bossier City and Shreveport met for their annual May Fellowship Luncheon and program at Kings Highway Christian Church on Friday, May 3. The program was on mental health and was presented by the following panel: Dr. Earl W. Harris, Jr., psychiatrist, moderator; Dr. Dorothy Bird, Caddo parish School psychologist; the Rev. Ernest Misser, associate pastor of Kings Highway Christian Church; and Mrs. J.E. Hampson, president of the Caddo-Bossier Mental Health Association.

SPECIAL STUDIES AT THE Church School Hour are being held at First Methodist Church, Monroe, as a part of that church's Family Life Observance. On May 5, Mr. David McArthur, from Northeast Louisiana State College, was the speaker. On May 12 a discussion panel under the leadership of Dr. Hollis Cate, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulhearn, Mrs. D.V. Loflin, Mr. Corbin Turpin and Miss Rosabelle McDonald participating. On May 19 and 26, Dr. Ethel Trice from Northeast State College will speak. The pastor is the Rev. George Harbuck.

THE REV. WILLIAM M. FINNIN, pastor of Second Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the annual spring rally of the New Orleans District MYF at St. Luke Methodist Church, Apr. 26. During the business meeting, presided over by Miss Jane Compton, the president, the following new officers were elected: Will Finnin, Second Methodist, president; Jeannette Nolan, Jefferson Methodist, vice-president; Alvin Crawford, Pearl River Church, secretary-treasurer; and Charlene Kuhnell, Napoleon Avenue Church, publicity. The Rev. James C. Skinner, district director of youth work installed the officers. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. James Woodland.



OPEN HOUSE was held in this new parsonage at Homer on Sunday, April 28. The Rev. and Mrs. William P. Fraser, David, Jack, and Susan occupied the parsonage April 1. The brick building of Early American design is located on a spacious lot across from the Homer Elementary School on Edgewood Drive. The structure contains 3300 square feet which includes a spacious living room and dining area, large family room with adjoining breakfast area, four bedrooms, two baths, and car port. It is centrally air conditioned and heated. On the parsonage committee were O.P. Pearson, Gaynor Dawson, J.B. David, Harry McKenzie, Jr., Mrs. Wideman Watson, and Mrs. J.D. Kelly. Building contractors were Howard Lumber Company of Minden. Architect was Joe Schierer of Shreveport.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR MAY 19, 1963: "DELIVERENCE IN TROUBLE"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 91, 107.
Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 91:1-6, 9-16.

MEMORY SELECTION: They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. Psalms 107:6.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To emphasize the fact that, because of his relation to God, the Christian has ample resources to make it possible for him to be more than conqueror in any troubles that may come.

Some attribute the 91st Psalm, our lesson text for today, to Moses as author. While the compilers of the Psalms give Moses as the author of the 90th Psalm, it is only conjecture that he wrote Psalm 91.

We will better understand the repeated reference in the Psalms to divine deliverance from trouble if we remember that Israel's troubles were almost constant and very real. Israel had conquered Palestine from the various tribes that possessed it. When Israel moved in, these tribes were crowded back. In their resentment at being displaced they ever stood ready to destroy Israel at the first opportunity. Hence Israel's faith in the protecting hand of God was very important.

Not only was the nation of Israel in constant danger from enemies about it, but individual Jews frequently suffered at the hands of "snipers" who attacked individuals when opportunity came.

It is thought that the writer of Psalm 91 had just passed through a trying experience of some kind, possibly at the hands of such enemies. He had found a sense of security and peace in the fact that his life was lived under the overshadowing providence of God.

NO LIFE IS TROUBLE FREE

Man is forever getting into trouble with which he is unable to cope alone. Consequently he is forever needing help from God.

It is true today, as in days past, that trouble can make us or break us. Our reaction to trouble is usually the determining factor in the effect trouble has on our lives. Paul says, in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." This is not so much the result of divine providence as it is the reaction of the Christian to the various experiences of life. The man who loves God has a tendency to fit all of life's experiences into a plan to build good character.

Most of us have troubles of such a nature that we cannot turn to our best friends or even our closest relatives for help. They are not able to meet our real needs. Only faith in God and the consciousness of his sustaining grace can bring to us the peace of mind we seek and need. It is this inner source of strength that enables a Christian to face trouble with an untroubled mind. The sinner has no such hidden resources to sustain him in time of distress.

CHRISTIANITY: AN ESTABLISHED WAY OF LIFE

In the opening verse of our lesson text the Psalmist speaks of dwelling in the shelter of the Most High and abiding in the shadow of the Almighty. This, of course, does not refer to a physical place of abode but to a continuous, spiritual experience. This was something of what Paul meant when he said, in Acts 17:28, "In him we live and move and have our being."

A true Christian life is not an up and down, in

and out character of life. The Christian is a regular, established citizen of the kingdom. For him dwelling in the shelter of the Most High and abiding in the shadow of the Almighty is a way of life. Too often we think of religion as valuable only in a crisis. Some use religion as others use a storm shelter. They turn to it only in times of crisis or danger.

Our Christian faith, that sustains us in our everyday life, is a source of great strength in a crisis. However, faith is not so meaningful if its use is reserved only for times of crises. The most helpful, dependable, satisfactory type of religion is a faith prompted by a consciousness of God's love and sacrifice for us. It is a religion that is as real in everyday life as in times of emergency. If we have made an unconditional consecration of our lives to God's service, if we have said, with Paul, "This one thing I do," we will not be uneasy about special emergencies. A life "hidden with Christ in God" will be about as much at home in emergencies as in other experiences of life.

SIMPLE TRUST BRINGS SENSE OF SECURITY

For the psalmist, in his distress, faith in God is a refuge from danger, a fortress in which he is safe from harm. Faith and trust assures him that he will be delivered from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. God's truth will be his shield and buckler.

From such statements by the psalmist we should not get the idea that God promises good people immunity from sickness, and other misfortunes that trouble the human race. We do have the assurance, as did the Apostle Paul, that God will give us grace to face our misfortunes with Christian fortitude. Such a faith is an abiding, continuous attitude of life rather than a frantic reaction to threatened troubles.

LIFE WITHOUT FEAR

The psalmist says in verse 5, of the man with a living faith in God, "Thou shalt not be afraid." He has enumerated the dangers that threatened. There was the snare of the fowler, the noisome pestilence, the terror by night, the arrow that flieth by day, the pestilence that walketh in the darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday. With all of these dangers about him, the psalmist says of a good man, "Thou shalt not be afraid." Being poetry, we should not interpret this statement literally.

The fact is that a normal fear that attends a sense of danger may save us by keeping us alert and watchful. If we lose the sense of normal fear, we walk into danger without proper precaution just as we might touch a hot stove without knowing it if we have lost the sense of physical feeling.

There is a normal fear that results in caution with confidence. There is a morbid fear that is akin to disease. This character of fear should never be a part of the life of a Christian. Let us remember, also, that there is a big difference between fear and cowardice. Fear does not prevent us from doing what in our hearts we feel we should do; cowardice does.

"HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD"

The writer says in verses 9-10, "Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent." In Colossians 3:1-3 Paul

says something very much akin to this. Paul says, "If ye are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and 'YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD.'"

The psalmist repeats here the common belief of the Jews that God protects his children from all threatening evil. In Colossians, however, even though a life may be "hidden with Christ in God," Paul warns the Christian against the many evils that can destroy character unless the Christian is faithful, purposeful and consecrated to God's service.

FAITH SHOULD NOT LEAD TO PRESUMPTION

In verses 11, 12, and 13 the writer tells us that angels watch over to see that no harm comes to us. We may "tread upon the lion and adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot." We all know how dangerous it is to be stepping on lions and adders and especially how dangerous it would be to step on a young lion around where the older lions are. We also know how dangerous it is to step on a snake. All of these things are dangerous and they are foolish as they are dangerous, if we can avoid them. No man has a right to foolishly presume on the protecting care of God.

It was verse 11 that the devil quoted to Jesus on the mount of temptation when he suggested to Christ that he jump off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove his divinity. The answer of Christ was, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Angels did overshadow the life of Christ and ministered to him in times of need but Jesus never called on them to protect him against foolish actions.

Jesus seems to indicate that there is such a thing as a presumptive faith; a faith that leads us to do foolish things because we believe that God will protect us even against our own folly.

There is a group of professed Christians who try to prove their faith in God by handling snakes. Occasionally one of them is bitten and dies. This is accounted for by saying that the victim lost his faith. The Christian religion is a sensible and practical way of life. We should never attempt to prove our faith by some foolish action. We would have little confidence in a God who would adapt himself to such foolish behavior.

Furthermore, no one should presume to sin against God with brazen indifference simply because we are taught that God loves us. God does love us but willful sin without sincere repentance brings spiritual death.

THE REWARDS OF TRUSTING FAITH

With verse fourteen the words of the psalmist have come to an end and God begins to speak. He enumerates some of the blessings he will give to one who has set his love on him.

1. He will deliver him. Trusting faith will bring resources for victory.

2. He will set him on high. God will help him to live on a high plane of life.

3. His prayers will be answered. God's answers to our prayers are in terms of what God knows is best for us. We may not receive what we ask or even what we want but we receive what God knows is best for us.

4. God will be with him in trouble. God does not promise that Christians will be free from trouble. Here as elsewhere, however, there is the promise that God "will be with him in trouble." This statement is akin to the promise of the Master, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the World."

5. God promises to deliver and honor him. Unworthy as we are of any special consideration by the Almighty, it should make us feel very humble for God to talk about honoring us.

6. God is to satisfy the good man with a long life and shew him his salvation. For the Jew, one of the special favors of God was to be allowed to have a long life.

These are some of the promises God makes to the good man. No one should want to live right just for the rewards such a life brings. Nevertheless it is true that the Christian way of life does bring rewards that can come only to one who lives a good life.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, said recently that the ecumenical movement among Protestants is approaching a state of crisis and unless it "achieves grassroots it will die of dry rot." The noted churchman indicated that he saw danger in the fact that while the ecumenical movement "was not the creation, it has become the creature of the organized church."

We too have a strong feeling that a great deal of "selling" needs to be done at the level of the local church or our people will not even understand what our higher echelons of church leadership are talking about in church union and cooperation.

The 16th annual conference of the National Association of College and University Chaplains and Directors of Religious Life, meeting recently in Durham, N.C., was told that "the passion for security accounts for much of the moral confusion and apparent irresponsibility among today's college students." Dr. Waldo Beach of Duke University Divinity School said "the college student desperately wants to belong, and follows the crowd in anything the crowd prescribes."

We question whether this is an ailment more prevalent among college students than among their neighbors, older and younger than they. "Conformity" and "security" are words that speak of the shrine at which so many of us worship.

A noted Jewish leader has called in Cincinnati for the country's religious leaders to mobilize as a moral force to persuade broadcasters and advertisers to raise radio and television standards. Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told a board meeting of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods that religious leaders at the national and local levels have a duty to speak out and make their views known on programming.

Surely this is one of the serious challenges of our day. We would like to see the leaders of our radio and television agencies in the churches call together a conference to give consideration to this matter.

The Federal Communications Commission has announced that it is imposing a "freeze" on applications for new private international short wave broadcasting stations pending development of stricter rules governing their operation. It took action after receiving complaints against the nature of broadcasts made on WINB, Red Lion, Pa., by Dr. Carl McIntire, leader of the ultra-fundamentalist International Council of Christian Churches.

We feel that this is a wise step since the complaints indicated that Dr. McIntire has been using this license granted by FCC to spread his "gospel of hate" around the world.

The National Association of Evangelicals in their recent convention in Buffalo, N.Y., heard a strong plea for all Christians to participate in politics and public life to combat the tide of secularism. Addressing the NAE's 21st annual convention, Dr. Curtis R. Nims, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Francisco, Calif., conceded that "many excellent people protest against this attitude."

He continued to his audience, many of whom have been numbered among those whose op-

pose the church in politics, "They hold that a Christian should live apart from everything we term social, governmental or political. This would mean we must be willing to give everything over into the power of those forces that degrade and destroy."

The Ceylon government, which in 1960 nationalized nearly all church-related and other private schools, now plans to tax the remaining private institutions. This has been reported by The Ceylon Times, an English-language daily, which said the taxes will be imposed against schools that charge no fees as well as those that do.

Collaboration with the World Council of Churches and "other appropriate agencies" has been pledged in the constitution of the All Africa Conference of Churches, unanimously adopted at the recent organizational meeting in Kampala, Uganda.



THE REV. ELISABET DJURLE, right, the first woman ever to preach from the pulpit of a Finnish Lutheran church, speaks to a congregation in Helsinki through an interpreter. Miss Djurle is one of the few women ministers in the Church of Sweden (Lutheran). Women have been accepted as clergy in the Danish Lutheran Church since 1948 and in the Swedish Church since 1960

Governor John W. King of New Hampshire has signed into a law bill which makes that state the only one in the nation to have a state-operated lottery. This was done over the vigorous protest of top Protestant leaders who have worked for some time in an effort to head off this legislation. Twice, while he was a member of the state legislature, Gov. King supported bills to permit such a lottery.

United Nations Secretary-General U Thant recently praised the work of religious and other voluntary agencies in promoting human rights for all peoples. The praise from the Burmese diplomat came as he accepted a 47-page booklet, "The Great Question," a guide to community action for human rights, produced by 34 religious and other non-governmental organizations.

Dr. W.A. Visser 'T Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, will be the 1963-64 William Belden Noble lecturer at Harvard Univer-

sity, delivering four public addresses on Dec. 3-6 in Memorial Church. A minister of the Reformed Church, Dr. Visser 'T Hooft has been the WCC administrative head since 1938.

Sir Francis Ibiam, Governor of Eastern Nigeria and one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches, has been elected one of the new All Africa Christian Conference.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of New York, attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals, has called for greater communication between the conservative Protestant organization and Jewish leaders. Such dialogues, he said, would help overcome the "far widespread misperceptions and stereotypes that both groups have about each other."

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, largest Lutheran Church in the United States will expand its counseling ministry, adding a psychologist and a social worker to its staff, Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl, senior pastor, has announced. He said the church is providing professional counseling services because it wants a church "that makes a real difference in the lives of its members."

Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, minister emeritus of First Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, will deliver the commencement address at St. Dunstan's University, one of Canada's leading Roman Catholic universities. Msgr. John A. Sullivan, president of the school, said the invitation was extended "to recognize the service rendered by Dr. Bonnell in the development of the growing dialogue between Roman Catholic and Protestant leadership."

Negotiations to purchase 10 United Mine Workers hospitals in Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia have been authorized by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The announced closing of the hospitals in Kentucky on July 1 spurred the mission board action and will result in the immediate start of negotiations with trustees of the union's welfare and retirement fund.

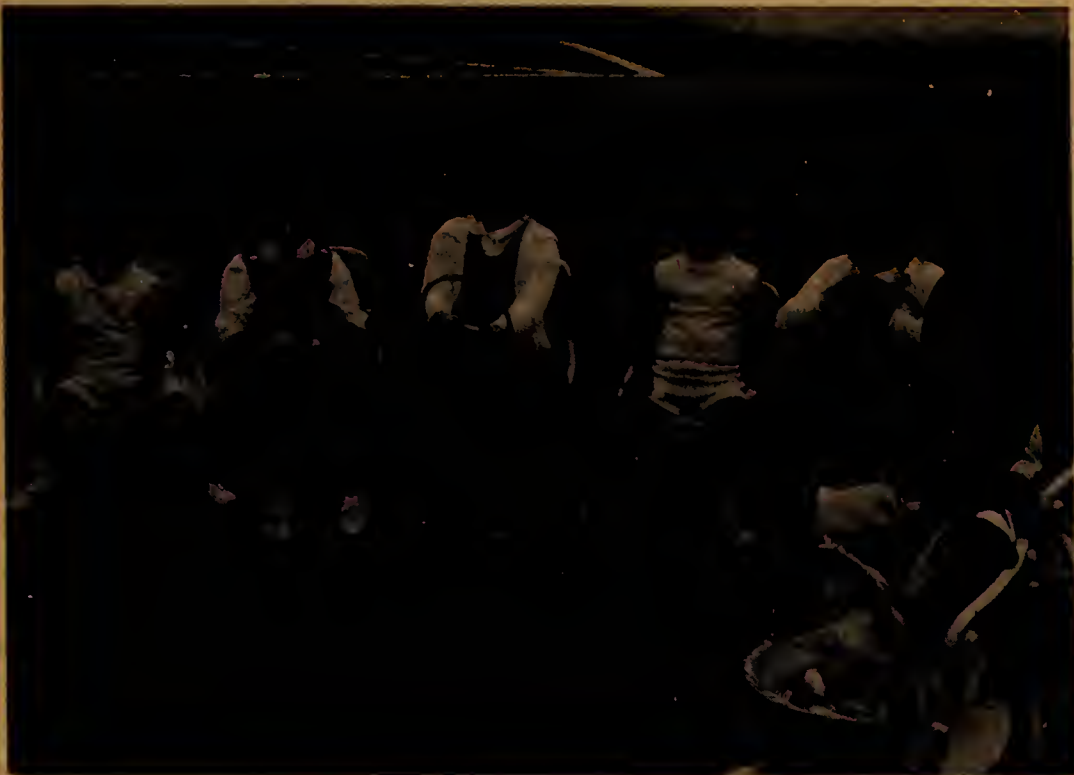
A record number of Roman Catholics in the United States - 43,851,538 - was reported by the 1963 Official Catholic Directory, recently issued by P.J. Kenedy and Sons. The figure, as of January 1, represents an increase of 969,372 over 1962.

Two prominent Jewish scholars opened a lecture series at a newly-established study center Under Anglican auspices in Jerusalem. Some 80 Christian clergymen and teachers heard the first lectures given by Shalom Ben Horin, a founder of Israel's first Re-formed congregation, and by Dr. Louis Rabinowitz, noted Orthodox rabbi and former chief rabbi of Johannesburg, So. Africa.

Bishop Otto Dibelius of West Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg, left May 2 for the United States where he was scheduled to spend a week meeting with church leaders.

The Protestant Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina has invited clergymen of major faiths to participate in a procession during its 147th annual convention in Charlotte, May 15. Bishop Richard H. Baker, in letters to invited clergymen, urged them to wear their traditional ecclesiastical robes in the procession which will precede a worship service.

Plans for three world meetings - on race relations, on society and on missions - were discussed before some 100 delegates at the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches which met recently at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. The meetings include a major consultation on race relations at the Mindolo Ecumenical Center in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, in January; the first full conference of the WCC's Commission on World Mission and Evangelism in Mexico City, Dec. 8-20; and a conference on the church and society in 1966 at a place to be announced later.



CHILDREN rest here after an Easter Egg hunt at Lockport Methodist Church where the Rev. Carl Lipe is pastor. The hunt and a party were held for the Primary and Intermediate groups.



THE HAND BELL CHOIR of First Methodist Church, Monroe, which was just recently organized, will participate in the District Music Workshop in Lake Providence, May 18. From left, front row, are Donnie Temple, Carolyn Pumphrey, Claire White; second row, Sammy Hill, Freddy Zeagler, Danny Hill, Mary Ann Walker, Virginia Harkey; and third row, Wesley Zeagler, Susan Williams, John Jackson and Jenny Jackson. Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple directs the choir.



ON FRIDAY MORNING, March 29, 39 junior and senior MYFers of Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, met at the church for an early morning meditation and breakfast in preparation for the approaching revival. Mrs. Lawton Verger led an inspirational worship service. This was followed by the breakfast. Assisting with the plans for the prayer breakfast were Mrs. M.D. Felder, Mrs. Chester Green, Miss Mary Jo Poole and Mrs. James Burris.

Briefs-

PLANS SHAPING UP IN PITTSBURGH

Little by little, a giant jigsaw puzzle is taking shape. Many hands are placing together the pattern. When finished, the picture will be that of the throbbing, world-wide meeting of Methodists — the 1964 General Conference in Pittsburgh's new Civic Arena.

Just to make sure that all the pieces of the puzzle are going to mesh together properly, the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference met in the host city, April 18.

Chairman Frank E. Baker, Philadelphia layman, had this to say: "The thing we are trying to do is to make this General Conference count. We are all aware that these are critical times, but we believe that this very fact challenges the church as a whole to make the 1964 General Conference a most meaningful and significant experience for all who attend it." He said he

hoped many Methodists, in addition to elected delegates will plan to attend all or part of the General Conference and share its inspiration.

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REPORTS ON BREAKTHRU USE

BREAKTHRU, The Methodist Church's first television series for children, has been shown by more than 100 television stations across the United States during the first year of its release.

This was announced by the Rev. Dr. Gene W. Carter, Nashville, executive secretary of the section on radio-TV of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO).

Dr. Carter said that March 17 marked the end of the first year of release for BREAKTHRU. The series actually was shown 116 times during the period, he said, a few of the stations using it more than once. BREAKTHRU is a series of 13 half-hour programs aimed especially at 9-to-11-year-olds. It is a joint endeavor of the General Board of Education, the United Church of Canada, and TRAFICO.



HIGH SCHOOL graduates and their guests were honored by Wesley Methodist Church, DeRidder, on the evening of April 19 during the family night supper. Shown here, from left, are Rebecca Wood, Jim Lucas, Joelle Smith, Joe Dowell, Delores Hernandex, Lee Carver and Virginia Everett.



CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS who received their certificates at First Methodist Church, Minden, April 21, from the pastor, the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill (second from left) were: front row, from left, Marcus Wren, Mr. Merrill, K.J. Miles, Cecil Campbell, C.O. Holland, R.O. Machen; back row J.D. Brown, L.C. Starr, Hugh Greer and Alton Hortman.



WOMAN'S PAGE



RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANS for the Louisiana Youth Mission Tour are, from left: Mrs. John L. Lowe, Jr., secretary of student work; Mrs. C.R. McCammon, secretary of missionary personnel; Miss Louise Sharp, tour director; Mrs. Charles Giessen, secretary of youth work, Conference Woman's Society of Christian services.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS ORA HOOPER

"In the summer of 1920, while I attended MacDonell Wesley House Party, the decision was made to dedicate my life to full-time Christian service." Seven years later Ora Hooper was consecrated a Deaconess at the Woman's Missionary Council meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana. She received her education at Athens College, Athens, Alabama, and Scarritt College.

Miss Hooper is now at Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia, working with young people there. Her first appointment was as a rural worker in Louisiana for six years. She then taught at Valley Institute in Phan, Texas, for three years.

She worked at Holding Institute in Laredo, Texas, from 1937 to 1944, and then spent three years serving in Puerto Rico.

In 1948, Miss Hooper joined the staff of Erie School, Olive Hill,



Miss Ora Hooper

Kentucky, and remained there until assuming her present position in 1954.

A new YMCA recreation center has been opened by the National Council of YMCAs of Pakistan, at Korangi township, near Karachi, West Pakistan. A YWCA community centre for women and children has already been in operation in Korangi for the past two years. In addition to vocational training and recreation facilities, it includes a daily medical clinic and provides milk and vitamin tablets to over 4,000 women and children every month. The township, located about 12 miles from the city, has some 22,000 "quarters" and a present refugee population of nearly 200,000, which is expected to grow to half a million persons.

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Author and former missionary, Miss Pearl Buck, has presented the specially-bound presentation copy of her father's Chinese translation of the New Testament to the American Bible Society library. The colloquial translation was completed by the Rev. Absalom Sydenstricker in 1929 and a limited edition was printed in China. A group of Chinese friends had one copy specially bound to show their appreciation for the help they had received from the translation. Miss Buck gave this copy to the Society for permanent safekeeping.

The best leadership is that which seeks nothing for itself.

Applications Being Accepted for Youth Mission Tour

Another opportunity is being made for the youth of Louisiana to make a seven-state tour of Methodist mission projects.

The group will assemble in Alexandria on Monday, July 1st, and leave early Tuesday by chartered air-conditioned bus, returning Friday, July 12th.

Visits will be made to mission projects and church institutions in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas. There will be visits to schools, medical centers, community centers, rural centers, Methodist points of interest in Nashville, and many other places of interest.

The tour is sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to provide opportunity, through first-hand experience, to grow in understanding of the Church's Mission in today's world, and to provide experience in learning, spiritual growth, and group living. Tour director is Miss Louise Sharp, director of Christian education at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans.

Necessary information for those interested follows:

WHO: All youth who wish to apply for membership in the Tour Group must be:

1. Juniors or Seniors in high school or of college age.
2. Active in local church youth groups or in student groups.
3. Definitely concerned that their chosen vocation be a channel for their Christian witness.

COST: Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per tour member. This amount will cover travel, meals, and overnight lodging. Each tour member will be responsible for his or her incidental expenses.

APPLICATIONS: Write to Miss Louise Sharp, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, 3900 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans 15, Louisiana, for application blanks if you are interested.

Applications should be filled out in full and returned to Miss Sharp before June 1, 1963.

A committee will consider the applications and choose thirty-one who are to go on the tour. Young people accepted for the tour will be notified of their acceptance by June 10, 1963.

The accepted tour members should send \$25.00 to Miss Sharp upon notification of acceptance. The remaining \$50.00 should be sent to Miss Sharp at least five days before the tour date.

Detailed information will be sent to those accepted.

District Meetings Reported

Monroe District

The annual meeting of the Monroe District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at First Methodist Church, Tallulah, April 24.

The meeting was called to order by the district president, Mrs. S. A. Seegars. Following a memorial service conducted by Mrs. S. B. Dampier assisted by Mrs. W. V. Sirman, the guest speaker, Miss Jenny Mo Horton, deaconess, was introduced.

The presentation of a skit "Ever Widening Circles" by executive officers of the district, assisted by Mrs. John J. McKeithen, followed Miss Horton's inspirational talk.

District Superintendent E. R. Haug conducted the installation of officers. The meeting concluded with a luncheon by the hostess church.

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Ruston District

"Gladly take the task He gives you", was the challenging theme of the Ruston District Annual meeting held in Haynesville on April 25.

The program, designed to bring in-

spiration and information, showed by posters the relation of the Methodist Woman and the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the entire church. Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., summarized the image as it appeared to her from the picture presented by Mrs. L. C. Aycock and Mrs. Cecil Read.

The featured speaker, Miss Jenny Mo Horton, told of the many areas of service possible to those interested in church related service.

Officers elected to serve the district for 1963-64 are: president—Mrs. L. C. Aycock; vice president—Mrs. W. F. Manning; recording secretary—Mrs. Horace Upton; treasurer—Mrs. J. T. Spencer; secretaries: children's work—Mrs. J. A. McDaniel; Christian social relations—Mrs. Ralph Cain; literature—Mrs. R. J. McGehee; missionary education and service—Mrs. S. W. Tucker; missionary personnel—Mrs. C. J. Frye; promotion—Mrs. Cecil Read; spiritual life cultivation—Mrs. R. E. Carter; student—Mrs. L. J. Austin; supply work—Mrs. Harold Greer; wesleyan service guild—Miss Sue Batton; youth work—Mrs. R. M. Bingham.

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A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Our Homes Are Seeds of Life

GARDEN SPOTS -- Soon in this northern hemisphere the earth will burst with the life-giving forces of Spring. Beauty will cover the scars of the most complained-of Winter I can remember.

And amid this general beautification of nature, which will be seen in every hedgerow and forest, there are dotted gardens where man is co-worker with God in the creation of loveliness. In these gardens the hard earth is mellowed into soft beds where seeds are laid, there to leave their shells and rise into colors and graceful forms. When we stop to ponder, the mystery of growth as seen in gardens restores the soul and renews a right spirit within us.

What the garden is to nature, the home is to human nature. It is the spot where the soil is prepared for life, where the seeds of life take root, and where the roots of life grow into the fruits of the spirit. Let us look at God's Garden Spot, the home.

First of all, the home is the garden where the soil is prepared for life. When we hear an adult say, "The world owes me a living," we deny his doctrine. The world does not owe a living to drones. But it does to infants. The child is brought into the world not at its own behest; and the parent who does not assume responsibility for the care of his child, we rightly call inhuman.

No infant could survive more than a few hours unless the soil was prepared for its start. The very elements which make for a child's growth have to be adjusted to it or they would destroy it. The sunlight must be filtered in the right degree lest it impair the vision of the infant's opening eyes. The little one must be guided to its food lest it starve or poison itself. Without a specially prepared soil, the tender plant of childhood would quickly perish.

And we grown-ups, if we are to have a life worth living, must have some garden spots where the soil is more congenial than the hard street. We need some place where we can get away from the curious, unfeeling stare of the crowd and look into the eyes that understand and sympathize. We need some circle where we can unpack our hearts with words and where listening love sifts the wheat from the chaff of our chatter and goes on caring for us in spite of our weaknesses. We need those home spots where we can get away from the cutting edge of competition and allow our better natures to be brought out by cooperation and compassion.

Not all of us find congenial mates and make homes through marriage. But few of us are so alone that we do not have some ties with the homes of our childhood, our relatives or our friends. And how bravely some persons who live alone make their rooms into homey places surrounding themselves with tokens and objects of affection. We adults never outgrow the need and longing for a home.

As the migrating birds come back from their winter haunts in the Caribbean to their homes in the gardens of the North, let us cultivate this homing instinct in our own hearts. And let us remember that in our homes as in our gardens, we are workers together with God.

God puts into the soil of the home certain fertilizing elements. For instance, true godliness transforms the possessiveness of love into a sense of trusteeship. So often we become selfishly possessive of our husbands or wives or children. That attitude made for jealousy and bitterness. Was it not Professor George Herbert Palmer who said of his wife Alice Freeman, "I never called her mine." He loved her deeply but he avoided treating her as his possession. Rather he sought to be the trustee of her interests, ever with an eye to her welfare.

Also God develops the grace of forgiveness. Into every home misunderstandings come. There are times when our affections freeze up because of some change in the family weather. But when we let in the sunlight of God's presence, the icicled springs of the heart thaw out, and what fun it is to "Make Up."

And God puts into homes a vicarious love which makes mothers give extra care to little ugly ducklings and makes fathers work their fingers to the bone for little sick boys who will never grow up to repay them.

Let us thank God that He brought us into the world through homes.

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THE 10,000TH CUBAN REFUGEE to be resettled by Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches, is greeted warmly on arriving at the Newark airport from Miami, Fla. The church provided the family with a three-room apartment and a month's rent, as well as food and clothing. The 10,000 Cuban refugees relocated by CWS from Miami to 35 American cities were resettled through more than 50 "Flights in Freedom."



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

USE OF THE HANDS

A few years ago a song became very popular. "He's got the whole world in His hands". It was sung on television, in song fests of social groups, even in some churches. But after all, it did not tell much of a story. Job made a statement something like this. He said to God, "My times are in thy hand." These two statements are ages apart in both time and depth of meaning. But they are akin in one way. They both declare the ownership status of God in relation to man.

Tucked away among the many verses of Psalm 119 is another powerful statement about hands. But this verse does not deal with God's hands. It deals with man's. It reads, "My soul is continually in my hand." My soul. My hand. There is something almost frightening in this statement. Realizing that my own eternal soul is in my own hands I must do more thinking about my responsibilities than I have done in the past.

My soul is always in my hand, according to the words of the psalmist. Then I better be careful about what else I put into my hands. If I clench my fist my soul is hidden, even smothered. How can the soul grow when it is bound in by tight fingers that offer

nothing to anyone else? How does my soul feel keeping forced company with a pair of dice, or a cocktail glass? Or riding unwillingly when my hand lunges out to strike another person in hatred or revenge?

The Church, like an individual, also holds its soul in its hand. The church's hand is usually open when it is sheltered by the walls of the church building. It is open when its members invite friends to transfer their membership to this particular congregation. It is open in many cases when we think of missions in other lands. Or even in our own town.

But does the church's soul show when we face some of the difficult decisions of our local society? Can the world see her soul as we deal with people who are not in the same economic or social level as we are? Does the church's soul show when a stand should be taken on a moral question within our own community?

The church must have its soul constantly where it can be seen. The world knows a lot more about us than we think. Actually we cannot hide it. God grant that we shall keep our church's soul, as well as our own souls clean and fresh and sensitive to the needs of those around us.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Demands of Christian Love

The Rev. Carlos Martin, Minister
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As we stated in the first devotion it seems impossible for one to love his neighbor as God has loved him. This is one response we can make to this demand, simply say it can't be done and so let us forget it. Some have said that this was an ethical command good only as an interim ethic. While it is true that all the New Testament writers spoke out of a background of thought which held that Jesus would soon return to earth. But I am not willing to say that these commands to love were meant only for a short period of time or only for those who lived in the early church. They are words meant for us today. Some have said that the real meaning of this demand to love our neighbor means to wish him well. Jesus goes on to say we not only wish him well we do him good.

An illustration of this sort of love might be found in the example of Dr. and Mrs. Caradine Hooten, for many years head of our Board of Temperance. Their son Billy was shot down in World War II by the Japanese and lost at sea. There followed the experience of shock and grief to them. Later the government insurance came to them and they took it all and sent it to Japan after the war to be used in mission work. I think this is something of what we mean when we talk about the demand of Christian love. It is not only the refusal to hate, it is the attitude of doing positive good to those who may have wronged us.

The demand of Christian love would say to us that it is impossible to offer anything to God which will be pleasing in his sight so long as there is any hatred in our hearts for any man. Our gifts brought to Him are useless until we make it right with those we hate. Abraham Lincoln said on one occasion, "I destroy my enemies by making them my friends." Now I know he didn't fully succeed at this for one of his enemies killed him.

The Demand of Christian love would say to us that there can be no "this for that". You do this for me and I'll do so and so for you. You pray for me and I'll pray for you. You love me and I'll love you. "If you love only those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans so? If you salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others?"

Nay, there can be no swap outs. No log-rolling. No, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." Rather, we are challenged to lavish our love upon even our enemies. We cannot set up a bookkeeping system and try to keep records on love.

I remember as a child someone

would come to see us and when leaving they would say to mother, "now you owe us a visit." Someone says I want you to write to me and we reply, I wrote to you last, you owe me a letter. This sort of thing simply does not go in the demand of Christian love. Let your love go out to those who are unfriendly to you, to those who are against you. I read a story about a church in early New England which rented their pews. The families with the most money received the most choice pews. In time the church roof started to leak in one spot. The stewards went to a particular man seeking an offering to help repair the roof, but the man replied "there are no leaks over my pew". But how wrong he was. The roof of God's sky is like a great dome that forms an arch over all our lives, both the good ones and the bad ones, both those who are for Jesus and those who are against Him.

Yes, this demand of Christian love is a most troublesome thing. How can we meet it? Well, we don't have to go out and save the world, but God calls us to go out into the world as men and women who have been saved, redeemed, and to love, to pray, and to exhibit our Christian love. And when we do this, God will use us as he sees fit for His Glory and for the salvation of others.

Build A Devotional

IS THE LADDER GONE?

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

Several years ago it was popular to tell youth of the cartoon showing a ladder from a "Lincoln-log-cabin" to the White House. We were saying that the way was open for everyone to climb to the highest honor that this country affords. It was basic in a democracy that no barrier except ability stood in the way of any citizen of this nation.

In a leading news weekly magazine there was a disturbing article

which pointed out that only a rich man could now climb that ladder - not from log cabin but from one mansion to another. The credence we place in this analysis is a personal evaluation. However, to have such an analysis ought to give each citizen pause for concern. We deny the right of royalty by blood but accept "royalty by wealth" without too much question.

The crux of the question does not rest in a "starry-eyed" idealism but in the simple fact of evaluating a man according to basic principles in harmony with our philosophy of life. An facade, whether wealth or poverty, is poor substitute for character and ability in leaders in political, social and ability in statesmanship. Any man's motivating ideal and his integrity as he races those ideals is a major concern for each citizen in the choice of leadership.

In thinking of the qualities of character and ability in leaders in political, social and economic life we need to remember that in large measure the "rulers" reflect the basic attitudes of the governed. The private citizen who sells his franchise for any price has made a poor bargain, even at its best.

It is amazing how "I-scratch-your-back-now-you-scratch-mine" determines all too many issues rather than the merits of the issues themselves. When a state legislature speaks of a "third house" it has absconded with the trust the people have placed in them.

We need to put the ladder back, not from the standpoint of a cabin or a mansion, but from the roots of our national life. We need to make it clear that whoever climbs that ladder to any place of leadership must furnish the basic credentials of character and ability that defies degradation from

Let The Children Come

Everyone loves the story of a baby. Perhaps that is one reason why Moses is one of our favorite Bible people.

King Pharaoh, a bad king, lived in the country of Egypt. He decided that the Hebrew people who loved God, and who did not bow down to the Pharaoh kings should be ruled more strictly. He made many bad laws. One of them endangered the lives of all the little boys who were born to the Hebrews.

A beautiful baby boy was born in to a Hebrew home. His mother believed that God would help her to protect her son. She hid him as long as she could. Then she made a little basket-cradle with a special covering to keep the water out. She put the baby in it and placed it in the river where the king's daughter came every day. The baby's sister, Miriam, watched on the river bank until the princess came. When the princess saw the little basket-cradle, she sent a maid to get it and she loved the beautiful baby boy at once.

Just then Miriam came running. The princess told her to run quickly and get a nurse for the baby. Miriam hurried away and get her own mother. The princess named the baby Moses and told the mother to care for him.

When Moses grew older, the king and his daughter brought him to the palace to live. He was given the very best education that a child of a king could have. But he remembered the teachings of his own mother and he loved his own people and their God. When he was a man, he went back to live with them. He became a shepherd in the wilderness. He wore the heavy sandals and clothes of a peasant and slept out under the stars. This gave him time to think about God.

As time went by, Moses became a great leader of his people. For forty years he lead them through many hard times. Finally his people were free and Moses wrote a great song:

"I will sing to the Lord....
The Lord is my strength and my song,
for he saved me,....
He is my God whom I shall praise."
Exodus 15:15

any source. That purifying stream must start from the grass roots of our national life.

The wise man was right, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

R.B.

AN UPRIGHT HEART

The pure in heart, are bless-ed
And if a heart is pure;
No strange alloy, will cloud it,
Nor shall it be immune--

To thoughts, of loving kindness,
That bless the human race.
Nor soil the holy, secret place;
With dross, beneath his grace.

This heart, will never accept,
The traits, to debase manhood;
The things that tend to keep him,
From being the man he could!

Sybil Nash Abrams

South Central Jurisdiction

Tour of Indian Mission Conference

Roy E. Mouser, pastor

North Baton Rouge Methodist Church

Attending the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference Tour, April 24-28 were the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, the Rev. Roy Mouser, and the Rev. Lloyd Williams. The tour, a program of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of Missions, included visits to three of the four sessions of the Indian Mission District Conferences, where there were reports, testimonies, preaching, and singing in various Indian tongues.

The tour provided an opportunity to visit a number of local churches, both new and old, and to enable the delegates from eight states to survey the health, social, economic, cultural, and spiritual life of the Indian in Oklahoma.

Tour members took their noon meals at the District Conference Camp Grounds, with food varying according to tribal customs. District conferences were scheduled to last three days, with the first day being reserved for training of supply pastors and instruction of those seeking a License to Preach. The second and third days, which were attended by an increasing number of lay men and women, was given over to reports, presentation of the Church's program, and preaching services.

The Methodist Indian Mission Conference was first organized in 1844 and grew rapidly until 1906 when the work was assimilated into the Oklahoma Annual Conference. By 1918, because of differences in cultural and language backgrounds, Methodist influence upon the Indians had deteriorated until it became necessary to reorganize the In-



WOMEN ON THE TOUR included: Mrs. C.C. Reid, Amarillo, Tex.; Mrs. O. F. Hedrick, Midland, Tex.; Mrs. George Metzel, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Bob Pinezaddleby, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. F.M. DeForest, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. C. L. Soupene, Burlington, Kans.; Mrs. Dewey Etchison, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. C.C. Coffee, Lubbock, Tex.; and Mrs. Thomas Walsch, Fredonia, Kans.



THE REV. RANK WHEELER, left, executive secretary of the Indian Mission Conference Board of Education, discusses his work with the Rev. Roy Mouser, secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions.

Recital at St. Andrew Church

The St. Andrew Methodist Church, 4500 Gawain Drive, New Orleans will present in joint voice recital on Friday, May 17, Marilyn Davidson, choir director, and Joan Potter, wife of the pastor, Rev. Robt. L. Potter. Robert Hirsch will be the accompanist.

The program will consist of songs by Purcell, Richard Strauss, and Vaughan Williams and excerpts from operas by Bellini, Saint-Saens and Puccini.

Mrs. Potter studied at Centenary College, The University of Texas and received her B. A. degree from Southern Methodist University, majoring in sacred music.

Mrs. Davidson studied at Newcomb College and received her M. A. degree in musicology from Tulane University. Her voice studies were with Marjorie Lawrence and Paula Lenchner Schmidt.

Mr. Hirsch received his M. A. degree in musicology from Tulane University. His piano studies were with Edygio de Castro e Silva.

The proceeds from the recital will go to the building fund.

member of the Creek tribe of the Eastern Oklahoma Indians.

Color slides, and tape recordings of preaching, singing, and interviews are being prepared for distribution and may be secured from the Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions, the Rev. Roy E. Mouser.

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Materialism is always a terrible thing, no matter what the form of government may be.

Blessed is the man whose life leaves no stains on the lives of other men.

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WORKERS IN THE INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE include (l. to r.): Dr. Dewey Etchison, general superintendent; the Rev. Melvin Boydell, pastor, Ponca Indian Mission; the Rev. Dave Long, district superintendent, Northwest District; Dave Long, Jr., student minister; the Rev. Dave Calls Him, pastor, Ponca City Indian Church; and the Rev. Frank Wheeler, executive secretary, conference Board of Education.

dian Mission Conference if work among the no longer "Vanishing American" was to be effective.

After the unification of Methodism in 1940, and with a new missionary evangelistic awakening, the Crusade for Christ and the Advance Program brought new life to the work among the Indians. The response of the Indian was overwhelming. Camp meetings and brush arbor revivals, with lay preaching, swept across the state.

Since 1943 the number of Indian Congregations has increased from 76 to 126 and the membership from 3,700 to more than 10,000. Officially, the Indian work has a District Conference status, but has the organization of an Annual Conference with four districts with all the boards and commissions. All the district superintendents and

pastors are Indian. Bishop W. Angie Smith is the presiding bishop. The General Superintendent is Dr. Dewey Etchison. The district superintendents are: the Reverends Harry Long, Dave Long, Forbes Durant, and George Kayyedauly.

The Conference serves twenty-one of the thirty-two tribes within the bounds of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

Among the thirty-one participants in the mission tour was Dr. Wesley Hager, Chairman of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of Missions.

Resource persons for the tour were the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Pinezaddleby. He is Conference Director of Youth Work, and a member of the Kiowa Tribe, Plains Indians, of Western Oklahoma. His wife, Rachel, is the daughter of a Methodist Minister, and is a



LEADERS OF THE PLANNING GROUP for the workshop for officers in the Local church, sub-district and conference, held May 4 at Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge are; (l. to r.) the Rev. Ed Sylvest, the Rev. Edward R. Thomas, the Rev. J.P. McCullough, Jr., the Rev. Larence Gilbert, conference director of youth work, and John R. Oldham, district director of youth work.

RETIREED MINISTERS' HOME BOARD REPORT — JUNE 1, 1962 - MAY 6, 1963

NOTE: Number in parentheses indicates number of individuals contributing
 Number in parentheses preceded by "g" indicates groups, class, etc
 (LY) indicates received too late for last years report.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT				Opelousas (La Mem)				Athens			
Alexandria: First	106.00	(4) 40.00		70.00	(1g) 10.00	153.25		Bethel	10.00		10.00
		(lg) 84.15	230.15	Patterson	(4) 85.00	155.00		Bernice	15.00	(1) 10.00	25.00
Horseshoe Drive	8.75	(3) 35.00		Thibodaux	(1) 50.00	50.00		Calhoun		(1) 5.00	5.00
		(lg) 10.00						Castor		(1) 10.00	10.00
St. Paul	25.00		53.75		703.80	(25) 402.00	1105.80	Chatham		(1g) 10.00	20.00
Trinity	21.19		21.19			(3g)		Cotton Valley		(1) 10.00	10.00
Bunkie	27.80	(lg) 10.00	37.80	42 Churches		Offering last year \$1,331.73		Downsville	100.00	(1) 10.00	110.00
Chicot		(2) 20.00	20.00	21 Reporting (24 last year)		Decrease this year \$225.93		Farmerville		(1) 10.00	10.00
Colfax	1.00	(5) 32.00	33.00	LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT				Gibsland	5.00	(3) 40.00	45.00
Eden	10.00		10.00	Basil	14.25			Harmony	7.50		7.50
Forest Hill	5.00		5.00	DeQuincey	46.02(LY)	14.25		Haynesville	30.00	(2) 40.00	80.00
Friendship	5.00		5.00		47.63					(lg) 10.00	17.00
Glenmora	8.00		8.00	Elton	90.00	(1) 10.00	100.00	Hodge	7.00	(1) 10.00	37.50
Harrisonburg	13.00		13.00	Eunice	30.95		30.95	Jonesboro	37.50		30.00
Hollis Chapel		(lg) 12.00	12.00	Gueydan		(2) 20.00	20.00	Marion	30.00		38.57
Hopewell	11.00		11.00	Hayes		(2) 20.00	20.00	Minden, First	38.57	(4) 80.00	118.57
Jena		(2) 20.00		Lake Arthur		(1) 100.00	100.00	Lake View	10.08		10.08
		(2g) 20.00	40.00	Lake Charles, Fairvw		(1) 5.00	5.00	Mt. Mariah	10.00		10.00
Jonesville		(5) 37.00	37.00	First	255.05	(5) 45.00		Mt. Nebo	10.00		10.00
Lecompte	20.00	(1) 10.00	30.00			(lg) 10.00	310.00	Ringgold	10.46(LY)		29.21
Marksville		(1) 2.00	2.00	Simpson	83.17		83.17		18.75		485.00
Montgomery		(1) 10.00	10.00	West Lake	25.00		25.00	Ruston, Trinity	70.00	(14) 415.00	10.00
Natchitoches, First	36.36		36.36	Leesville	62.84	(2g) 23.38	86.22	Shongaloo		(1) 10.00	
Oakdale	21.15		21.15	Raymond	20.00		20.00		469.86	(33) 699.00	1168.86
Olla	16.00		16.00	Sulpher	100.00		100.00			(3g)	
Pleasant Grove	5.00(LY)		5.00(LY)	Sweet Lake	27.00		27.00	72 Churches		Offering last year \$918.45	
Palestine	15.00(LY)		15.00(LY)	Trinity	20.20		20.20	24 Reporting		Increase this year \$250.41	
Trout		(1) 10.00	10.00	Vinton		(1) 10.00	10.00	SHREVEPORT DISTRICT			
Urania		(2) 20.00	20.00		822.11	(13) 243.38	1065.49	District at large -			
Winnfield		(1) 25.00	25.00			(lg)		Pittsburg Glass Co.		(1) 1.65	
	355.25	(28) 397.15	752.40	39 Churches		Offering last year \$926.90		Rev. Jolly B. Harper		(1) 10.00	
		(6g)		17 reporting (18 last year)		Increase this year \$138.59		Mr. & Mrs. W.O. Crain		(1) 10.00	
69 Churches		Offering last year \$871.17		MONROE DISTRICT				Mrs. W.W. Lowry		(1) 100.00	121.65
27 Reporting (21 last year)		Decrease this year \$118.77		Bastrop, First	17.55	(3) 30.00		Benton		(2) 20.00	20.00
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT						(lg) 10.00	57.55	Bossier C., Barksdl	27.00		27.00
Amite	22.60	(lg) 10.00	32.60	Memorial		(1) 10.00	10.00	Coushatt		(3) 25.00	25.00
Baker	20.00		20.00	Beouf Prairie		(1) 10.00	10.00	Gilliam		(lg) 50.00	50.00
Baton Rouge, Broadmr	8.75(LY)			Columbia		(2) 10.00	10.00	Grand Cane		(1) 5.00	5.00
	37.50		46.25	Delhi	11.50		11.50	Hosston	10.00	(4) 60.00	70.00
First	200.00(LY)			Ferriday	14.85	(2) 20.00	34.85	Ida		(1) 2.00	2.00
	400.00	(1) 10.00	610.00	Lake Providence		(2) 30.00	30.00	Keithville		(1) 10.00	10.00
Ingleside		(1) 100.00	100.00	Mangham	12.50		12.50	Logansport		(8) 57.00	
Bethel	45.16		45.16	Mer Rouge		(1) 10.00	10.00			(2g) 20.00	77.00
Blackwater	50.00	(1) 10.00	60.00	Monroe, First	14.00	(4) 40.00	54.00	Mansfield	29.80	(2) 50.00	
Bogalusa	20.00	(3) 40.00	60.00	Memorial	50.00		50.00			(lg) 10.00	89.80
Clear Creek	2.50(LY)			Southside	30.00	(1) 10.00	40.00	Many	75.00	(lg) 10.00	85.00
	7.50		10.00	Stone Ave.		(1) 38.00	38.00	Mitchell	5.00		5.00
Clinton	18.30	(1) 5.00	23.30	St. Paul's	60.00		60.00	Mooringsport		(1) 1.00	
Coopers Chapel	5.00(LY)		5.00(LY)	Oak Grove	25.00		25.00			(lg) 10.00	11.00
Dearford	25.00		25.00	Oak Ridge		(2) 20.00	20.00	Pelican	9.00	(2) 20.00	29.00
Ethel	14.75	(1) 10.00	24.75	Rayville	31.15	(1) 50.00	81.15	Shreveport -			
Faithful	10.36		10.36	Winnsboro	40.00	(2) 20.00	20.00	Broadmoor	10.00	(15) 247.00	
Franklinton	20.00(LY)		20.00(LY)	Tallulah			40.00			(lg) 20.00	277.00
Gonzales		(2) 10.00	10.00	Waterproof		(lg) 10.00	10.00	Caddo Heights		(1) 10.00	10.00
Grand River	4.00		4.00	Wisner	20.00	(lg) 10.00	12.00	Ceder Grove		(1) 3.00	3.00
Hammond	98.50	(1) 50.00	148.50	West Monroe, First		(11) 95.00	95.00	First	244.00	(11) 125.00	369.00
Jackson	11.75		11.75	McGuirs	27.80		27.80	Brotherhd Class		(lg) 5.10	510.00
Kentwood	28.60		28.60		336.35	(34) 423.00	759.35	Mangum Mem.	162.00	(14) 260.00	
Loranger	10.00		10.00			(3g)				(lg) 10.00	432.00
Montpelia	2.50(LY)		6.25	65 Church		Offering last year \$829.00		Noel Mem.	48.52	(11) 155.00	
New River	24.00		24.00	23 Reporting (27 last year)		Decrease this year \$ 69.68				(3g) 30.00	233.52
Pine Grove	4.30		4.30	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT				North Highlands		(1) 10.00	
Plaquemine	37.90	(2) 20.00	57.90	At large no name	1.00		1.00			(lg) 10.00	20.00
Ponchatoula	43.00		43.00	New Orleans, Algiers		(2) 30.00	30.00	Sumner Grove		(2) 35.00	35.00
Slaughter	10.00	(6) 70.00	80.00	Aururo	33.50		33.50	Wynn Mem.	10.00	(1) 10.00	
Zachary	20.00	(2) 30.00	50.00	Carrollton	90.00	(1) 10.00	100.00			(lg) 10.00	30.00
	1205.72	(21) 365.00	1570.72	Elysian Fields		(2) 20.00	20.00	Vivian	75.00(LY)		
		(lg)		First	80.00	(3) 30.00	110.00			(1) 20.00	95.00
77 Churches		Offering last year \$1,147.89		Gentilly		(1) 75.00	75.00	Wolfe	11.75	(2) 12.00	
28 Reporting		Increase this year \$422.83		Jefferson	10.00		10.00			(lg) 10.00	33.75
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT				Kenner	31.02		31.02		717.07	(89) 1958.65	2675.72
Abbeville	40.00	(2) 20.00	60.00	Lake Vista	48.29(LY)					(14)	
Berwick	39.00	(2) 20.00	59.00		63.58	(4) 50.00	161.87	59 Churches		Offering last year \$2,988.85	
Branch	10.00		10.00	Metairie	11.84		11.84	27 Reporting (29 last year)		Decrease this year 313.13	
Crowley, First	102.59		102.59	Rayne Mem.		(1) 500.00	500.00	GIFTS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE			
Wesley	6.75		6.75	Second	36.00		36.00	Mrs. Rebel Rogers - Pasadena, Calif.		\$45.00	
Ebenezer		(1) 10.00	10.00	St. Luke's	32.15	(1) 10.00	42.15	Mrs. and Mrs. S. C. Phelps - Houston, Texas.....		10.00	
Franklin	37.00	(2) 60.00	97.00	St. James	14.65		14.65	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Francis - San Bernardino, Cal.		10.00	
Golden Meadow	10.00	(lg) 5.00	15.00	Covington		(2) 20.00	20.00	Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Johns - Wynnneweed, Pa.		10.00	
Grand Isle	12.80		12.80	Fitzgerald		(1) 10.00	10.00	Mrs. Pauline Sachse - Santa Barbara, Calif.		10.00	
Houma, First	114.00	(3) 30.00		Slidell	21.35		21.35	Mrs. Thelma Powell - El Dorado, Ark.		5.00	
		(lg) 10.00	154.00	Asbury, Trinity	4.80		4.80	Mrs. R. H. Wynn - Houston, Texas.....		10.00	
Iota	10.00		10.00		477.18	(18) 756.00	1233.18				\$100.00
Jeanerette		(1) 10.00	10.00	44 Churches		Offering last year \$837.72		LAST YEARS GIFTS FROM OUT OF CONF.			
Kaplan	12.00	(1) 5.00	17.00	19 Reporting (15 last year)		Increase this year \$395.46		DECREASE THIS YEAR.....			\$115.00
Lafayette, Davidson M	15.11		15.11	RUSTON DISTRICT							15.00
First	106.55	(3) 45.00	151.55	Dist., at large -		(1) 10.00		TOTAL RAISED IN THE CONFERENCE June 1, 1962 -			
Ivanhoe	5.75		5.75	Rev. Douglas		(lg) 9.00	19.00			May 3, 1963 -	10331.52
Lydia	5.00		5.00	Parsonettes			50.00	Received from outside the Conference ----			
New Iberia	101.25	(5) 42.00		Arcadia	50.00			Grand total to May 3, 1963-----			100.00

- part I -

The Foreign Missionary— Today

By Douglas Webster

(Mr. Webster discusses one of the most widely-debated questions in missions today, the role of the missionary who leaves his homeland to serve the Church in another country. He is the education secretary of the Church Missionary Society, Church of England, London, England. This article first appeared in THEOLOGY TODAY and is reprinted with permission.)

There is general agreement that the Church must be involved in mission; this has become part of the jargon of ecumenical talk. It is by no means always clear what is meant by mission, and there is very considerable confusion about the function of the missionary. Much of this confusion arises from the fact that a missionary is usually a foreigner, sent from one country to another, from one culture to another, and from one church to another.

Is the foreign missionary only a temporary expedient, to be replaced as soon as possible by nationals, or is there something of permanent value in the "foreignness" of the missionary?

Looking back into the past we can trace main patterns in the role of the foreign missionary: the pioneer, the manager, the specialist.

The pioneer had the field to himself. He had enormous physical difficulties, as the merest acquaintance with the life of a David Livingstone shows. There were dangers and handicaps, but spiritually the pioneer was free. His only limits were the bounds of his own energy and the will of God. He could virtually do what he liked. He could be an individualist and a dictator. There was no red tape, and there were few other people to be considered or consulted. For certain temperaments, this was an ideal and inviting situation and an enviable opportunity.

In this form, however, such a pioneering opportunity exists nowhere today. This type of pioneering is out. That is why the majority of the great missionary biographies of the past are dangerously misleading in missionary education today. In so far as they inspire, they are good, but if they create a desire to imitate, they are fatal.

The managerial phase was an inevitable sequel; it underlines the success of the pioneers. Schools, colleges and hospitals were founded, and where there are large institutions there must be managers. Many missionaries who went out to teach or to heal during this present century soon found themselves doing far less than they would wish in these spheres; willingly or unwillingly they were saddled with a managerial job, spending much of their time behind an office-desk, running a large institution or a network of schools or driving round in a car inspecting them. There was no one else to do this; it fell to the foreign missionary.

The missionaries' apparent love for administration was misunderstood by the African and the Asian. All too easily, as the system grew more com-

plex and the hierarchy (ecclesiastical, mediocrity, or educational) grew more extensive, the missionary withdrew only upwards into a position of higher status and increasing power. Looking at this, the national came to think that the reward of faithful service was a graduation from pastoral and evangelistic work to administrative responsibility.

Thus the ambition of many African pastors is to be promoted from pastoral work altogether and to be like, or better still to succeed, the missionary manager. The managerial phase, though belonging to past era, still continues. In some places it must continue; elsewhere it ought gradually to end; nowhere should it be regarded as permanent.

There has also been the specialist. More and more, as nationals have acquired competence and skill in many fields, various jobs formerly done by missionaries have been handed over, and rightly so. For example, instead of a missionary being a nurse, plain and simple, she has had to be a teacher of nurses. Instead of teaching in a primary school (or its equivalent), the missionary has been required to teach specialist subjects in a secondary school or to do teacher-training.

Thus missionaries have been given new opportunities for pioneering: pioneering in race relations, in preventive medicine, in educational experiments, in various forms of research. A new pioneering age has opened up; it seems likely to continue. The spiritual opportunities are enormous for the right kind of specialist with the right spiritual qualities.

But it looks as if the missionary of tomorrow will have to fulfill a fourth role, different from any of these: that of guide, philosopher, and friend. Less and less will he have a status in any kind of hierarchy in church or state; less and less will he have a leading or dominant voice in public; more and more will he depend on his own moral and spiritual influence and authority; more and more will he have to be an expert in right relationships, devoid of all awkward individualism.

If we ask why this change must come about, the answer can be found in giving full weight to two relatively new factors in the modern situation. First, there is the general anti-white and anti-West mood which pervades all Asia and most of Africa. Its political focus is nationalism; its spiritual focus, some newly roused non-Christian system.

Even within the church itself, this mood can be a powerful emotion. The white man's word is no longer his bond. To be white can no longer be regarded as an unqualified advantage in most areas of the world where foreign missionaries are called to work. To underestimate the strength of this feeling is gravely to misunderstand the Christian mission as it is today.

The second factor to be taken fully into account is the self-consciousness of the "younger churches." Unsatisfactory though this description may be, the fact remains that they are younger, and so far no one has found a more suitable title. Because of this self-consciousness, the very presence of the missionary can be aggravating and can stir up bitterness and resentment, particularly if he is in a position of power and authority over nationals. For that reason some of the most perceptive missionaries are eager to shed all vestiges of power onto the shoulders of nationals, wherever possible, and to withdraw either sideways or downwards, working alongside nationals in partnership or under them in loyalty. Both these forms of witness are of immense importance, and they are needed on a much larger scale.

Naturally all this creates a number of special problems for the foreign missionary in many places. First, there is the temptation of disillusionment. In practice it is very difficult to combine the managerial role, forced on many missionaries in some shape or other, with spiritual and evangelistic work. Not impossible, but very difficult.

Some young missionaries find that the missionary vocation is not what they expected it to be. They ask whether they would not have had a greater opportunity for spiritual work if they had stayed at home. Some of them also ask whether much of this kind of work could not be done equally well and acceptably by someone who though a Christian was not a missionary.

There are scores of jobs for Christians overseas, but not all these jobs need be done by missionaries, especially if we think of the missionary as having special responsibility for the evangelistic outreach of the Church and its spiritual growth.

A second problem is the acquiring of a right balance of sensitiveness. Unless the missionary is sufficiently sensitive to be vulnerable and to feel the full pain of human life and the weakness of the Church, he is not likely to be very effective. "He who suffers most has most to give."

But if he feels the squalor and the poverty and the sin and the evil too acutely and is unable to keep casting the burden upon the Lord, he will not retain either his sanity or his faith. Again, coming into a situation from outside, one is often able to see and assess certain things more clearly than those who have been long familiar with them.

The role of the missionary must be to ask questions about the ends and

purposes of things which may have been blindly accepted from the past. Part of his value is to bring into a situation a new angle, a new background of experience, a new critical faculty as well as a new charity. Never to question ends is to become a dead end. All the ends of Church and mission need constant questioning. But always to be questioning them is to become a nuisance and to lose one's capacity to help. A right balance is not easily come by.

All this serves to underline the crucial importance of missionary training, in addition to professional training, before Christian men and women are let loose as missionaries in some of the most delicate and explosive situations in the world.

A third problem is that of insecurity. This does not arise merely out of local or international politics, for that must be expected. But for many missionaries with an ear to the ground, there is the uncertainty whether even the Church still wants them, whether they have been imposed and forced upon a reluctantly receiving Church and whether they are doing a job which an Asian or an African might now do.

Fully aware of these difficulties, an experienced missionary from India writes about the kind of young missionary the Indian Church wants:

"He must not be an individualist or, in the old sense, a pioneer. He must come in the spirit of saying to the Indian Church, 'What do you want me to do?' rather than 'Here is something which I want to do for you; will you let me do it?' He must be ready always to take second place and often see Indians less qualified than himself set above him, but he must not refuse office and responsibility when it comes to him at the call of the Indian Church. He must come for life and not in the spirit of a trial marriage, and that in spite of the fact that political conditions might at some time make life service impossible."

Insecurity, vulnerability, disillusionment: this is what the modern missionary lets himself in for.

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ENCOURAGE AFRICAN MUSIC

A multi-racial organization has been formed to encourage the development of African church music and thus help make Christianity a more indigenous part of African culture. It is known as the All-Africa Church Music Association, and it hopes to integrate African music into worship services of churches throughout the continent.

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In Memoriam



Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman

Mrs. Ruth Remely Fuhrman was born April 15, 1897, in Waynetown, Indiana. She exchanged her cross for a crown on Feb. 27, 1963. She moved to Loranger, Louisiana with her parents in July 1917. She was married to Mr. George Fuhrman on Dec. 25, 1919.

Having been born into a Christian family it was not hard for her to make some definite decisions in her early life. Coming to Loranger, Louisiana when the Methodist Church here was only about two years old, and still in its early walking stage, the Remelys united with the Methodist Church here and became some of its most beloved members. Some two years after coming to Loranger, she not only became a member of the Methodist Church here, but she also became the wife of a Rural Mail Carrier, and to this new found joy she kept the home fires burning for more than 40 years.

She was a lover of the organization and work of the W.S.C.S. To this organization she was a faithful member, and was its secretary at the time of her "Home going," and had been for almost five years.

She was a lover of her friends, and was always glad for a visit from any of them. She was also a lover of her pastor and his family, and was always glad for a visit from them. And last but not least, she was a lover of the Great God who gives life eternal to all who put their trust in Him. She loved those wonderful words spoken by our Lord when He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." There she is today, awaiting the coming of us who have our faith and trust in Him.

Her Pastor



Gertrude Futral

Gertrude Futral was born Oct. 1, 1894 at Franklin, La. She attended public school at Franklin, and finished high school and college at Natchitoches. She taught school for 42 years, and was married for the same length of time.

Mrs. Futral did volunteer work for the Salvation Army and for the Red Cross. She was a member of the Grey Ladies and was a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Opelousas Chapter, and was the president of that chapter at the time of her death.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, and had served as Worthy Matron for several terms. She was Grand Representative of Kentucky at the time of her death.

She attended college at Natchitoches, Lafayette and Baton Rouge, and had taught school in DeSoto, Caddo, Claiborne, Caldwell and St. Landry Parishes.

The date of her death was Sept. 6, 1962.

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Can The Church Turn The Corner?

By Roger E. Biddle Executive Secretary,
Kansas Conference Board of Education

Football teams are not the only ones who must turn the corner to score. The church must do the same thing and responsible people have some real concerns about the ability of the church to turn the corner. This concern became vivid to me when I stepped into a Protestant church in Chicago on a Sunday morning to find a service of worship being conducted without one person in the pew. This experience added meaning to Bishop Pike's statement, "The Christian faith is in retreat."

The findings of a recent Gallup Poll revealed that, "Fifty-four percent of the youth expressed dissatisfaction with religion. The most frequent complaints were that the church fails to explain itself and its precepts, that it fails to stress its true meaning fervently enough and that it is not reaching the people."

The church has not communicated to young people that it is the "body of Christ." Recent studies reveal that some youth think of the church as a building on the corner. Others feel that it is a meeting scheduled for 11 o'clock

on Sunday morning. Some describe the church as an island of goodness surrounded by a wall that keeps out all the bad people. In some instances youth accuse "religious" people of making a world of the church instead of being the church in the world. They say our music and liturgy are moving but do not answer questions.

A threadbare vocabulary cannot communicate the gospel in our time. Certainly cherubims aren't particularly impressive to a generation that has become used to astronauts. Paradise is real but the coming generation will not expect to spot it through the port-

hole of a space ship. Knowledge discovered in this century cannot be poured into old wineskins.

In the last fifteen years, the population of some of our largest cities has remained constant. Yet in that time the Protestants have lost 300 churches in New York City, 150 in Chicago, 72 in Cleveland and 63 in Detroit. G. Paul Musselman, Director of the Department of Evangelism for the National Council, believes, "The most compelling mission of the Church today is not in the far-off, least civilized corners of the globe. The biggest task lies right at the heart of urban civilization, in the tall towers and asphalt jungles of our cities."

Imagination and courage as well as institutional maintenance will be needed if the church is to halt a drift that seems ready to continue until half-past Armageddon.

If the church is to turn the corner, it must give serious study to the area of communication. Words are only symbols and frequently are not "heard" until they communicate at the feeling level. People hear an emotion before they hear an idea.

If the church is going to be more than a rumor of help, here are a few suggestions that may be useful:

- sacrifice certainty about patterns of thought and begin to listen to the real questions people are asking.
- be the catalyst in our culture effecting those social changes that make the Kingdom of God a real possibility.
- be willing to admit that a surface treatment of a problem is more of a poultice than a cure.
- be as concerned about how people make decisions as about how many Bible facts they learn.
- perceive that the other side of sin is human need.
- recognize that learning means change.
- involve laymen at the deeper levels of thought and purpose.
- be prepared to see a new heaven and a new earth and be reconciled to a God whose purposes are quite beyond our petty desires.

REPORT ON BLANKET APPEAL

Last November when Algerian refugees were literally dying from the cold, Methodists responded to an emergency appeal, chartered a plane, and sped 10,000 blankets to the shivering Algerians.

But this was only the beginning. Blankets began pouring into the clothing centers across the U. S. By the end of February, at least 170,730 had been received from Methodists alone, it was recently reported by officials of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, New York.

He died for all

During this season when Christians remember the suffering and death of Christ for all men, the congregations of the Cleveland Area Church Federation are sponsoring a special service of worship.

The service will be held at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, April 8, at the First Methodist Church, 1111 East 12th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mother's Day, May 12, 1963

*"Her children rise up
and call her blessed."*

(Proverb 31:28)



The statue of a pioneer mother and her child which stands in front of the Minnesota State capitol in St. Paul, Minn., typifies the kind of maternal courage and strength which Americans honor on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.

Candler School of Theology Dean Announced As Conference Preacher

The conference preacher for the 1963 session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, at its meeting in First Methodist Church, New Orleans, will be Dr. W. R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga.



Dr. Cannon, who became the dean at Candler in 1953, is a past president of the Association of Deans of Methodist Theological Schools.

He was an honor graduate of his high school at Dalta, Ga., of the University of Georgia, from which he received his A.B. degree, and from the Yale Divinity School, from which he received his B.D. degree in 1940. In 1942 he received the Ph.D. degree from Yale University, summa cum laude.

He was appointed to Allen Memorial Methodist Church, Oxford, Ga., and instructor in Bible at Emory-at-Oxford, which positions he held 1942-43. From 1944 to 1946 he was associate professor of church history at Candler, 1944-46, and associate professor of church history from 1946-48. He became professor

of church history in that institution in 1948, and became its dean five years later.

He served as visiting professor for the summer session of Garrett Biblical Institute, 1949; and visiting professor at Richmond College, University of London, 1950.

Dean Cannon has written seven books and various articles and pamphlets.

SETS HIMSELF GOAL OF \$1,000,000 —

Lafayette Layman Gives \$100,000 To SMU For Use On Arts Project

The greatest Southern Methodist University alumni story of the year, if not the greatest in the history of the University unfolded on May 2 when the president of SMU, Dr. Willis M. Tate, received a check for \$100,000 from James Porter (Jimmie) Owen, Sr., of Lafayette, Louisiana, an SMU alumnus of 1917, with a notation on the check reading, "Returns from 'bread cast upon the waters' by SMU in 1915." He is a member of the Asbury Meth. Church in Lafayette.

But this large contribution, intended for the SMU Fine Arts Project, is only part of the story. In an earlier letter to Dr. Tate and to Dr. Hastings Harrison of SMU, Owen stated, "My goal and aim is to be among the first of the early SMU students who can make a substantial

goal is a total of \$1,000,000.00. I hope the Lord blesses me to such an extent that we cannot only equal that amount but exceed it."

As a result of this gift and Mr. Owen's uncommitted but expressed goal of a million dollar contribution a long-time friend and business associate of Owen, Algur H. Meadows, chairman of the board of General American Oil Company of Texas, has requested that SMU's \$8,000,000 Fine Arts Center be named the Owen Art Center in honor of his friend. Mr. Meadows had previously given SMU his collection of fine oil paintings, valued at \$3,000,000, and a \$1,000,000 endowment for the Fine Arts Center, and the University had officially voted the name "Meadows Art Center" for the fine arts complex.

"I realize that SMU needs more funds to complete the Fine Arts Center," Meadows said, "and I cannot think of a finer person to name this center for than one of the University's first and most loyal alumni, Jimmie Owen." The Board of Trustees of the University voted officially to name the new center the Owen Art Center on May 10.

An SMU 'Family'

Jimmie Owen is not the only SMU alumnus in his family. His wife, Mrs. Corita (Crist) Owens holds two degrees from SMU. His daughter, Corita Jean, and her husband, James Robert



Mr. and Mrs. James Owen, Sr.

Smith, are SMU graduates and were married in the SMU chapel. And his son, Jimmie Owen, Jr., and his wife, Lessleen (Clendenen) Owen, are also

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

In the Louisiana Area

Lafayette, Louisiana
May 11, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I am in the Lafayette District this week-end for the purpose of conducting special services in four churches, Melville, Jeanerette, Franklin and Berwick. The Reverend A. Jerome Cain, district superintendent of the Lafayette District, will participate in these services.

Last week-end was spent in the Lake Charles District. On Saturday evening, May 4, I was privileged to attend the Lake Charles District Laymen's Workshop held on the grounds of the beautiful country home of the Lay Leader of the Lake Charles District, Mr. Voris King. This was a most enjoyable and inspiring meeting with over a hundred laymen in attendance.

On Sunday morning I had the unusual experience of dedicating two sanctuaries on the same charge—at Grand Chenier and Cameron. In 1957 Hurricane Audrey destroyed the Methodist Church and parsonage in Cameron and also the church in Grand Chenier. The parsonage for this charge was rebuilt immediately. The new church at Grand Chenier was completed in 1957 and the Wakefield Memorial Methodist Church in Cameron was finished in 1958. Indebtedness on both of these buildings has been paid in full—and both were dedicated last Sunday. The Reverend J. Taylor Wall, who was serving his first year as pastor of this charge in 1957, is still the minister at Cameron-Grand Chenier, and has led his people to the successful completion of this rebuilding program. The church and furnishings at Grand Chenier cost approximately \$33,000.00, and those at Cameron in the neighborhood of \$77,000.00. Cameron has 150 members and there are 59 members at Grand Chenier.

On Sunday afternoon I visited with the Cady family in Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles where Mr. Curtis Cady is recovering from a severe heart attack. M. C., Rosemary and Debbie arrived from Brazil on May 3 to be with Mr. Cady (M. C.'s father). It is good to be able to report Mr. Cady's improvement to you. It was good to visit with our missionaries from Louisiana to Brazil. I do not know how long they will be in the states—but it is likely that M. C. and Rosemary will be available for appearances in several of our churches before they return to Brazil.

In the evening we conducted dedication services at the DeQuincy Methodist Church the Reverend Jack Winegeart, pastor. This sanctuary was completed and formerly opened in January, 1959, at a total cost of \$75,000.00. This seating capacity is approximately 250. The structure is along contemporary lines with the divided chancel area highlighted by a beautiful stained glass window depicting Jesus in Gethesemene. This building was erected during the pastorate of the Reverend A. A. McKnight. The present membership at DeQuincy is 384. The Reverend Leonard

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Dedications Set

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will spend the weekend of May 18 and 19 in the Baton Rouge District. On Sunday morning he will preach at the Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton the home church of the district superintendent, the Reverend J. W. Poole. On Sunday evening he will dedicate the education building for First Methodist Church Zachary. The Franklin church organized in 1842 is currently served by the Reverend Dave Felder. The educational building of this church, which will soon be ready for dedication, was built during the pastorate of the Reverend John Sewell. The sanctuary was built under the leadership of the present pastor. The church has a membership of about 400.

The educational building at Zachary was built in 1957 while the Reverend James Ailor was the pastor at a cost of \$40,000. It was the third unit of a long range plan. The sanctuary was completed in 1949 during the pastorate of the Reverend K. G. McDowell. The parsonage was completed in 1951 under the leadership of the Reverend J. F. Stone. The Reverend James Jones is the present pastor. The Zachary church was organized in 1890. The Reverend J. T. Juegett was the first pastor. The present membership is 515.

Editorials

The Challenges of May 19

NEXT SUNDAY, May 19, presents three very significant challenges to The Methodist Church. It is to be expected that various sections of the church will be putting more emphasis on one than the other, but all three deserve more than a passing reference.

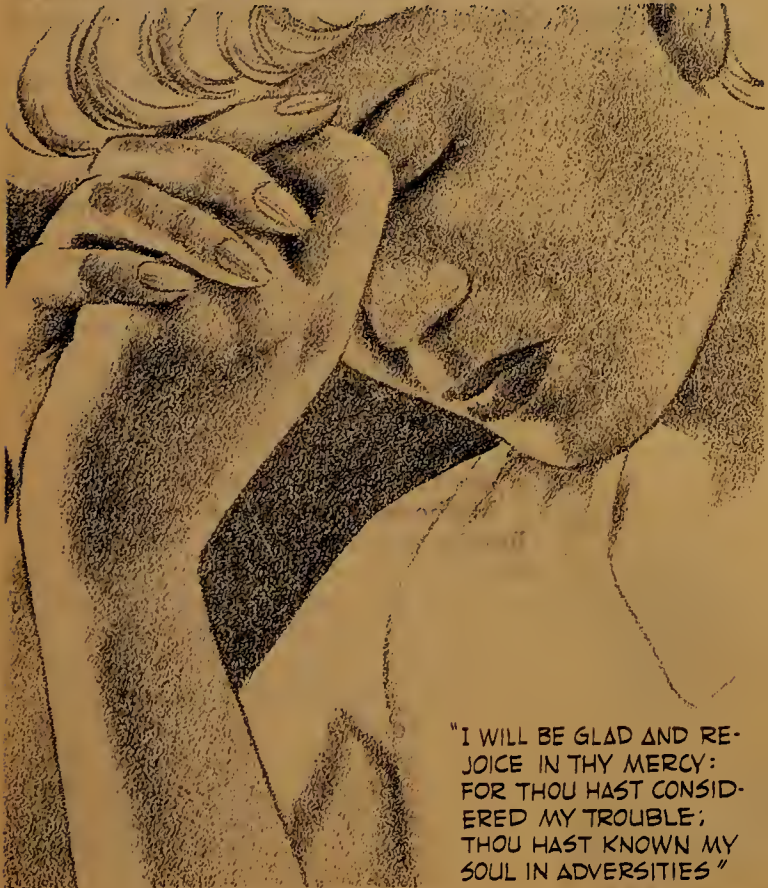
By the turn of the calendar it is the Sunday nearest the 225th anniversary of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley and many of our ministers will be holding this great heart-warming experience before their people. Although we have been reminded of this important event through a year of commemoration, it will be difficult to sit in a pew in a Methodist church next Sunday and not be conscious of that little spark that was fanned into a flame in that little prayer meeting in Aldersgate Street in London. Though the passing of this week will mark the end of a year of reminder, it will be to our own loss if we ever forget that our church was born in a heart-warming experience and we must guard well to see that it never grows cold.

By the vote of the General Conference, Sunday is also Ministry Sunday. This is a day which is observed in various ways across the church. For us it will be primarily a day when the great soldiers of the cross are honored for their service to Christ and His Church, and on which a special appeal will be made by many pastors for a serious consideration by the young people of the call to preach. It looks like we will be living with the fact of a shortage of ministers for a long time to come and every local congregation must take seriously its own obligation to encourage its share of young people to decide for the ministry.

Then, Sunday is also Rural Life Sunday. Many sections of the church that do not have an ongoing program of Town and Country Work will be lifting up some of the areas of work that is being done so well all through the year by our Town and Country Commissions. Before we check this day of May 19 off our calendars, let us all take off our hats in tribute to what has already been done in our areas to underscore the importance of the church in town and country and to pledge our total support to this important program.

All in all, it will be a pretty full Sunday, but aren't most of them for those who really work at their fellowship in the church.

DIVINE UNDERSTANDING



"I WILL BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN THY MERCY: FOR THOU HAST CONSIDERED MY TROUBLE; THOU HAST KNOWN MY SOUL IN ADVERSITIES"

— PSALM 31:7

A New Look At An

Important Question

WE HAVE BEEN PLEASED to read in a recent religious news release that the United States Supreme Court has promised to take a new look at the Constitutional definition of the word "obscenity" as it applies to books and motion pictures. It is to be hoped that from this review will come some more construction and concrete principles by which some stand may be made against the inroads that have been made into decency in recent years by court decisions which have tied the hands of so many communities that wanted to do something about the peddling of smut.

One of the cases arises from a California conviction of a book dealer for selling one of the most controversial books in recent years. A large number of people in the publishing business are arguing that no book should be found legally "obscene" unless it is completely devoid of serious social significance. We are completely aware of what is at stake in the preservation of the freedom of the press in this country, but we also feel that there are some lines that can and should be drawn to make it possible for communities to take some steps when the situation becomes unbearable. It seems to us that the definition of obscenity and the question of social significance are two entirely different things. It might even be argued that the taking of dope has some social significance to someone—say a person who is addicted to it—but who among us would want to defend the positions that the courts should not rule against it?

The cases coming before the Supreme Court will apparently deal with the question of how much authority can be delegated to a jury to interpret "obscenity" in the light of local community standards. Thus far, the Court has seemed to be willing to grant local juries a great deal of latitude.

The other case in question deals with a movie that was banned in the State of Ohio when a Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) three-judge court found that a certain movie has "a substantial tendency to deprave and corrupt its viewing audience by inciting lascivious thoughts and lustful desires."

Here, too, the Court will be deciding, in this review situation, whether there are to be any lines that may be drawn as to what may or may not be included in movies.

We are hoping the decisions of the Court will be helpful for those communities that are working so seriously at these problems.

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

THIS IS ART?

The city of Little Rock has been discussing art this week, as it never has before. Out of the art exhibitions and competitions which have been held in connection with the opening of the new Arkansas Art Center, the story that has captured everyone's imagination is the one of two commercial artists, whose gag-painting whipped up in thirty minutes of paint, sand and water, received honorable mention.

Following a newspaper story of the origin of the mischievous entry, there have been all kinds of explanations and definitions, including the most recent one we have read that "every artist has a motive for what he is doing, whether he knows what the motive is or not." (Sounds kind of existentialist to us.)

Another story that has been overlooked in it all has been the story of "Signs and Portents" the painting which was awarded the \$250 first prize in the Religious Art Competition. We have never pretended to understand so-called modern art, but we have taken a long and careful look at both these paintings and neither communicates with us.

We may be might old fashioned, but it still seems to us that a religious painting ought to have something to say religiously, and if it says it only for the artist then it leaves the rest of us devoid of its inspiration. I hope the world never loses the artist whose work inspires others as well as himself.

We invite you to compare the two paintings.



RELIGIOUS ART WINNER

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Students Hear Brooks Hays Stress Religion

CONWAY, Ark. (RNS) — The importance of religious faith in political life was stressed to Hendrix Methodist College students here by Brooks Hays, special assistant to President Kennedy.

Mr. Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, offered some guidelines in applying Christian principles to the conflicts which challenge statesmen and citizen-voters in a free and democratic society.

"I recognize the delicate character of this question of religion in politics," he said, "but if we who claim professional status in this area should decline to share these lessons we would expose younger men to unnecessary hardships in resolving the moral dilemmas of public service."

Mr. Hays said he subscribes to the words of a theologian who said, "It is only religion, reaching the solitude of the soul, which can create the unpurchasable man, and it is only man, unpurchasable by any society, that can create the sound society."

He said the church should recognize its responsibility to work for an incorruptible state, especially by sending some of its sons and daughters into the political arena.

"It is largely by this method rather than the passing of resolutions that the impact of the Christian Gospel is felt," he declared. "At the same time we should value highly the power of prophetic preaching. Laymen have a special responsibility at this point, particularly the college-trained laymen for they can lead the way in protecting the minister against any economic, social or political pressure to silence him."

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'AN EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN'

The story of the woman who was president of the Methodist Woman's Home Missionary Society while she lived in the White House has helped to gain a doctor's degree for another Methodist woman.

The dissertation, not yet published but dealing with Lucy Webb Hayes, was written by Mrs. Ralph Geer of Bowling Green, Ohio. She has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in history by Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Mrs. Hayes was the wife of Rutherford B. Hayes, U. S. president from 1877 to 1881. According to Mrs. Geer, religion, particularly Methodism, was a motivating force throughout Mrs. Hayes' life.

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SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEET

Directors of Methodist schools in 9 Latin American countries gathered recently at Ward College in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to map plans to improve the preparation of teachers, assess the financial problems of the schools and improve present relationships between Methodist schools and the church.

Some 30 delegates were in attendance, representing Methodist schools and educational work in Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay.



Officers of Council of Bishops 1963-64

THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, meeting in San Francisco, April 16-18 elected these officers: from left, president designate, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York (to become president, April 1964); president, Bishop Paul Neff Garber, Richmond, Va.; secretary, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.

Coordinating Council Approves Two Buildings

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Coordinating Council of The Methodist Church in a meeting here has given approval to plans for construction of two structures—a \$3,500,000 Administration Building at the projected Methodist Center in Washington, D.C., and an addition to the headquarters building of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism in Nashville. The Council had its semiannual meeting April 29-30 at the Methodist Board of Education building. Bishop Edwin R. Garrison, Aberdeen, South Dakota, council president, announced the action.

This is the final Methodist authorization needed for leaders of the two projects to proceed with construction.

The Administration Building at the Methodist Center in Washington will house national Methodist agencies and several offices of the Washington Area, including the bishop's. These are now at the Methodist Building at 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., but the federal government has indicated it wants to obtain this property eventually. The new Administration Building will have several additional facilities, and it is expected that space will be available for rent to other church-related agencies.

The addition to the headquarters of the General Board of Evangelism, 1908 Grand Ave., is expected to cost about \$850,000. It will provide space for an assembly room that will seat about 400, additional offices, board meeting room, committee rooms, The Upper Room museum, library for devotional and evangelistic books, and other facilities. The structure will have three stories and a basement and about 40,000 square feet of floor space.

The Administration Building at the projected Methodist Center in Washington will be constructed by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. It will be at Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, N. W., on approximately 4½ acres of the 10-acre Methodist Center plot.

Spokesmen for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare said it is expected that the cost of the building will be amortized over a period of several years, and no special appeal for funds is anticipated.

The Administration Building will be the first structure to be erected at the Methodist Center. The first floor, on ground level, will provide a glass-walled lobby where Christian art will be on constant display. Dominating the lobby will be a mural expressing the witness of The Methodist Church for social concerns. Below this main floor, with its office space and bookstore, will be meeting rooms, a restaurant and cafeteria, and other facilities. Above the main floor will be six renting floors.

A large stone cross, lighted at night, will mark the Massachusetts Avenue end of the building. At the foot of the cross, four symbols will depict themes of the church's social witness.

The Methodist Center will be a part of the Methodist complex in the area, including American University, Wesley Theological Seminary, Sibley Hospital, and Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church.

The Methodist Board of Temperance (now the Division of Temperance and General Welfare) purchased the tract in 1957. In 1960, it offered the property at cost to the Methodist General Conference "for the development of a great Methodist Center to serve all the Church." The General Conference accepted and established a Methodist Corporation to take title to

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

May 19—Sunday	Acts 16:6-15
May 20	Acts 9:36-43
May 21	Matthew 27:15-23
May 22	John 17:1-13
May 23	Acts 1:6-14
May 24	Phil. 2:1-13
May 25	Colos. 1:9-23
May 26—Sunday	Rev. 1:9-20

the property and develop it in an "over-all utilization in the best interest of The Methodist Church and its program."

The Coordinating Council will have its next meeting Nov. 5-7 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

The council helps coordinate the work of the general administrative agencies of The Methodist Church. It takes action on purchase or lease of property to be used for headquarters buildings of the general agencies. It reviews the publications of the agencies. It makes recommendations to the General Conference in regard to structural changes within the church, and it also recommends to each General Conference a program emphasis for the succeeding four years.

The council's recommendations concerning a 1964-68 quadrennial program will be considered in a joint meeting of the Coordinating Council, Council of Bishops, and Council of Secretaries Jan. 10, 1964, in Cincinnati. Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, is chairman of the Coordinating Council's quadrennial program committee.

Twenty-nine of the council's 36 members attended the Nashville meeting.

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200 NEW CHURCHES NEEDED

The Methodist Church needs to start about 200 new congregations in the next four years in its Northeastern Jurisdiction, which takes in 12 states and the District of Columbia. The figure of new congregations needed between 1964 and 1968 is given in a survey by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia.

Estimates of the number of new churches needed in each district and annual conference were furnished to the National Division by the 87 district superintendents in the jurisdiction. The largest number of new congregations is needed in the growing suburban areas around the cities, according to the survey.

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SAN ANTONIO MAKES HISTORY

San Antonio, Texas, made history April 22, and stands to make more.

Methodist Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Episcopal Bishop Everett H. Jones and Roman Catholic Bishop Stephen A. Leven gave public witness to their faith at a luncheon called to plan for a joint or common Christian witness in the city's Municipal Auditorium on June 2.

The Rev. Dr. Ted Richardson, San Antonio Methodist district superintendent, presided at the planning luncheon. Present were San Antonio's mayor and representatives of several Protestant and Catholic groups.

Monroe District Plans For Annual Musicians Workshop

The annual Methodist Musicians Workshop of the Monroe District will be held in Lake Providence, May 18 at the First Methodist Church. This is a workshop for all choir directors, pianists and organists and is designed to be of value to all size churches.

Mrs. A. E. Tellinghuisen, voice instructor and choral director at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston will hold a class on choral techniques and repertoire. Mrs. Louise Davis of Memorial Church, Monroe, will be instructor for youth choirwork.

Lamar Robertson, Director of Music at First Church, Lake Charles will be the instructor for junior choir work and will also discuss directing and organizing Hand Bell Choirs. The Hand Bell Choir of First Church Monroe under the direction of Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple will present a program and be used in demonstration of their work.

Mr. Henry Freeman will discuss the technicalities of electronic organs and registrations to use with Mrs. Everett Zeagler conducting a class on organ repertoire, assisted by Mrs. Jack Holt, Mrs. W. W. Watson and Mr. David Tschabold.

The workshop is open to all Meth-

odist musicians and if you are serving in this capacity we urge you to be present for this event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and will be concluded by a business session at 4 p.m.

NAMED TO HIGH POST

The Rev. Dr. Grover C. Bagby of Los Angeles associate general secretary of the Coordinating Council of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, is to be the new associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D.C. On Aug. 1 he will succeed the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, who on that date becomes the board's chief executive.

In his new position, Dr. Bagby will direct the national board's Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, which works in such areas as race relations, labor-management, church-state, conservation, housing and unemployment.

His selection by the board's executive committee was announced by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, president.

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

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Cooke, district superintendent, was with me in all these services. Under his leadership, the Lake Charles District is completing a most successful year.

I returned to New Orleans on Monday and left there on Tuesday to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City, and of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. In Kansas City I enjoyed fellowship with our students there from Louisiana. Space will not permit me to share with you at this time the challenging reports of program in both these schools—and the history-making action of the Board at S.M.U. in adopting the Master Plan which has been in preparation for sometime. You will be hearing about all of this from various sources.

Last evening I arrived in Lafayette from Dallas and will be with Brother Cain this evening and tomorrow for the services indicated above.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

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Centenary Senior Wins Teaching Assistantship

James Donald Farley, Centenary College senior English major from Thibodaux, has been awarded a \$2,000 teaching assistantship at the University of Oregon, beginning next September, Dr. Edward M. Clark, chairman of the college's Graduate Fellowship Committee, announced this week.

Farley's teaching responsibilities will be limited to one class in freshman composition, Dr. Clark said, which will allow him ample time in which to concentrate on his work toward a master's degree. He plans to major in 17th Century literature and minor in linguistics.

Farley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Farley, 206 Azalea. He is married to the former Gay Braner of Owensboro, Ky., who also plans to pursue graduate study in speech at Oregon.

He has served as president of the Centenary Jongleurs, dramatic society, and of the Methodist Student Movement, vice-president of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity and chief justice of the Honor Court.

He is also listed in "Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities".

Farley is a member of the Thibodaux Methodist Church.

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Alexandria Dist. Vacation School

The Alexandria Vacation Church School Institute was held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. This was conducted in two sessions—the first being from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a snack time held at 12:30 p.m. The night session was held from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

The theme for this Institute was "Widening Relationships". The Kindergarten group was led by Mrs. V. J. French of Jena; the Primary by Mrs. Cecil Benoit, Mrs. L. K. Herlong and Mrs. S. E. Laningham; the Juniors by Mrs. S. E. Richardson.

The morning devotional was given by the Rev. Louis Coppage of Horseshoe Drive Church; the evening devotional was presented by Miss Myrtle Malone of the Ball Methodist Church.

Mrs. C. F. Nunnally of Horseshoe Drive Church served as pianist and Mrs. T. C. Young of Wesley Church was in charge of the flower arrange-



James Farley

Mangum Chapel Revival Plans

Revival services will be conducted at Mangum Chapel, Methodist, during May 20-24. Singing will begin at 7:15 p.m. Mangum Chapel is located on the Cane Market Road, three miles north of Highway 190 at Satsuma.

The evangelist will be the Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church. The Rev. Mouser is familiar in this community as an evangelist, and is nationally known as a speaker to interdenominational groups.

"Mangum Chapel is experiencing the power of God in a present and wonderful way. Many in the church have found that 'blessed assurance', and many others are expecting it. God is leading the faith of these people to erect a new sanctuary, which is half-completed. Having roamed through the wilderness and wastelands of religious meaninglessness, many of these people have crossed now over Jordan into the Promised Land. God is truly leading these people in a glorious way. This revival is more than an annual occasion; it is an expression of their faith that God does keep His Promise in the lives of His People," says Wallace P. Blackwood, the pastor.

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Special guests for coffee were Rev. and Mrs. Fred Flurry, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lanier and Mrs. Roland Friedrich.

The Directors for this School were Mrs. John Deason and Mrs. David Hancock of Alexandria. The District Director of General Church School Work is the Rev. Cecil Benoit. Ninety-three—(93) persons attended this Institute.



ATTENDING THE RECENT meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston were: (l. to r.) Dr. Keith Mason, and Judge Chris Barnette, Shreveport, and Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Alexandria; and Mrs. George



H. Thomas, the Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria; and the Rev. Douglas McGuire, Ruston.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT Board of Missions annual dinner meeting was held at Carrollton Methodist Church on Thursday, May 9.

THE ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS of St. Paul Methodist Church, New Orleans, has planned a church-wide overnight campout at Camp Istrouma, May 17-18. The pastor is the Rev. E.J. Barksdale.

THE REV. ALFRED KNOX, editor of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST was guest speaker for the morning worship service at Memorial Church, Monroe, Apr. 21. The Rev. Loyd E. Williams is the pastor.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Monroe, "Law Day" was observed in the evening worship service on May 5. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Haynes Harkey. The pastor is the Rev. George Harbuck.

THE COTTON VALLEY Methodist Church has announced plans to begin its observance of its Centennial Year with a Homecoming on Sunday, June 2. The pastor is the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the Westlake Methodist Church are sponsoring their annual barbecue sale on Saturday, May 18. Their pastor is the Rev. Garland Dean.

OUACHITA PARISH PROBATION OFFICER Buster Crowley was guest speaker at a family dinner meeting of the WSCS organization at Claiborne Methodist Church, West Monroe, Apr. 17. The Rev. T.A. Brown is the pastor.

MISS DIANE WATKINS, who spent a year as an exchange student in Germany, told of her experiences of that year at the meeting of the WSCS of the Maplewood pastor is the Rev. W.D. Milton.

THE REV. W.O. TISDALE, SPRINGHILL, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, attended the meeting of the Union County Senior Citizens' Club in El Dorado, Ark. On May 2 and made a short talk to the group.

THE COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP and Finance of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, followed the theme of "Come to the Circus" for the church-wide family night program on May 10. Their pastor is the Rev. George W. Ross.

AT SPRINGHILL METHODIST CHURCH, Mothers' Day was highlighted by the reception into the church of a fine class of 14 juniors who have been members of the pastor's membership class for five weeks. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

THE FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE was held in the new sanctuary of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, May 5. Two services were held and two sessions of the Church School. The pastor is the Rev. Berry Bailey.

THE WSCS OF ISTROUMA METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, entertained the members of the Official Board of that church and their wives. Immediately following the Board meeting on May 6. The pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

THE REV. LOYD E. WILLIAMS, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at First Methodist Church, Longview, Tex. and May 1 and 2. He was speaking at the Family Night Dinners in connection with the Stewardship Program of that church.

A RECENT EDITION OF THE "church-o-gram," parish paper of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, carried a letter from Chaplain John Swinburn of Baton Rouge General Hospital, praising the hospital ministry of the Rev. James Ailor of the staff of First Church.

THE SENIORS OF WISNER HIGH School were guests of honor at a banquet held in the assembly hall of the First Methodist Church on Thursday, April 25. The ladies of the WSCS were responsible for the affair. The pastor is the Rev. B. Paul Durbin.

THE REV. ROLAND T. SCALES, pastor of Howell Memorial Methodist Church, Dickinson, Tex., was the guest evangelist for joint revival services for the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Athens, the week of Apr. 22. The Rev. V.L. Westbrook is the pastor.

THE NEW ORLEANS MINISTERIAL Union held its May meeting at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, on May 11. Mr. Clark Corliss, director of the Social Welfare Planning Council, was the speaker. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr. Bascom D. Talley, active member of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, who became president of the Louisiana Bar Association at its recent annual convention in Biloxi, Miss. His pastor is the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow.

THE REV. DELL DURAND, pastor of College Ave. Methodist Church, Natchitoches, has been chosen as Rural Minister of the Year for Louisiana by the Progressive Farmer magazine. Our congratulations are extended to this fine minister who is doing such a fine job.

A PLAY, "BREAKFAST WITH THE BAILEYS" was presented at the evening worship hour at the Jonesboro Methodist Church, May 5. In the cast were Terry Ewing, Dianne Plummer, Sylvia Rockhold, Jimmy Hathaway, Dale Stewart and Billy Tatum. The pastor is the Rev. Eskel Tatum.

"ONE FAMILY UNDER GOD" was the theme of the May Fellowship Day program held in New Orleans May 10 at the Chinese Presbyterian Church. The speaker was Mrs. Wallis Schutt, former president of the United Church Women of Mississippi and presently serving on the Civil Rights Advisory Committee.

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION of the Blackwater Methodist Church sponsored Family Night at Camp Istrouma, May 10, in observance of National Family Week. One of the features was a hiking party under the direction of Mrs. Ned Carpenter. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Carruth.

THE REV. JAMES KNIGHT of Glenmora, who was pastor of the Port Barre Church about 40 years ago, was the guest preacher at that church on May 5, when the 50th anniversary of the church was observed. Following the service, there was basket dinner in the American Legion hall. The present pastor at Port Barre is the Rev. Cecil Mims.

MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH DIVISION of First Methodist Church, Minden, made a tour of Central Louisiana State Hospital, Saturday, Apr. 20. Leaders at the hospital set up interviews for the group with the chaplain, a psychiatrist and the personnel superintendent. Their pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR. conducted an installation and communion service at the May 7 General Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. A Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. Phil M. Noble, and special music was provided by Mrs. Walter Brock and Mrs. T.E. Glaze.

THE FAMILY LIFE PLAY "Our Kind" was presented at First Methodist Church, Crowley, on Wednesday, May 8, as a part of that church's observance of National Family Week. Members of the cast included Taylor Cain, Alice Ann Buchanan,

Lynn Finley, Glenn Taylor, Walter Lewis and Bill Richardson. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Bodie.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, a swimming party and brunch on May 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Plauche honored the 36 high school seniors and 7 senior at McNeese State College who are members of this church. The affair was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The pastor is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

REMODELING WORK HAS BEEN going on at the Church House, home of the greater New Orleans Federation of Churches. The work included remodeling the office of the executive secretary and the building of a kitchenette which will be useful to those holding group meetings. An Open House will be held on May 26 as part of the celebration of Church Federation Day in the New Orleans area.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SEMINAR on the moral aspects of safe driving was held at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, Apr. 25. This is an inter-religious event sponsored by the Metropolitan Safety Council, the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the city government of New Orleans. The Elysian Fields pastor is the Rev. Ned Stout.

CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, held worship service for the first time on Easter in the first unit of their new building. They held Open House for their friends and neighbors on Apr. 28 in the new building. On May 5, Loyalty Sunday in this church was climaxed by a covered-dish dinner on the grounds. The pastor is the Rev. Oscar E. Cloyd.

THE TRINITY SUB-DISTRICT MYF of the Lafayette District elected the following new officers at their meeting at First Methodist Church, New Iberia, Apr. 22: president, Janelle McCammon, Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette; vice-president, Kay Thomas, New Iberia; secretary, Emma Lou Montgomery, First Church, Lafayette; treasurer, Ronald Lilly, Centenary Church, Rayne; publicity chairman, Lanier Gerac, First Church, Lafayette; and sponsors, the Rev. Karl Wood, Centenary Church, Rayne, and Mrs. Bob McCammon, Asbury Church, Lafayette.

TWO GENERATIONS OF METHODIST Ministers participated in the Fiftieth Anniversary Service at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, May 5. The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Sr., beloved pastor of the Church from 1924 to 1930. He and Mrs. Goodrich now make their home in Dallas. Representing the newer generation of preachers on this occasion was the Rev. Oscar Cloyd, pastor of Christ Church, Shreveport, who preached at the evening worship hour for the Youth Revival series in progress at that church. The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

PRE-CONFERENCE REPORTS

Copies of the PRE-CONFERENCE REPORTS, along with copies of the CONFERENCE PROGRAM, have been mailed to every pastor of the conference with the instructions to give a copy to the Lay Delegate from his church. If, for any member or delegate did not receive this material, please write the Conference Secretary.

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The congregations of Holley Springs and Carroll Creek Methodist Churches held a joint worship service at 11:00 on the 7th of April. At the end of this service there was a surprise birthday celebration for the church lay leader, Mr. Charlie L. Kennington, Sr. He was honored for his 46 years of teaching in the Adult Church School Class and his many years of devotion to his church. Mr. Terry McPherson, the lay leader of the Hall Summitt Charge, gave a short talk on how much Mr. Charlie had meant to him and the Methodist Church. Dinner on the grounds followed the celebration. Mr. Charlie was 77 years young on April 8. The Rev. David Stone is the pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR MAY 26, 1963: LONGING FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURES: Psalms 84; 121; 122. Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 84.

MEMORY SELECTION: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the value of the church in human life and to stress the joy we should find in our service to God through the church.

Our subject for today is "Longing For the House of God." One of the basic instincts of human nature is to worship a superior being. Evidences of the fact are found practically as far back as we find evidences of human life.

The Jews, with a genius for religion, gave us the first revelation of the Jehovah God, the Creator of all things. The Jews felt a need, not only for an object of worship, but for a place of worship. First they built their tabernacle and later, in the reign of Solomon, they built the Temple. Since the writer of the 84th Psalm refers to the Tabernacle as the central place of worship, this would indicate that the Psalm was written before the Temple was built.

The Sons of Korah are named in the title of the 84th Psalm as the author. The Sons of Korah, called the Korahites, were the keepers of the gates of the Tabernacle. Chronicles 9:19. Later they apparently became the doorkeepers of the Temple at Jerusalem.

The writer of this Psalm, because of sickness, distances, time or some other reason had been kept from the house of God. His soul, his heart, his very flesh cried out for the courts of the Lord and for the living God. Now he had been permitted to visit Jerusalem and this poem is his joyous expression of the happy privilege.

PASSIONATE LOVE FOR PLACE OF WORSHIP

There was in the heart of the Jew a passionate love for the Tabernacle and later for the Temple. The opening verse of our lesson text expresses a form of homesickness for the Tabernacle. The Psalmist seems to be envious of the priests who spent so much of their time in and about the Tabernacle. He was jealous of the doorkeeper or caretaker of the Tabernacle. He was even jealous of the birds that were able to build their nests near the altar of the tabernacle.

This was true for the Jews, among other reasons, because God and the Tabernacle and later the Temple were inseparably linked together in their minds. They thought of their place of worship as the dwelling place on earth for their God. Furthermore their experiences of worship were largely confined to their places of worship.

"FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH"

The writer describes in this Psalm something of the difficulties of his journey to Jerusalem. He indicates, however, that difficult as were the journeys to and from Jerusalem, these difficulties were insignificant as compared to the blessed experiences to be had at Jerusalem. Travel from distances was difficult because of the lack of roads and means of transportation. Donkeys usually were their beasts of burden. This made travel slow and tedious.

On the way to Jerusalem it was necessary for the psalmist to pass through the Valley of Boco. The Interpreter's Bible says of the Valley of Boco, "The name of the valley is thought to come from the Boka shrub or tree but this has not been identified with certainty. Many think it is the balsam tree."

The Valley of Boco was an infertile spot on the road to Jerusalem. However, with Zion in his heart, the pilgrim makes the Valley of Boco a "place of springs" as he goes "from strength to strength" because he is to see God in Zion.

CHURCH TODAY COMPARED TO JEWISH TEMPLE

With our present, casual, familiar relationship to the church, which we may visit any day or night, it is a little difficult for us to catch the spirit of the Jew who longs, with such an intense yearning, to see his place of worship.

Let us remember, however, that for the Jew there was but one tabernacle and later but one Temple. Let us keep in mind also that his place of worship was the center of his social, political and religious life.

We should remember also that it has not been more than seventy-five years since the church was largely the center of community life in America, especially on the Sabbath day. A proportionately larger number of people, saint and sinner, attended church then than today. This happened then, not because people necessarily more interested in religion than today but possibly because there were few other places to go on Sunday.

The automobile, commercialized entertainment and a laxer view with reference to recreational activities of all kinds on the Sabbath day have radically changed that situation. Today people congregate where they want to go and it develops that many of them do not want to go to church.

This change has made it necessary for the church to make somewhat radical adjustments in its methods of evangelism. In earlier days unchurched people in number attended regular church services and they just as readily, and even more readily, attended our campaigns of mass evangelism. They came to us and we ministered to them at the church through the pulpit and through personal evangelism.

Today, because of the many attractions and interests elsewhere, unchurched people are conspicuously absent from the church services and most especially are they absent from special evangelistic services. It is necessary now for us to go to them in their homes with visitation evangelism, if we are to talk to them about Christ and the church.

What will be the result in the life of the church of these many attractive and distracting interests that call people away from the church? Of one result we may be sure. When people come to church today we may be sure that they come because they want to come. They have many choices and can be engaged in some other activities if they so desire.

Furthermore we believe that those people who reject these calls to lesser things and hold fast their love for an interest in the church will grow stronger Christian characters than may have been possible in a day when the church was the predominant center of community life. We may not have as many "comp followers" as in other days but we know that today a church man is a church man by choice.

ONE DAY BETTER THAN THREE YEARS

It would appear that the psalmist had a rather short visit to Jerusalem. Nevertheless, he is jubilantly happy and declares that "a day in thy court is better than a thousand elsewhere." Then he makes a statement about doorkeepers that is better understood if we remember who the writer was.

As said earlier, the Sons of Korah were keepers of the gates of the Tabernacle. Hastings's Dictionary of the Bible says of the Sons of Korah, "We gather that the Sons of Korah were of Edomite extraction, were incorporated among the Levites and formed a Temple-guild... They shared, therefore, with the sons of Asaph the honor of forming the Temple-choir. But whether they rose (or fell) from being doorkeepers to being singers, or vice versa, is... impossible to say."

In the light of the duties the Korahites were accustomed to perform, we better understand why he refers to the position of doorkeeper in God's house and compares it to the place of one dwelling in the tents of wickedness. He and his group were doorkeepers and they took a religious pride in their work.

HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT THE CHURCH?

The psalmist declares in our Memory Selection, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." How does that statement compare with the feeling in our hearts when we come to the matter of church attendance? Do we look forward to it with joyous expectation, or do we think of it as a duty which we feel we must perform?

We should understand that worship at God's house is more of an attitude than an act. We sing, pray, repeat the creed, make our offering and study God's Word. All of these acts are a part of worship. Nevertheless, our attitude, as we engage in these activities, is more important than what we do.

We should remember also that worship at the house of God is not an end in itself, any more than taking a car to a filling station is an end in itself. We get gas in the car in order that it may serve its purpose as a means of transportation. We worship to receive an infilling of grace in order that there may be an outpouring of graciousness from our lives that will bless the lives of the people we meet.

No man should be a narrow sectarian. To be so borders on unforgivable religious bigotry. No church, at yet, has discovered the whole truth. Nevertheless, every man should find a church where he feels that he can be most at home religiously and where he can render his best service. When he finds such a church he should love it above all others and should loyally support it with his life, his love and his means. He should attend its services remembering that we may go to church without worshiping and we may worship without going to church. However the ideal and most helpful way is to go to church and worship.

WE SHOULD LOVE THE CHURCH

1. We should love the church because it is God at work among men and it is his most effective means of evangelizing the world.

2. We should love the church and give it our best because it represents the highest ideals, the highest standards for living earth knows anything about. We should love it because the church renders a larger, benevolent, unselfish service to the ends of the earth than any other organization among men. We should love the church because it has been preserved for us at the cost of the life's blood of some of the best people earth has ever known.

3. We should love the church because it is the only organization on earth that is eternal.

The church is the oldest organization on the face of the earth. It outlives every organization of earth. It has survived the countless organizations that have purposed to destroy it. It will survive every organization that now exists or will exist and become the church triumphant in the world to come.

Because the church is eternal it offers man his one and only opportunity to invest his life where his investment will be eternally worth while. We are concerned about many things amid the busy activities of life. Let us remember that the only things we do that have eternal value are those things that in some way relate us to the work of the kingdom of God.

We spend our money in many ways. The only way we can make any part of what comes into our hands permanently our own is to invest some of it in some way in the work of the kingdom of God. We will clip coupons on investments made in God's kingdom as long as the eternities roll on.

Every day we live, we should thank God for the church and for the privileges of fellowship, service and worship it offers here and for the hope it holds for the future.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A recent study of pre-seminary education, made through a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., indicates needs for some changes in the training of ministers. One finding of the two-year, \$100,000 project is the discovery that only 33 percent of 966 students attending seven representative Protestant seminaries plan on the parish ministry as a permanent career. The directors of the study, Dr. Keith R. Bridston and Dr. Dwight W. Culver, stated that a re-evaluation of the seminaries' program is needed because "seminaries are traditionally regarded as places for training parish ministers."

It seems to us that something more significant than a reevaluation of the seminaries' programs is indicated here. As we face the continuing desperate shortage of parish ministers we need to find an answer to why so many "specialists" are being developed and such a small percentage of "general practitioners."

Rising criticism has already been felt by government officials in New Hampshire as they seek to work out the "bugs" in the state-operated lottery recently legalized in that state as a means of providing \$4,000,000 annually for public school aid. Protestant clergymen have been particularly vehement in their condemnation of the "morality" of the state-wide sweepstakes approved by Gov. John W. King.

The legislation has already come to be known across the country as "King's Folly." The "bug" that will continue to refuse to be worked out is the immorality of this kind of approach to the provision of funds for public education when the forms of legislation used in most other states have not even been tried.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes of Maryland has signed into law a measure that would outlaw legal slot machines in Maryland by 1968. The slot machines, introduced in 1941 in four southern Maryland counties, have bitterly opposed by Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen concerned with the immoral influence of gambling in the area.

What we can't understand is why the period of doing away with the "one armed bandits" should be spread out over five years. The rationalization given is that this plan would lessen economic impact on the counties involved.

Evangelist Billy Graham has indicated that he has no interest in political office. Speaking in Montreux, Switzerland, where he had gone for the marriage of his daughter, he said in comment on rumors emanating from the United States, "I have a much bigger job as a preacher of the Gospel than any political office in the world."

The comment was stirred by a news story that conservative Texas Oil millionaire, H.L. Hunt, had indicated that he was thinking of supporting Graham for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination.

A "spiritual boot camp" will be sponsored by three major Lutheran bodies, June 17-27, at Holden Village in Washington state for young men entering military service. Designed to help future GI's renew and deepen their religion, the camp will be held under auspices of the Lutheran Church in America, American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

We would like to commend our Lutheran brethren for this imaginative approach to a very significant problem that gives concern to every parent and every pastor.

Because of a continuing shortage of clergymen in the Irish Methodist Church, the Belfast District Synod has decided to ask this year's Church conference to investigate the feasibility of admitting retired laymen to the ministry. This is an area in which the church is endeavoring to widen its ministry because of great new housing developments.

This is a fertile field for recruitment for additional manpower for the ministry in our own nation, as many Methodist leaders are beginning to realize. We are finding a large number of potential recruits among the men retiring from the armed services.

An organization of Dutch Catholic families will present a Friesian bull to Pope John XXIII for his model farm at Castel Gandolfo, the paper summer



GOV. JOHN W. KING of New Hampshire has signed a bill authorizing a state-operated sweepstakes which, proponents claim, will raise \$4,000,000 annually to assist local public school systems. New Hampshire thus becomes the first state in 70 years to conduct a lottery. The Kennedy Administration in Washington reportedly informed Gov. King that it opposed the measure. Protestant leaders opposed the program and failed, at a special meeting, to persuade Gov. King to exercise his veto powers.

estate near Rome, it has been announced in Amsterdam. The son of a farmer, Pope John has introduced modern methods at the farm which have been highly praised and copied by Italian farmers.

Many significant events of church history have centered about "papal bulls," but this is the first time we have read of this kind.

Father Hans Kueng, famed Roman Catholic theologian who has made a number of controversial lectures on Church reform in the United States, ended his visit in Washington recently in an unexpected visit with President Kennedy. In a chance meeting during a tour of the White House, Father Kueng was particularly pleased because, as he put it, "politics is my private passion."

We have no reason to believe that President Kennedy would not make the same observation.

Leaders of the United Church Women, meeting re-

cently in Seattle, Wash., adopted a resolution expressing "grave concern" and strong disapproval of New Hampshire's lottery law and alerting church women across the country to the "danger of similar action" by other states.

The president of a Detroit publishing firm, Parish Tithing, Inc., which publishes promotional materials for Catholic Tithing Crusades has announced that the practice of tithing in Roman Catholic parishes has increased almost a thousand per cent in only two years. Richard Meurer said an estimated 3,000 parishes are now conducting tithing programs whereas, only about 300 did so two years ago.

Dr. Harold Fey, editor of the Christian Century, told the Catholic Press Association at their recent meeting in Miami, that the Roman Catholic Church shares with the United States one great problem, that of "communicating its purpose and politics to the rest of the world." Dr. Fey said the Second Vatican Council "demonstrated that the press of the world has both the capacity and the disposition to present a fair, accurate and balanced picture of this enormous intellectual and spiritual enterprise."

Lutheran Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, speaking at the recent assembly of the world Association for Christian Broadcasting meeting in Mairobi, Kenya, that modern means of communication must be systematically utilized by the Christian Church if it rightly understand the message which it must transmit all over the world in the name of the Risen Lord."

The National Religious Publicity Council, at its recent meeting in Chicago, voted to change its name to the Religious Public Relations Council. The Council is made up of men and women professionally engaged in full-time Church related public relations. Re-elected officers were Miss Ella Harllee, Washington, director of the religious film and TV project of American University, president; the Rev. David W. Gockley, public relations director of Religion in America Life, vice-president; and Leonard M. Perryman, news service director of the Methodist Board of Missions, secretary.

The board of directors of the New York State Council of Churches has voted to back a federal census of religious bodies. A resolution was recently passed on this same subject by the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, who is retiring as president of Union Theological Seminary of June 20, has been named by the school to a specially created traveling professorship. The appointment was announced at a dinner given at Riverside Church by the seminary in honor of the prominent leader. It was also disclosed that the seminary will name its new 12-story, \$4,000,000 residence building after Dr. Van Dusen.

Dr. D.G.S. M'Timkulu, a Methodist from Northern Rhodesia, has been elected as chairman of the 20-member general committee of the newly-formed All Africa Conference of Churches. Named executive secretary was Dr. Samuel Amissah, principal of Wesley Training College, Kumasi, Ghana.

The Christian population of India increased slightly in the 1951-1961 decade, census figures recently released by the government show. It was reported that 10,498,077 Indians were professed Christians in 1961 - 24 out of every 1,000 residents. Ten years previously the ratio was 23 out of every 1,000. Of the current total, the majority, 6,282,409, is Roman Catholic.

Membership in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in North America reached 2,611,695 last year, a gain of 67,151 over 1961, the denomination's headquarters in St. Louis recently reported.

LOUISIANA LAYMAN

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SMU alumni.

Born in Waco, Texas, Jimmie Owen was the second male student on the SMU campus in 1915, the year the University commenced classes. He attended SMU with such notables as Methodist Bishop Paul Martin, insurance company president, S. J. Hay, Eugene McElvaney, prominent Dallas banker and chairman of SMU's Board of Trustees and Hamphill Hosford, retired SMU provost and current mathematics professor. Jimmie Owen was a football player under Coach Ray Morrison. In writing Dr. Tate, Owen said, "I am looking back and remembering the time I walked on the Johnson grass covered campus of Southern Methodist University about two weeks before school started, I located Southern Methodist University's first president, our beloved Dr. Hyer, and told him of my desire and ambition and willingness to work." Dr. Hyer took an interest in the young man, got him a job at ten cents an hour laying brick sidewalk, and provided him a room on the third floor of Dallas Hall, the only building SMU possessed in 1915, a gift of the city of Dallas.

After working his way through SMU studying pre-law for two years, Jimmie Owen left the University at the outbreak of World War I and became a pursuit pilot in the aviation section of the Army, serving as an instructor. He still flies his own plane, as do his son and son-in-law, both of whom were also military pilots. During his active service in the Army Air Force, Owen landed a World War I Jenny airplane on the SMU campus just as convocation was dismissed. The professors and students ran over to the airplane, and Owen stuck his head out of the cockpit and said "Is this Love Field?" SMU President Hyer immediately reconvened the convocation and invited Owen to speak to the faculty and students.

Career From 1919

"Being a university man and an officer and aviator in the U.S. Army, I felt I was entitled to a pretty good job," Owen says. So, in 1919, he went to Burburnett, the "Boom Town" of motion picture fame, where he became a mule skinner at \$5.00 per day and was shortly promoted to roustabout, gangpusher and then tooldresser, a job which enabled him to make \$9.00 a day for 12 hours of work.



SHOWN AT THE May 5 groundbreaking for a new educational building and fellowship hall at Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, are from left, Truly Whittington, lay leader; the Rev. Robert Holladay, pastor; the Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport district superintendent; and the Rev. Tracy Arnold, former pastor of Trinity, and now pastor of St. Luke's Church, Shreveport.

Centenary Announces Plans For Baccalaureate Service

Dr. William A. Benfield, Jr., senior minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual commencement address at Centenary College on June 2, President Joe J. Mickle announced today.

The commencement exercises will take place at 8 p.m., in the college's outdoor Amphitheatre, President Mickle said. In case of bad weather, they will be held at Haynes Memorial Gymnasium.

"Centenary will be honored by the presence of Dr. Benfield on its Commencement platform," Mickle declared. "Not only is he a churchman of great stature, he maintains close touch with the field of higher education. I look forward to his message."

Dr. Benfield was born in West Virginia in 1915. He took the A.B. degree at Davidson College in 1936, the Bachelor of Divinity and the Master of Theology degrees at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the Doctor of Theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Divinity at Davidson in 1949.

He was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in June, 1939, and his first ministry was at Beechmont Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Ky.

His career in the oil business and, later in the transportation business, brought him into contact with such notables as oil man John Gilliland, E. B. Germany, retired chairman of Lone Star Steel, Curt Hammil, who drilled the Lucas discovery at Spindletop in Beaumont, and H. L. Hunt and A. H. Meadows, Dallas oil men. He has wild-catted in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Australia.

He started in the oil business in Lafayette in 1943, in DeSoto Parish. He has made his home in Lafayette for about 5 years. He operates the J. P. Owen Interests, which his son and son-in-law are also associated.

Appreciation Expressed

In expressing SMU's gratitude to Jimmie Owen, Dr. Willis Tate said, "We are deeply grateful to Jimmie Owen, not just as a donor but as a man who

Subsequently Benfield served at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville before coming to Shreveport in 1958. He was also professor of Hebrew and professor of practical theology at and Old Testament, later vice-president Seminary.

Dr. Benfield has been an active writer in the field of theology. He co-authored "Understanding the Books of the Old Testament" and "The Church Faces the Isms", was editor of the Presbyterian church's Sunday School Lessons for Young People and the Young People's Department of "Christian Observer".

His denominational activities have included directorships of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Southwestern University at Memphis, Centre College and the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; membership in the General Council of the General Assembly; moderator in the Synod of Louisiana; and chairmanships of the Board of Annuities and Relief and the Advisory Council of Higher Education.

Dr. Benfield is a member of the Rotary Club, Juniper Club, Shreveport Club and the Shreveport Country Club.

It was recently announced that Dr. Benfield will leave Shreveport during the coming summer to become first minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, W. Va.

exemplifies the best in the American tradition. I think I can express what I meant best by quoting from a letter Jimmie Owen sent me: "I want to prove to the world that in this free America of ours, a young man starting with nothing but ambition can achieve not only financial success but some spiritual satisfaction in attaining his goal in our free society within a short period of years." Jimmy Owen is an SMU alumnus who makes his university proud."

If St. Paul ever advised the WSCS to "keep silent in the churches" he would make a very terrible mistake.



MEMBERS OF THE Board of Trustees of Camp Istrouma, shown at a recent meeting, are, from left, front row, Mrs. J.M. Wilkes, secretary, J.W. Pope, W.C. Hornsey, chairman, R.D. Mathes, Carl Lueg; back row, Walter Harris, Morgan Lipscomb, James John, Richard Jones, Louise Sharp and J.M. Wilkes.

ISSUE PENTECOST MESSAGE

In their annual message for Pentecost, the presidents of the World Council of Churches appeal to Christians to place their confidence in the Holy Spirit and "venture into new paths."

The message is intended to be read on Sunday, June 2, to congregations of the 201 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox bodies which make up the WCC.

Charles C. Parlin, New York lawyer and prominent Methodist layman, signed the document along with the other five presidents of the WCC.

The six presidents noted that the "earthly ministry of Jesus Christ begins and ends with the Holy Spirit" and said that the churches should follow this pattern in their life.

"That means an openness, a looking forward," the message said. "There is much hopeful talk at present of Christian unity . . . But unity in the Holy Spirit will undoubtedly demand sacrifices, as we venture into new paths chosen, not by us but by Him."

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BISHOP MARKS ANNIVERSARY

On May 3, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area marked the 25th anniversary of his consecration as a bishop.

The occasion was appropriately noted in a front-page feature in The Texas Methodist. Accompanying a picture of the bishop in his office was an editorial by the Rev. Dr. Carl Keightley, editor of the paper, who commended the Bishop for his "invincible optimism" and his boundless faith that whatever needs to be done can be done."

Bishop Martin was elected to the episcopacy in 1938 by the last General Conference of the former M. E. Church, South, before Methodist Unification. He is the senior active bishop of the church today, being the only episcopal leader currently presiding over an area whose consecration as a bishop occurred prior to Unification.

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President John F. Kennedy will be the commencement speaker June 10 at The American University in Washington, D.C., it has been announced by Dr. Hurst A. Anderson, president of the school.

History of the Deaconess Movement in Louisiana

by Ella K. Hooper

The forerunner of Deaconess work in Louisiana was the Mary Werline Mission on Tchoupitoulas Street in New Orleans. Mrs. Lily Meekins headed this work and, though not herself a deaconess, was "a helper of many". Living in this slum area of a great port city she cared for an invalid daughter and was a friend to derelicts, bums, little children, ambitious youth, the ill and aged, and in addition she was an inspiration to young would-be missionaries who came to know her.

In 1902 the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sent a memorial to the General Conference asking for the establishment of the office of Deaconess. The memorial was granted and the following year five deaconesses were consecrated.

ST. MARK'S ORGANIZED IN 1907

"In 1907 a site was selected in New Orleans below Canal Street, in a district where it was said that more nationalities were represented than in any other city in the country. Here a work was jointly begun by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the General Board, the Board of Church Extension, and the local City Mission Board. The name given the institution was St. Marks." ("Women and Missions" by Estelle Haskin). Miss Margaret Ragland, Deaconess, was the first Head Resident.

At about the same time, or earlier, two Church Deaconesses—Miss Ethel Jackson and Miss Lee Crittenden, were appointed to work with the Pastor of First Methodist Church, New Orleans, then located on St. Charles Avenue, not far from the Tchoupitoulas Street Mission. First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was also an earlier user of the Deaconess in its program. Miss Grace Gatewood was their first Deaconess and will long be remembered for her gracious and effective ministry.

The Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport represents another type of work done by Deaconesses. It is a Christian home for working girls newly arrived in the city. Miss Mary Nichols became Head Resident in 1930 and Miss Mary Freeman in 1935.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, leader and President of the Woman's work in "the beginnings", a woman of great vision and spiritual power, was "convinced that the greatest home mission work of the church was the Christianizing and building up in Christ of the splendid student bodies of state educational institutions. She felt so keenly that the Church should take steps to meet this situation that she made it the leading passage of her message to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in 1904. In line with this thinking we now have trained young men or women for this service in Louisiana. Two Deaconesses serving in recent years in this capacity are Miss Mamie Chandler and Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley.

RURAL WORK EMPHASIZED

Still another field of service is Rural Work, and a broad one. Here a Deaconess may be assigned to a District, or to a group of small churches within an area having similar problems, or even to a Conference. She works with the pastors and local leaders to help deepen the spiritual life, develop local leadership, suggest lines of cooperation and, in short, become "all things to all people." One of the early Rural Deaconesses in Louisiana was Miss Shiela Nuttall who now serves the Board of Education as Conference Children's Worker. Among others were Miss Ora Hooper, Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Eva Crenshaw.

The MacDonnell work in Terrebonne, Lafourche, and adjoining Parishes was peculiarly blessed in the services of dedicated deaconesses. This work officially begun in 1917, had its real beginning in 1909 with the coming to the area of a public school teacher—



Miss Hooper

a missionary candidate. This was the French Field, an area of predominately French speaking folk, Acadian, or Cajun, as they were frequently called. The rural areas were almost destitute of schools, churches, roads and other "modern" necessities that so abundantly prevail today.

HOUMA AREA DEVELOPED

A mission-minded evangelist, the Rev. Martin Hebert, visited friends on Bayou Blue, held a revival and organized a small group of Methodists. The Louisiana Annual Conference at its meeting in December, 1907, appointed a pastor to Houma to shepherd and develop this work. In 1912 a Deaconess, Miss Eliza Iles was sent to assist him. Two years later Miss Kate Walker, another Deaconess, was sent to Houma and remained three years. Then, in 1917, Miss Ella K. Hooper, who later became a deaconess, together with her friend, Mrs. Laura M. White, was sent to survey the field and develop a work for the Woman's Missionary Council. Houma was chosen for the hub, a small home rented, and work begun. Travel was by foot and by boat, for many bayous radiated from Houma, but few roads. In 1919 a beautiful twenty-five acre farm property was purchased by the Council and increased Wesley House work undertaken, including taking a few rural boys and girls in the home to attend public school. In 1923 an additional building was erected and the MacDonell School for rural boys and girls was begun.

This multi-featured, closely unified work—rural, social service, and school—was peculiarly fitted to challenge and interest dedicated Deaconesses and it was MacDonell's good fortune to have those with rare and varied talents, many staying for long periods of service: among these, Miss Lillie J. Hendricks, 17 years; Miss Emma Vogel, nurse, 12 years; one worker, not a deaconess, Miss Ione Gandy, 25 years, Miss Elizabeth Covington, music, 12 years.

WORK WITH THE INDIANS

Work with the Indians began as a part of MacDonell's rural program: visits to homes "beyond road's end" in times of sickness, disaster, hurricanes, epidemics, and such. This group of people had no schools and were social outcasts, speaking only "Cajun French".

The opportunity came to start a school for them in a borrowed dance hall with volunteer teachers. It soon attracted the attention and interest of friends in Houma, and as far as Shreveport. The Houma Pastor was most cooperative. In 1936 the Council appointed a Deaconess to help with the Indian work. Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn, together with Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, a volunteer, carried the work to new heights, still under the guidance of MacDonell and the assistance of the nurse and music teacher. Then, in 1949, the Woman's Division of Christian Service received a grant of two acres of land and, with Week of Prayer money, erected a building for the work with Indians.

At about that time, too, a public school was opened for the Indians at Dulac which has grown rapidly so that now about fifteen teachers are employed and a high school opened for Indians near Houma.

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

A Salute to Louisiana Deaconesses

The 75th anniversary of the authorization of the office of deaconess in The Methodist Church affords us a fitting opportunity to express our deep and sincere appreciation of the devoted lives and dedicated service of those who have ministered in this beautiful relationship across three quarters of a century.

The celebration of this anniversary also challenges us to join our efforts with those who are directly responsible in the program of deaconess work to the end that we may be successful in the matter of enlisting 75 new deaconesses in 1963.

We express our gratitude to the deaconesses, active and retired, who have served and who are serving now within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference. They have blessed us with their ministry and have inspired us by the example of their gracious lives and consecrated labors. We greet them on this birthday of deaconess work and thank them for all that they mean to Louisiana Methodism.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Walton



DEACONESS PATRICIA GIBSON is shown in two scenes in the kindergarten at Dulac Community Center, Dulac, Louisiana.



The Methodist Center has turned its attention to other community needs, but continues the kindergarten. And now, again, a lovely Deaconess, Miss Patricia Gibson, is working with the Indians of Dulac.

But Louisiana has also contributed some able workers to other areas among them, Miss Mamie Daniels, Miss Sophie Kuntz, and Miss Emma Burris, the latter now serving with the Board of Missions in an executive capacity.

And what is the reward these deaconesses seek? Their reply:

"I serve neither for reward nor thanks,
But from gratitude and love.
This is my only reward."

This is the unofficial motto of all deaconesses and the call is still for well-trained, consecrated young women to enter the service of their Master and the Church as deaconesses.

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A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Gardens of Beauty Embody God's Love

THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE -- At this season we are giving thought to our gardens. On the sidewalks of our large cities we have to do our gardening in our dreams, but nevertheless we do it. And on this May day three weeks after Easter, my mind is drawn to a statement which stands in the Fourth Gospel and reads thus: "In the place where he was crucified there was a garden."

Although that is just a simple prose statement of description, there is something deeply symbolic about it. The putting of gardens in the places of painful crucifixion, the replacing of the bad things which cause crosses with the good things which make gardens -- this is the challenge of change.

Consider the contrast between the cross and the garden. In the place where He was crucified, there was ugliness. The cross itself was an ugly object. We have decorated it with gold and set it with jewels; but in Jesus' day the cross was viewed as the scaffold is in our time, an ugly sinister object. Then there were: the angry tempers of the accusers, the cruel countenances of the curious onlookers who had come out to see a man die. The whole scene was ugly.

But a garden is just the opposite. It is the embodiment of beauty, a bouquet on the bosom of Mother Earth. Its fresh petals glistening with the jewels of dew in the morning, its colors rivaling those of the painter's canvas, a garden is one of God's most beautiful objects.

And one challenge of change is the replacing of crucifying ugliness by garden-like beauty. Are we doing that as the years pass? How is it with us in our personal lives? We speak of our garden of memory, but are our memories really gardens of growing beauty or places of ugly thoughts? Do we keep torturing ourselves with the old regrets? Do our minds dwell on the unlovely and painful experiences of the past.

That is the way our memories sometimes serve us. They keep so much that should have been discarded. This is no doubt what caused Bergson, the French philosopher, to say: "it is the function of the brain to enable us not to remember, but to forget." That is, our minds lay hold on a definite object by inhibiting other thoughts. And while we often complain about our inability to remember, it is almost a worse mental state when we cannot forget, when fixed ideas become obsessions until they unbalance our minds.

One of the secrets of mental peace and progress is to dig from our memories the weedy regrets which infest them. And we should plant good ideas to grow in the place of envy, anger, and fear. When Dr. F.B. Meyer first came from England to the religious conferences at Northfield, Massachusetts, he attracted great crowds. For some years he was the most popular and welcome visiting speaker. But after a time another Englishman, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan came also to Northfield. And the crowds left Meyer to hear the brilliant expositions of Morgan. At first, Dr. Meyer confessed that he felt pangs of jealousy. But he said, "The only way I can conquer my feeling is to pray for him daily, which I do."

Also consider the vast possibilities of beautifying the world around us. The increasing Garden Clubs of America are among our most promising forms of progress. We have beautified our ships from Fulton's ungainly little steamboat to our graceful and gigantic ocean liners. We have developed the awkward-looking flying kite of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk into the beautiful jets of today. Think how the almost ludicrous motor buggies of sixty years ago have evolved into the present sleek models.

Many are getting worried about the displacement of man-power by automation. True, few "hands" can make more things. But if we set out to beautify our landscapes, our factories, our homes, our Main Streets, almost unlimited opportunities for work begin to open. One hope of solving the unemployment problem lies in new channels of cultivating the ultimate values of beauty, truth and goodness.

Now look again at that garden near Calvary's cross. Out of the crucifying pain of the cross came the loveliest words in our language; "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

With that Christ-like spirit we can replace the graves of war into the gardens of brotherhood.

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RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, is shown as he addressed an audience of 300 at the Islington Community Church at Westwood, Mass. It was the first of more than 20 planned talks by the prelate before Protestants on the need for Christian unity. He was welcomed here by Dr. Edwin P. Booth (seated at left on stage), minister emeritus and a Boston University professor of theology, and the Rev. Richard G. Smith, minister of the sponsoring church.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"WHAT CAN I DO?"

Many people are disturbed these days about conditions at home and overseas. And rightly so. In the realm of international politics, the world is certainly in a fever of disorder. At home we are torn by hatreds in our public life. Bitterness and revenge seem to be the order of the day. While some citizens demand their rights, others stubbornly refuse to consider their claims.

The same sense of confusion has invaded our churches. Some of our young people sneer at the man who gives time to community endeavors. They say he is in it for the money he can get out of it. Older churchmen close their hearts to God's guidance and resolve social questions into terms of what they want to do to promote their own interests.

While these alarming conditions prevail everywhere, we should not be driven into a panic because they seem so near to us. After all, there has not been a decade for 20 centuries when life was entirely smooth across the world. Our country is in a trough of low morals right now. But it is not the first time. We can improve ourselves if we want to badly enough. And the United States is strong enough that if

it has the courage to set a moral pattern for itself, other nations will follow it.

The Christian churches have always been the centers of spiritual growth. Therefore our church can do as much as -- even more than -- any other agency of society. And since you and I are members of a church, here are some suggested ideas that we might carry out.

1. Make a list of every weakness of your church. Everything that is wrong. Not what other people say. What you know to be wrong about it. If you have real spiritual courage, you will find some wrongs that strike pretty close home. Maybe you are doing some of them. Then when you have written them down, ask God to help you correct the wrongs in your own life. Then pray for the others who do the other wrongs.

2. No war was ever won while the soldiers fought on the defensive. Let's go on the offensive for Christ. Try to win one person to Christ this year. If you never have done it you may need some help. But there are a number of good pamphlets that will guide you. I'll discuss them next week.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Bound in the Bundle of Life With the Lord thy God

Rev. W. Maurice Lanier, Minister
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One of the finest pieces of literature to deal with the mystery of unmerited suffering is one of the longer poems of Robert Frost, "A Masque of Reason." (COMPLETE POEMS OF ROBERT FROST, Henry Holt and Company, 1949) It is based on the book of Job and is called a forty third chapter of the book. It was written to deal with the afterthoughts of both God and Job a thousand years after the book of Job itself was written. There is in this poem by Frost both a profound understanding of how God has dealt with man in the long centuries of time. One of the most striking things in the poem is that Job asked God why he had allowed him to suffer so severely and the suspense that Frost creates by postponing the answer for some time before God finally gives His reasons. God refers to the first two chapters of the book of Job in which we are told that God allowed Satan to test Job. It seems to me, however, that the really significant part of the answer comes when God tells Job that He was struggling with him to reveal new truth about the ways of God with man, and that it was necessary to have an individual person to engage in the experiment and bear the brunt of it. God and Job were struggling together, as Frost portrays their encounter.

As we read the book of Job, we are moved by the fact that Job thought of God as being angry with him and in fact his enemy. Job insists that he does not deserve all that God is placing on him.

"God will not turn back his anger;
...Though I am innocent, I cannot answer him;

I must appeal for mercy to my accuser....

For he crushes me with a tempest,
he mocks at the calamity of the innocent.

If it is not he, who then is it?"

Job 9:13, 15, 17, 23, 24. (RSV)

Job did not have the comforting assurance that God was a God of love as well as a God of power.

Yet while Job was struggling with pain and rejection, he was not really outside of God's keeping. God gave him the strength to win the victory. One is reminded of what Abigail said to David: "... (You)... shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God..." (I Samuel 25:29) Just as David was under the protection of God's care, so are we. We may suffer, but God is

keenly interested in us and will give us the strength and spiritual resources to bear anything He places upon us. Like Job, we may have to pour out our bitterness to God before we come to know that God is deeply concerned about us. He is our God always and is a God of love as well as a God of power. We are bound in the bundle of life with Him.

Build A Devotional

"Evil Lies Close at Hand"

"And the tempter came", are the words which Matthew uses in introducing the temptation of Jesus. This is a thought-provoking and warning statement. After his baptismal experience, during which the Heavenly Voice declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"; and following the forty days in the wilderness spent in prayer and meditation, "The tempter came". Temptation is always present. A school advertized that there was not a temptation within five miles of its campus! There is no doubt that they stumbled over the most subtle and vicious temptation of all.

Jesus was tempted to satisfy bodily desire by turning stones into bread. There is no doubt that we are overcome by this temptation. The gross materialism of this day witnesses to failure in recognizing the highest values in life.

Jesus was tempted to the spectacular in drawing men to Himself. There is no excuse for a worship service or a sermon being as dull as a toothache, but to resort to the spectacular hides the very thing we seek to reveal. "To worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness", means that we come to the

right place with the right attitude.

The temptation to popularity and prominence was not absent from the experience of Jesus. "I'll give you the world in return for your worship", is always the promise which is never fulfilled. Men barter their souls in exchange for the world, and to what profit?

Temptation grows in subtly and intensity. If Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are, then He had to face them all through his life. The sins of the flesh may be comparatively easy to overcome. The sins of the spirit, arrogance, bigotry, prejudice, self-righteousness, and the like, steal over our soul like a creeping paralysis leaving us spiritually impotent.

Jesus knew the source of strength for this hour and turned to the Father. He relied, not merely upon fool-proof text, but upon the Living Presence and was not denied. "Behold, Angels came and ministered to him", is the record. There is always the Heavenly Minister when hearts are open to Him.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO 1968

While Methodist eyes will be focusing increasingly on Pittsburgh as the meeting place for the 1964 General Conference, forward-looking church leaders are already beginning to think in terms of finding a place for the 1968 General Conference.

At its recent meeting in Pittsburgh, the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference authorized its

Let The Children Come

There are many stories about David, the shepherd boy who became a king. When he was very young, he was the keeper of a flock of sheep on the hillsides near Bethlehem. During the long days and nights he played the shepherd's flute. He became an excellent marksman with the sling-shot which was used to protect the sheep from wild animals. Very early in his life he began to think of God. He made up songs about God's love - His care and protection, His beautiful world, and His right ways to live. These songs are called the Psalms of the Bible.

As David grew older, he spent much time with King Saul. Jonathan, the king's son, became his very best friend. Through the years King Saul did not always like David, but he and Jonathan, remained close friends. After the death of Saul and Jonathan, David was made the king. His kingdom became strong and peaceful and he ruled for thirty-three years. He learned everything that he had learned as a shepherd boy to protect his people from the armies of their enemies.

During this time things were not always easy for David. He had to settle arguments among his own people and always he had to protect them from the warring tribes who surrounded them. But he still spent much time thinking of God and His ways and he sang songs about all of these things.

Many of David's deeds have been forgotten, but people everywhere still read and love his songs in the "Book of Psalms". Turn in your Bible and see how many of these there are. At your family sharing time, read Psalm 23.

.....Aunt Feather

officers to send a letter to the active bishops of the church's 44 episcopal areas in the U. S., asking if any of the cities in their areas would like to invite the denomination's highest law-making body to hold its 1968 session there.

The long-range thinking of the commission is occasioned by the increasing problem of finding suitable convention cities that do not really have their facilities booked well in advance. The General Conference has also authorized advance checking and planning.

POEM FOR THE WEEK

In the hour of trial,
Jesus plead for me;
Lest by base denial,
I depart from Thee.
When thou seest me waver,
with a look recall,
Not for fear or favor
Suffer me to fall.

When my last hour cometh
Fraught with strife and pain,
when my dust returneth
To the dust again;
On Thy truth relying,
Through that mortal strife:
Jesus, take me, dying
To eternal life.

James Montgomery
METHODIST HYMNAL

New Orleans District Missions

Name Year's Top Woman, Layman

On May 9th at 6:30 p.m., the District Board of Missions of the New Orleans District met at the Carrollton Avenue Church. Approximately 175 ministers and representatives from the 44 churches of the District came together to review the work of the past year and to set up a budget involving over \$9,000 for the coming year.

Highlights of the program were: the presentation of the Methodist Woman of the Year, Mrs. E. J. Manis from the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, and the presentation of the Methodist Layman of the year, Mr. George D. Williams of the Munholland Memorial Church. The Rev. Ned Stout, pastor of the Elysian Fields Church, presented Mrs. Manis, and the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., pastor of the Munholland Church, presented Mr. Williams.

Another interesting and delightful part of the program was the presentation of the traditional Tea Ceremony by representatives of the Japanese Consulate in New Orleans. This was done in the national dress of Japan. The ceremony was put on by Mrs. Wakayama, the wife of the consul, and her daughter, Mariko.

The address of the evening was made by Mr. Jhang Moon of Seoul Korea. He spoke of the contribution Christianity had made to the life of his country. It was an informative and moving address, especially as he closed with the story of his own escape from North Korea when the Communists took over.

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, district superintendent, announced the development of a

new Methodist church in Belle Chasse.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Dr. Lueg, president; the Rev. B. A. Galloway, vice-president; Mr. Edgar E. Cayard treasurer; and Mr. Alfred Hanson, secretary.



MRS. WAKAYAMA (foreground)
and daughter, Mariko.



Mrs. Moon and Mr. Moon,
Dr. Lueg and Mrs. Lueg.

AN APPRECIATION

The man we are honoring tonight was born in El Dorado, Arkansas on February 3, 1910. His early education took place in Gibsland, Louisiana, where he completed High School, and then he went to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, Louisiana, where he studied Engineering. There his favorite sport was tennis. He also enjoyed playing clarinet in the school band.

As a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston, active in youth work, he attracted the attention of Mr. T. L. James of that church, who offered him a job as bookkeeper. He accepted this work after graduating from Louisiana Tech. From this position he has worked his way up in the company until now he is one of the Directors and one of the Vice Presidents of the T. L. James Co., serving as head of the Paving Construction Division with his office in Kenner, Louisiana.

He met Miss Ena James Black at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, where she was a registered nurse, and they were married in 1940 and have four children: Anne, George, Kay and Sandra. They have lived in Orleans and Jefferson Parish for the last eighteen years.

He joined Munholland Memorial Methodist Church on April 10, 1949, and became very active in the church during the pastorate of Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. He has been very active in the Men's Bible Class, a member of the Official Board, at one time being Chairman of the Board. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Munholland Church, being Chairman of this group for the past two years. He has been a delegate to the Louisiana Annual Conference for a number of years for Munholland Church.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, Louisiana, and is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Gentilly Hospital Association, Inc., having made some real contributions in the matter of getting property for the new Methodist Hospital in New Orleans. He is also a contributor to other Methodist interests too numerous to mention.

One is reminded of Lloyd Douglas' book "Magnificent Obsession" in connection with the work of this man for his church. He works behind the scenes and tries to avoid the public eye. Someone has said: "This true greatness—to serve unnoticed and to work unseen." This is the spirit in which he makes his contribution to God and to the Methodist Church.

We are very happy to present George D. Williams as "Man of the Year" to the New Orleans District Board of Missions. We feel that this spirit reflects clearly and beautifully the spirit of our Master.

AN APPRECIATION OF MARGARET MANIS

Business has characterized the life of the recipient of the award of Methodist Woman of the Year in the New Orleans District. From the time she was born in Drew, Mississippi, a small town in the Mississippi Delta until this present hour she has been busy. Born on a farm where her father was plantation manager she was educated in the public schools of Drew. Graduation found her as secretary and treasurer of her class, a member of the high school Glee Club, a player on the Basketball Team, a worker in the Dramatic Club, Girls Hi-Y, and Home Economics Club. Girl Scouting, and Epworth League took her other time. Always, she has been a leader in the Church.

Higher education claimed her attention at the Mississippi State Teachers College, now the University of Southern Mississippi where she graduated with a B.S. Degree in Home Economics. She found time to be secretary of the Freshman class, to work in the Business office, Registrar's Office and the Correspondence Office, and to play basketball and Tennis. The school honored her by making her 1937 Queen of May. Finishing college in three years she taught Home Economics for one year and went to work for the Government as Home Supervisor for Farm Security Administration in Claiborne County, with Port Bibson as headquarters. It was at this stage of her life that she married.

In 1940 she moved with her husband to Tallulah, La., where she began to work in the church and Woman's Society of Christian Service as a circle chairman. A son was born in 1942. In 1943 her husband was called into service and she moved to Hattiesburg for a few months, and then to New Orleans in August 1946.

In New Orleans she found her sphere of activity becoming a charter member of Elysian Fields Church and first president of its W.S.C.S. She has in turn been its organist, one of its teachers and even janitor. At present she is the Chairman of the Commission on Education. A partial list of her activities would include the following:

- Past President of the United Church Women
- Practically every office in the District W.S.C.S.
- Treasurer of St. Mark's Community Center Board
- Chairman of Tulane Newcomb Wesley Foundation Building Committee
- Member of the N. O. Chapter of National Conference of Christians & Jews.
- Member of Board of Directors of Methodist Hospital
- Member of N. O. Chapter of U. of S. Miss. Alumni Chapter
- Immediate past member of the Executive Committee of U. of S. Miss. Alumni Association.

In addition she likes to sew, help her husband with his business, cook, and garden. Part of her time is taken up with being a member of the N. O. Woman's Interfaith Committee, and a member of the Mary Shepard Unit of National Association of Parliamentarians of which she is treasurer.

A few months ago she became a member of a prayer group that has literally freed her to express in her life the many magnificent qualities of character she does truly possess. By now you know the one who will receive the award—Margaret Manis.



FROM LEFT are Mr. George D. Williams, Mrs. Williams, Dr. Carl Lueg, Mrs. E.J. Manis and Mr. Manis.



A VIEW of part of the group present for the District Board of Missions.

SECOND ANNUAL
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 of the
 NEW ORLEANS and
 BATON ROUGE DISTRICTS
 May 11-12, 1963
 At CAMP ISTROUMA



Here, from left, are James Seglund, N.O. Dist. Lay Leader; Roy Grogan, Weatherford, Tex., speaker; and Tom Matheny, Baton Rouge Dist. Lay Leader.



Shown here, from left, are Mr. Seglund; Howard Daughenbaugh, N.O. Conference Lay Leader; and Mr. Matheny.



At left here, Dr. Carl Lueg stands on the Swing bridge at Camp Istrouma. At right is Roy Grogan, the main speaker for the retreat.



AT THE REGISTRATION desk are Jimmy Steedly, Hammond; Mr. Matheny; and Walter Harris of New Orleans.



A GROUP from Carrollton church, New Orleans, are gathered here enjoying coffee during a break.



FOLLOWING the dinner hour, laymen discuss problems of Camp Istrouma with the Rev. Wilkes, camp superintendent.



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The Foreign Missionary— Today

By Douglas Webster

(Editor's Note: Mr. Webster continues his analysis of the role of the foreign missionary on the modern religious scene. This article is reprinted with permission of Theology Today, in which it originally appeared.)

Has the foreign missionary any significant role still to play? Before answering this with too swift a negative, we should consider the threefold significance of the missionary and ask whether this significance is not of some permanent value so long as the Church lasts.

1. The foreign missionary is a symbol. He symbolizes and in his very person reminds people that the Christian Gospel and the Christian Church belong to an international and a supernatural order. There can be a Church of a nation, but there can never be a nationalist Church. Our Western Churches are for the most part far too national. Every Church needs for its health foreigners in its midst. But no Church can ultimately fulfill its function in the life of a particular nation if it is permanently led by foreigners.

The danger of the foreign missionary in the younger churches only exists in so far as he continues to lead them or to rule them longer than is necessary. The value of the foreign missionary in Africa or Asia is that he acts as a reminder that no Church can live to itself or be insular. The most important thing we can do is to hasten the day when in Africa and Asia "foreign" no longer means "Western." That is why there is such incalculable gain in doing everything possible to encourage spiritual traffic between the younger churches, especially between the two continents of Africa and Asia. All the evidence shows that the advantages are immense.

But there is more to it than this. By being foreign, the missionary bears witness to a fundamental theological truth. Jesus is always a foreigner. He is as much a foreigner to Britain and America as to Asia and Africa. He is yet more a foreigner because he is divine, a man from outside, from outer space. He came down into this world from outside it. His origin is alien.

No Church can have a national Christ, and the supreme symbolic role of the foreign missionary is to bear witness to this by his very foreignness and difference. The Gospel always comes from outside. It is revealed, not evolved.

2. The foreign missionary is a challenge. At his best, he is a challenge to the highest. The way of the world, which has captured so much of the Church, is to climb, to be a go-getter

on the up-and-up, to seek for status, wealth, importance, recognition. Jesus renounced all this. The foreign missionary has renounced it too. He has voluntarily embraced a lower standard of living, in some cases even poverty.

This kind of "folly" is needed as a corrective, a challenge and a check to all the corroding materialism that we of the West have implanted upon the rest of the world. The value of there being a few people, serving a Church, with absolutely nothing to gain for themselves, is very great indeed and beyond all exaggerating. St. Paul did this. He was misunderstood for doing so; but in doing it he set a missionary pattern for all time.

The missionary is also a challenge to evangelism. In one place after another, only the missionary is concerned with evangelism. This may be far from ideal, but it is true. The pastors and teachers are for the most part often too busy with the machinery of the Church; even those with an evangelistic longing are often not free to fulfill it.

In many countries where the welfare state is developing, schools and hospitals are becoming the responsibility of government; generous medical and educational grants are available. But no government will pay for evangelists. Only the Church will pay for them. It remains true, therefore, that the greatest gift the Church in the West can make to a younger church is the gift of one who, in addition to being professionally trained and spiritually qualified, is able to look on people with the eyes of the compassionate Christ and so to "do the work of an evangelist."

A missionary in a rural area of India writes: "A village worker, doctor or nurse must be first and foremost an evangelist. If he has only his professional abilities to offer, he will soon become discouraged and defeated in the face of apathy, indifference and ignorance." Evangelism includes service, but it is more than service. The missionary who has been gripped by the thrill of evangelism knows the power of the Gospel to convert and redeem men, whatever their state. With such a Gospel, he can accept no lesser goal. When others give up, he goes on.

3. The foreign missionary is a mediator. "As the Father has sent me, even so send I you." Jesus trained his disciples to be mediators from the earliest

days. At the feeding of the 5,000, he "blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds." As time went on, they had to learn to mediate more than bread.

So the missionary in his own life and service is a representative person, mediating the love, the care, the intercession, of one Church for another. The highest inter-Church aid is in terms of persons, not money. And just as Jesus represented and mediated God to men when he was on earth—and got crucified for doing so—the Church, and in a special sense the missionary, represented and mediates Christ in various situations across the world.

In so far as this representation and mediation are genuine, in many of these situations the mission will lead directly but inevitably into the passion, the crucifixion. "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (there is the mission) "and to give his life a ransom for many" (there is the passion). In a world such as ours, the eventual outcome of an accepted mission is a re-enacted passion.

Just to be in some places, where people starve and suffer, where Christians quarrel endlessly and go to law against each other, where the spiritual level of the Church is at an all-time low, where hardly a soul is attempting any evangelism, where even the clergy are sometimes corrupt as well as ignorant, where the least spark of spiritual inspiration or initiative is criticized or quenched — just to be there, loving, serving, caring, praying, is to be in a place of crucifixion and to learn something of the meaning of our Lord's Cross, not out of a book but by sharing it.

Possibly the highest and most worthwhile role of the foreign missionary today is to be in that kind of place, enduring that kind of ministry and passion and going through with it to the end, which though bitter may also be glorious.

The missionary can personalize the mission and the passion. Mission and passion can never be separated. They have belonged together since a Hebrew poet in exile composed the great Songs of the Servant. Today the missionary may be called to represent the divine and always foreign Christ not only in his mission but also in his passion.

Not many missionaries in the modern world are romping home with success. In many places they are re-discovering that their function is not to be little lords, as once upon a time, but little servants, insecure, vulnerable, acutely hurt, often despised and unheeded, just as Jesus was. But that is why they are there, not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give their life in whatever way the Lord shall ordain and accept.

Already some of these foreign missionaries, who have learned in their own situation something of the passion of Jesus, are beginning to discover what can be known only on the other side of Calvary—the power of the Resurrection and the meaning of Pentecost.

Briefs—

WILL CONSIDER URGENT ISSUES

A national television special telling of American religion's growing concern with today's urgent social prob-

lems, particularly in the field of civil rights, is set for Friday evening, May 24. Its title is "The Quiet Revolution."

While the hour-long NBC-TV network program will be only coincidentally on the Aldersgate anniversary being observed by Methodists, its content refers to John Wesley's "concern with worldly problems" in relation to salvation. It also will feature two Methodist participants—the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of Washington, D. C., associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Rev. Wendell Elmendorf, director of a Reform Democratic club in New York City.

The telecast is scheduled for 10 to 11 p.m., New York time.

A MONTH ONLY REMAINS

Methodist receipts for 10 of 11 general benevolence and administrative funds showed gains at the end of 11 months of the current fiscal year, it was reported May 3 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill. Only fund showing a smaller amount received so far this fiscal year when compared to the first 11 months of last fiscal year was the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry, which was off 3.73 per cent.

World Service had a total of \$11,734,336.05, a gain of 1.68 per cent over a similar period last year, but it has a long pull during May to reach the \$15,000,000 goal for the year, which ends May 31.

CALLS WEBB 'STABILIZER'

The somewhat mysterious Capt. Thomas Webb was "founder, pioneer preacher or stabilizer" for Methodism all along the central Eastern seaboard, Methodist historians were told in Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Dr. Frank Baker, British Wesley scholar now teaching at Duke University, spoke about the British Army officer's life at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Association of Methodist Historical Societies, April 16-18, at Wesley Theological Seminary.

In America at various times from 1759 to 1778, layman Webb preached in his home and in churches almost continually after his introduction to Methodism in England in the mid-1760s. Dr. Baker called him "perhaps the chief consolidator of early Methodism" in this country.



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► At El Paso

Emergency Building Fund Campaign

for

Lydia Patterson Institute

by Lona Wilson, Director, Louisiana Methodist Information

An emergency building fund campaign for Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas, is being launched throughout the South Central Jurisdiction. Delegates to the 1963 annual conferences will hear this urgent appeal



MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR are seen in the auditorium in preparation for taking part in an assembly program.

and act on it.

Lydia Patterson Institute has been serving Latin-American youth from Mexico, Central and South America, and the Southwest for the past 50 years. Through her doors have passed thousands of young men and women to serve as leaders in their communities. It is the only educational institution in the United States given over solely to serving Latin-American youth.

Originally the Institute was founded to train religious leadership, both lay and ministerial, for Latin-American



THIS IS A SCENE of a high school typing class in session.

churches. The interest continues and currently 43 persons are enrolled in the Ministerial Department. The majority of the ministers in the Latin-American ministry in our country are graduates of this institution.

The curriculum has been expanded across the years, so that a much wider opportunity is offered. The present enrollment of 767 is distributed throughout the Departments as follows: Special English, 170; Junior High, 59; Commercial, 170; High School, 238; Ministerial, 43; and Night Classes, 107.

The expressed purpose of the school is to teach English and other skills in



ONE OF THE STUDENTS is shown studying in her dormitory room.



RECENT VISITORS FROM throughout the South Central Jurisdiction are seen outside the main building at Lydia Patterson.

such a way that the students will be able to take their places in the business and social life of their own communities in Mexico, Latin-America and the United States.

The Institute counsels and trains creative Christian leadership and is proud of her hundreds of students now found in places of leadership in business, in civic affairs and in the religious life of Mexico, Central and South America and the Southwest.

Fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency, a standard college entrance curriculum is maintained in the High School. About 35% of the graduates go on to higher education in colleges and universities.

Non-sectarian in spirit and emphasis, the doors are open to all worthy young people. Lydia Patterson Institute is sponsored by The Methodist Church and is owned by the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction.

The Public Housing Authority on Jan. 1, 1963 took over the three buildings at 1215 E. San Antonio. This meant that the girls' dormitory and most of the faculty apartments had to be moved to the already inadequate buildings located at 503 S. Florence.

Due to their age and construction, the buildings on Florence Street have been partially condemned, and are in danger of complete condemnation, by the City of El Paso.

Confronted with this crisis the Board of Trustees of the Institute carried out a careful study and appraisal of the present and future usefulness of the school. This study produced a Development Program to take care of the immediate needs as well as the future needs of the Institute.

The first need involved the construction of a new building on the present South El Paso site. It will be designed to meet the future needs of the Junior High, Special English, and Commercial Departments. Additional property for this facility located adjacent to the site will be purchased.

The Long Range Program involves construction of a new High School Building. Dormitory and other facilities on a beautiful 30-acre plot on North Mesa Avenue. This will serve High School and College Ministerial Students. Already several designated gifts have been made toward the purchase price of this property.

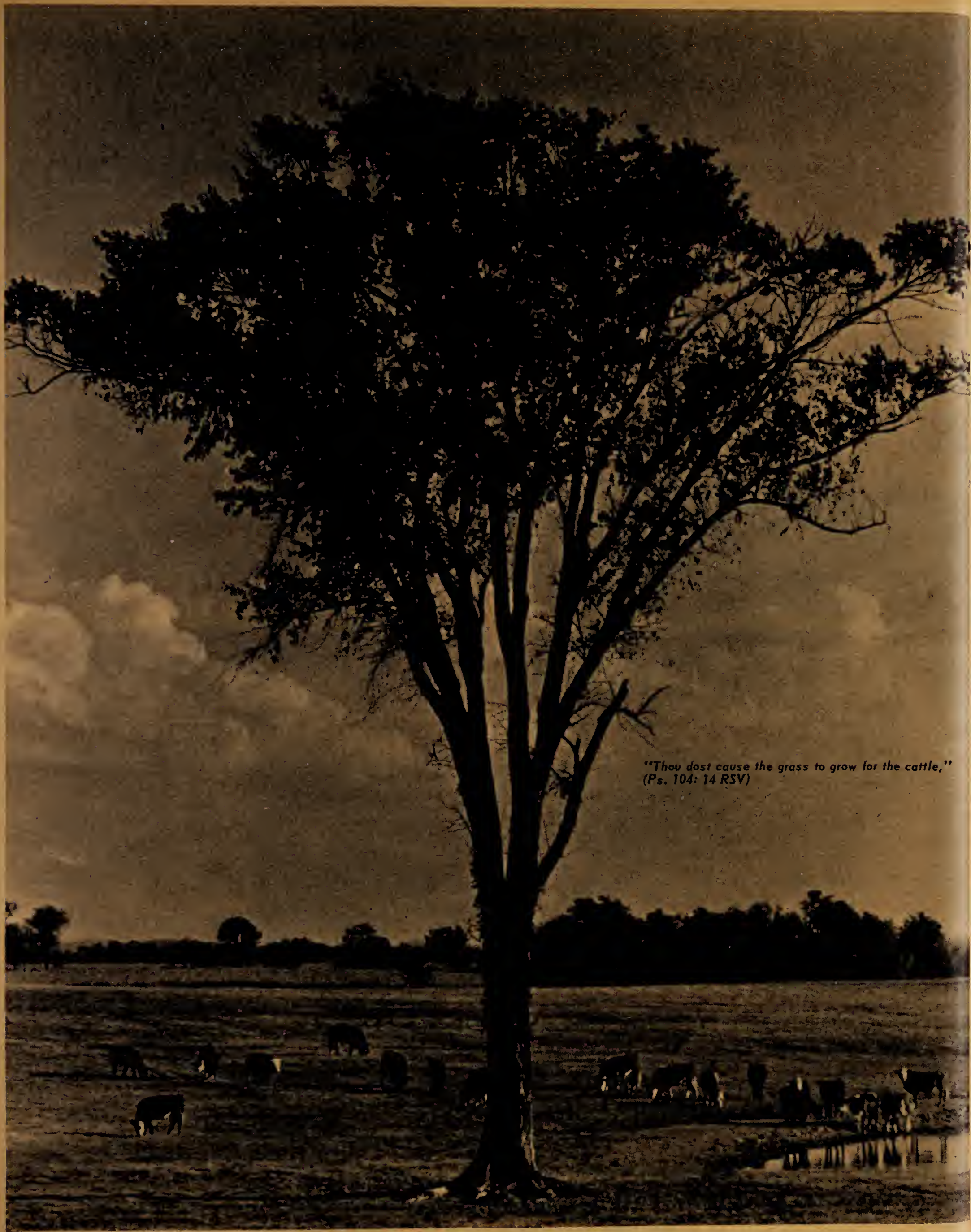
The Lydia Patterson Development Program calls for the expenditure of some \$2,000,000. The South Central Jurisdiction Council has approved a program to net this amount over a period of years.

The first phase of this program calls for \$750,000 over a three-year period. This would make possible the construction of the new building at the Florence Street location, and also the acquisition of the necessary property.

It is hoped that this goal may be exceeded so as to meet a part of the need of the Long Range Program, which is for the High School and Dormitories for the College Ministerial Students.



BISHOP PAUL V. GALLOWAY, San Antonio, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lydia Patterson is shown, second left, with President Robert Pedraza, and three of the students.



"Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle,"
(Ps. 104: 14 RSV)

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Editorials

At the center of Aldersgate

AT a recent national meeting of directors of Methodist Information a discussion arose concerning a widely circulated drawing of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience, which shows him standing in the middle of the room seeming to occupy the center of the stage at the Moravian prayer meeting. Most of these Methodist Information leaders felt that the artist had erred in placing John Wesley there. Surely they were right. We all know that when the stream of Methodism really started flowing at full power there were few occasions when Mr. Wesley was willing for anyone else to occupy the center of the stage when he was around, but this was not the role he played on May 24, 1738 in Aldersgate Street.

Quietly and unwillingly he had slipped into a meeting in which he felt he had no business. But divine forces had conspired against him and he could not resist their magnetic pull. He must have slipped into the room and sat near the back, trying to make himself as inconspicuous as possible. It was the Holy Spirit that occupied the central place in that meeting room, and it was this same life-changing force that was central wherever Wesley stood in later years to deepen the religious experience and warm the hearts of others.

What makes this event of such everlasting importance to every Methodist is the fact that Charles Wesley was having a similar experience at almost the same time. As a matter of fact, Charles heart was "strangely warmed" before that of John, and the divine coincidence of it will always keep us convinced that it was no coincidence at all.

Others have made the pilgrimage to Aldersgate Street. Every Methodist tourist who goes to London counts it one of his religious obligations to find the inconspicuous plaque on a bank building that says this is the spot where it happened. We have asked two recent visitors to share their personal reactions in this Aldersgate Issue. We feel they have done an excellent job of interpretation for us, approaching from slightly different angles.

What we really want to do in such a commemoration is place ourselves at the center of Aldersgate. Sometime ago we heard a speaker describe an experience he had while looking at the bronze marker in Aldersgate Street. As he stood there, another visi-

STILL UNDISPUTABLE VICTOR



tors came and knelt before the plaque and prayed audibly, "Lord, do it again."

This is the prayer of all of us on this and every future anniversary of Aldersgate.

The fine print in the contract

DURING the next few days thousands of American young people will receive their diplomas from educational institutions of every level. They will be seeing their diplomas as contracts with the American community. This contract does give them a feeling of security they have not had before, yet, like so many contracts, there is fine print that should be read as a precaution against disillusionment when everything does not fit into place as smoothly and as quickly as they might expect.

This is a great age into which to be entering as either a high school or a college graduate. Never before has the diploma been as essential as a key to almost every door. It is because there are so many graduates that each would do well to give careful consideration to "the fine print in the contract."

Here, for example, is a proposition which says in large bold-face type that the world of today is run by the educated. Since the Russians placed the first man in space we have felt an increasing pressure to regain prestige by out-educating them. The fine print in this contract reminds us that education is not just to be judged quantitatively—that beyond and beneath it must be character. As one has put it "Education is power—indifferent power that can just as easily be put to the purposes of evil as of good."

And then there is that contract printed in large type declaring that we must all get what we can as quickly as we can. A materialistic world wants our graduates to subscribe to the idea that success is to be judged by the number of things we accumulate. Somewhere in that contract is a clause in fine print that reminds all that "man does not live by bread alone."

There are so many other contracts being handed out and in each there is fine print that can cause our graduates to be quickly disillusioned. A part of any completed curriculum should be the ability to read—to read the fine print in every contract.

SWEDEN'S Royal Board of Education is attempting to de-emphasize traditional morning prayers in the country's public schools in conformity with legislation passed last spring, it was reported at Stockholm.

SOME 900 Air Force officers and enlisted men and their families were told at the annual Air Force Spiritual Life Conference at Ridgecrest, N.C. that "the church has greater opportunity in our age to communicate the decisiveness of God's act in Christ, than it ever had before in history."

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

As we bring to a close a year of intensive accent on the Aldersgate Experience of John Wesley, we are reminded of the 200th anniversary of this same event, 25 years ago. Although the commemoration was somewhat overshadowed by the activities which finally determined the union of American Methodism, we do recall what a central place Aldersgate occupied in the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Birmingham.

Your editor was then a student at the Candler School of Theology and our entire student body made the trip to the Birmingham General Conference. After the thrilling experience of sitting in on the vote which determined that union would take place, we heard that wonderful address by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Following his great message something happened spontaneously that has become the vital symbol of reunion. Bishop John M. Moore of the southern church, and President James H. Straughn of the Methodist Protestant Church moved from where they sat on the stage to join hands with Bishop Hughes in the hand clasp which was felt around the world.

Then, with our "hearts strangely warmed" with the assurance that American Methodists would now be one people, we were all spiritually prepared to take part in the special Aldersgate Commemorative services that had been planned for the rest of the General Conference session.

We have before us the Aldersgate Number of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, the direct ancestor of the Louisiana Methodist and the Mississippi Advocate, which was then under the editorial leadership of Dr. W. L. Duren. This was one of the souvenir publications available to the delegates and visitors at Birmingham, and we prize it very highly.

The 25 years since Birmingham have shown us all that the Holy Spirit truly moved through the events of that General Conference as it took the final vote necessary for Methodist Union, and as it gave a great deal of its time to the commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of Aldersgate.

Out of Aldersgate

by Bishop W. Kenneth Pope

We should never forget that Aldersgate issued into a Church. Aldersgate is not an end in itself. It is true that it was first a personal experience. When John Wesley said "I felt my heart strangely warmed", he was not thinking of what he could do with it. Religious experience is not primarily instrumentalistic. It is first and centrally gift possession — not the possession of property but the sense of being possessed by another. "Ye are not your own..."

The first thing to be said about Aldersgate is that something happened to John Wesley.

The second thing to be said is that his experience made him want to do something about it. The sum of his efforts was an organized Christian Church in full bloom. Given time little was left out of what a church ought to be or do. There has been failure — miserable failure at times — to fulfill her mission, but the Methodist Church may well be accused of being an amazingly effective denominational witness for the Lord. Her emphasis upon the individual variety of Christian experience, upon a fellowship rather than a creed — Wesley lived and preached under the definite rays of a theology but he was not a slave to words — upon a social conscience, upon the cause of missions, all overlaid with enthusiasm, has given to England and the United States in particular a vital Christian influence both upon the individual and upon our culture.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark in the current issue of the *World Outlook* (p 27) reminds us that "when Wesley died in 1791 the Methodist movement had spread all over England and the Americas and was spreading to encompass the world. He left behind him 250 circuits, 550 preachers, and above 150,000 members, around half of these being in the United States, where the first Methodist Church in the World was organized as a distinct denomination in 1784."

For further evidence of what came out of Aldersgate, the Methodist Church in the United States has over ten million members. There are some 40,000 local Methodist Churches. At the last count 28,254 ministers in Full Connection serve the above Churches plus some 6,800 supply pastors and a number of retired ministers who serve as supply pastors. Slightly more than 2300 ministers in Full Connection serve in special appointments, administrative, social, educational. 1300 ministers are being appointed to attend school.

The least one can say about Aldersgate is that it was not a selfish or self-centered experience. As a matter of fact, the preface to the book of Romans to which Wesley was listening when he felt his heart-warming experience has more than one passage which warns against faith without works. Perhaps this interpretation of the Christian faith was deposited in his subconscious to take root there and grow even while he slept. His life was the fruit of that seed as the Methodist Church was the fruit of Aldersgate.

This emergence of a Church out of Aldersgate says something to the prejudice against the organized Church in our time. Let us quickly admit our sins and our urgent need of spiritual renewal. The failures of the Church should be explained but they are not to be justified. With this said let us hasten to add that Christian faith that does not end up in a Church is a pathetic illusion.

Dean Roy Pearson of Andover Newton Theological School has said it about as fresh as has been stated recently. In his sermon, *Emptiness and Whitewash*, in the May '64 issue of the *Christian Century*, he writes:

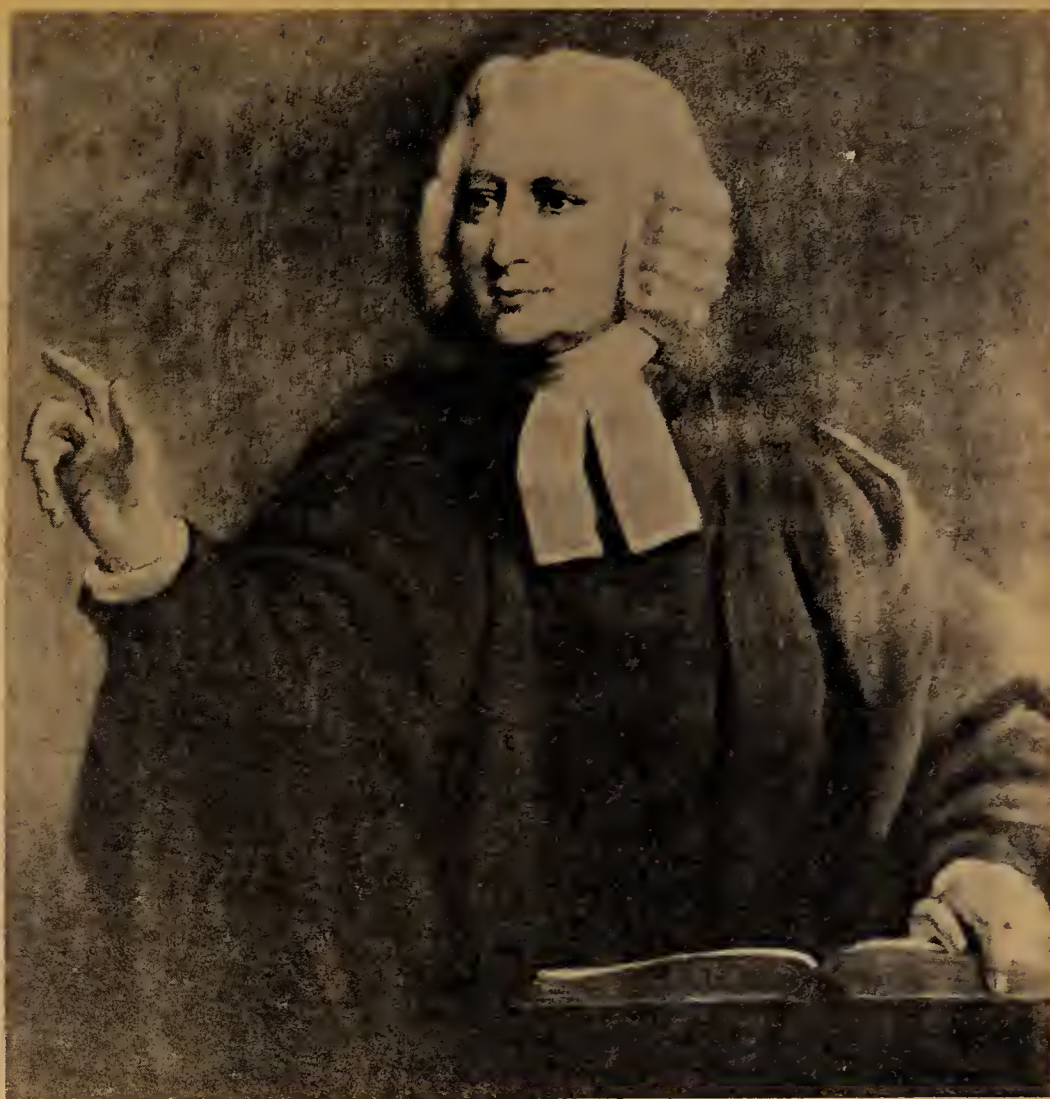
"Suppose, for instance, that the church were in fact abolished—all the buildings torn down, all the congregations disbanded, all the funds dispersed and all the programs ended. Now the world is wiped clean of the church's dark stain. Now all the bad Christians have lost both their platform and their power. Now the steady-eyed accusers of the church can start afresh, build a new community of Jesus' followers and usher in the long-awaited Kingdom.

"But precisely how will they do it, and will they not repeat the very history which they have loudly deplored? Won't they feel the need to worship, begin in homes or open fields, outgrow the homes, be rained out of the fields, and build a sanctuary? Won't they want to educate their children in the faith, entrust the task to their homes, discover that such trust is not always well founded, and authorize a building campaign to add an educational wing to the sanctuary? Won't they undertake evangelism, initiate it in personal dialogue and individual encounter, find the world a bigger place than they thought, and organize a board to promulgate the church's ministries at home and abroad? Won't they come into being as a fellowship pure and united, run headlong into sin and disagreement, and found the Second Congregational Church next door to the First? And how long will it be before the brave new prophets of the brand new church find themselves the targets of a newer band of prophets who identify the world's salvation with the abolition of the brand new church?"

So, after Aldersgate, we are back at our tasks in the Church. God, through Christ, is not likely to let us out of them. Someone needs to say that the weakness of the Church is not in the nature of its life but in the sorry performance of its responsibilities. We are driven to cheap methods because of disloyalty to our vows. Let us as preachers and as laymen pray for the honesty and the courage to face the tasks of the Church unafraid and in the spirit of a Risen Lord. Aldersgate has become a mighty current for the redemption of the world. We are in debt to that current. We are a part of it today. Its future also is, in part, of our making. May the God of grace through Christ our Lord lead us into the days to come.

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One of the first things Jesus demanded was simple decency.



CHARLES WESLEY

What Happened at Aldersgate?

by Dr. Bond Fleming
Dean, Centenary College

The term "Aldersgate" should have meaning for every Methodist. It was at a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street in London, May 24, 1738, that the inspiration which motivated a long and fruitful ministry came to John Wesley. For years Wesley had been seeking what came to him at Aldersgate. His experience was similar to Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, and to Luther's experience or justification as he read Paul's letter to the church at Rome. It is interesting that Wesley's inspiration came during the reading of Luther's introduction to Paul's letter to the Romans.

What happened at Aldersgate? Here is Wesley's description of that momentous experience:

"At about a quarter before nine, while he (someone unnamed) was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Wesley's heart was strangely warmed. The seeker found; at the same time the seeker was found. Wesley became an "in Christ" person. He illustrated in an unusual way the union of knowledge and vital piety. All the resources of his disciplined mind and tireless body were consecrated to the cause of Christ. His labors, his sufferings, and his vic-

tories in Christ were phenomenal; to become aware of them is humbling and challenging.

Wesley's experience at Aldersgate was personal, and unique. He did not think that all other persons should have or could have an experience just like his. Wesley restored the element of personal experience and the character of warmth to religion. Charges were made against the enthusiasm of the Methodists. It should be remembered that in the face of such charges Wesley did not emphasize learning less. He did emphasize faith and love more. Both Wesley's head and his heart belonged to Christ.

What happened at Aldersgate was life-changing to Wesley, and had far-reaching influence upon the whole world. Who can estimate aright the influence for good of this one man? Who can estimate aright the influence upon this man of his experience at Aldersgate? Every Methodist should understand the significance of Aldersgate in our heritage. But we shall beware lest we simply learn about Aldersgate for Wesley, and fail to find for ourselves the heart-warming experience, or fail even to realize that such an experiment is possible for us.

What happened at Aldersgate is important historically; it is also important as inspiration for our future. The commemoration of Wesley's experience at Aldersgate has implications for the work of the local church, and of the Annual Conference. Sometimes the

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SUSANNA WESLEY

I Stood in Aldersgate Street

by Dr. William E. Trice, Pastor, Reiley University Methodist Church,
Baton Rouge, La.

With a strange mixture of tourist curiosity, Methodist pride, and spiritual expectancy, I stood in Aldersgate Street facing the building reputed to be the spot where John Wesley "felt his heart strangely warmed." My arrival there was the result of a planned experiment in attempting to duplicate the journey and the experience of Mr. Wesley on that memorable day nearly 225 years before.

Earlier I had worshipped at St. Paul's Cathedral as Wesley had done. With ample time available I then journeyed afoot toward Aldersgate Street. Aided by a city map and the encouragement of numerous courteous Bobbies, aware of the fascinating sights and sounds of London, and yet absorbed in the semi-meditation associated with this seeking journey, I arrived in Aldersgate Street almost too soon. Although this was the culmination of a long cherished dream, I was reluctant to bring it to fulfillment. Perhaps I was unconsciously aware that anticipation is equally as rewarding as the reality.

Actually the location itself is almost commonplace now, as it probably was then. It was not easy to visualize this modern setting as it must have appeared on that evening of 1736 when a small prayer meeting opened with the reading of Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. Reminding myself that extraordinary events are not dependent on extraordinary places or circumstances, I observed more closely the location itself.

I was assured of being in the right place by the discovery of a neat bronze historical marker on the building announcing:

The
Probable Site, Where, On
May 24, 1738
JOHN WESLEY
"Felt his heart strangely warmed."
This experience of grace was
the beginning of Methodism
This tablet is gratefully placed
here by
The Drew Theological Seminary
of the Methodist Episcopal Church
Madison, New Jersey, U.S.A.
August 1926

Above and to the right of the memorial plaque the name of the present occupant of the building came into focus: BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED. A place of deep spiritual experience framed in a secular setting! After the initial shock, it seemed perfectly fitting that the first should be a constant part of the second.

In neat letters just above the tablet, the bank announced this to be the branch for "Colonial and Foreign Business." Wesley himself, I mused, must be pleased at this association with his own concept that "The World is my Parish." Surely two people can follow the same idea for entirely different purposes: one to gain and the other to give.

Now I was seized with an outbreak of a typical tourist malady, photographic madness. During the next fifteen minutes I took dozens of pictures including the building, the tablet, the street, and every associated object. I wanted pictorial proof that I had been there at least.

In quieter mood, I stood in relaxed

reflection for a long period. A native of the sector might have described me as a stranger in the street apparently lost in contemplation or even in prayer. What could be the meaning of Aldersgate for me? Could I recapture what Wesley had found? I tried to analyze my own heart as I stood in Aldersgate Street.

First, I knew that I felt a great joy that such an experience had happened. I knew that I owed an impossible debt to Methodism because it had happened. I experienced a faint vicarious spiritual thrill by standing where it had happened. I struggled for the same trans-

forming experience in myself.

After some undetermined length of time my answer was clear. Every person must have his own Aldersgate. God does not make duplicate copies of great moments. Instead He chooses His own time and His own place to reveal Himself to the seeking mind.

As I moved reluctantly away from Aldersgate toward City Road it was with realization that my Aldersgate would come in God's good time and at the place of His choosing. Now I knew what Wesley had learned: God's heart warming cannot be contrived.

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My Experience at Aldersgate

by the Rev. Elmo A. Thomason, District Superintendent,
Batesville (Ark.) District

It was a smoky, dismal day on August 28, 1961, 3 p.m. when Mrs. Thomason and I visited Aldersgate. Not only was the day smoky and uninviting, but the area of London where we were visiting was very uninteresting. We searched for about an hour before finding the building with a little plaque upon it marking the place where John Wesley had his heart-warming experience. I thought how typical our search was remembering how John Wesley had been in search for Aldersgate and the experience he found there. However, upon coming to the building, I immediately lost all the anxiety in finding the place and began to realize that once John Wesley was a familiar person around this part of London.

The thought occurred to me how unwillingly he went that night to Aldersgate. Since he did not know what was about to happen in his life, he was not particularly concerned about attending that meeting. It occurred to me at that time that we do not always know under what circumstances and under what conditions the greater events may happen in our lives. However, at that time, I felt some of the hesitation that had occurred in his life. I tried to allow myself to become prepared for any eventuality or occurrence that might give me new insight into why he came to that uninviting meeting on that particular night. However, the very best impression I am able to explain was that I stood there with mixed emotions trying to span many distant years while wishing for some of that experience which transformed John Wesley. Also, I think I had some of the feeling that I ought to take off my shoes for this was holy ground. Thoughts began gathering in my mind concerning the beginning of Methodism. The fact that I was standing where John Wesley once stood and where Methodism was born was a most exciting experience. A sense of awareness came that I was standing at the place where on the night of May 24, 1738, John Wesley had his heart-warming experience about which he later said, "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation." I felt at this time some of the reassurance that came to John Wesley on that night, but there was always the feeling that I did not truly understand all that had happened to him.

As I reflect upon what happened to me while visiting there some two years

ago, there are three things that fall into pattern which may be of worth.

First, I gained an historical understanding. From being there where John Wesley had his experience and realizing some of the questions he was trying to answer, I experienced a new revelation. This revelation was concerned with some of the things which happen when one goes through a period of indecision. I immediately recalled an experience I had trying to find the way and an understanding of my calling. I became convinced while standing there looking at the place where John Wesley must have experienced his heart warming, that one's calling and acceptance can happen instantaneously. It was the acceptance of a calling and a desire to fulfill it. I found myself wishing that I might fulfill my calling as well as John Wesley did his. Out of this historical setting, one goes through a bit of soul-searching, and I was no different from many others who had been there. One could not stand there without thinking about the "endless line of splendor" which embarked from this historical spot. I felt that I might in some way be a part of this great line of splendor. I hoped that I might fulfill my vision as John Wesley had his from that day forward.

The second thing that happened to me was a state of mind and spirit of prayer. I felt immediately that I was on holy ground and the spirit of reverence was present. As I thought about what had happened in the life of John Wesley, at that moment I felt that I should try to gain the new life which was found in Jesus Christ. I knew that I needed the new life much more than John Wesley ever did. It meant so much to him, and I wondered if it could mean that much to me. I felt as if I were getting out of that occasion a view of the future rather than any kind of reminiscent experience. However, I had some doubts that as much would happen to me from being there as had happened to John Wesley. But I think that I could not fail to have a prayer that some of it might occur to me. I knew no new churches would be founded out of the experience that I was having. I was content just to ask that I might be of some help in making Methodism what it ought to be.

The third and most important thing that happened to me was the personal

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Aldersgate in Louisiana

by Dr. James T. Harris

Louisiana Conference Secretary of Evangelism

Almost every Methodist Church in the Louisiana Annual Conference has in some way participated in the observance of the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. Under the leadership of the Conference Board of Evangelism several significant programs were launched, and reports from across the state indicate that many churches have indeed had a heart warming experience.

First of the formal programs suggested was a study in depth of the Book of Romans during the month of February. It would be thrilling to know just how many Louisiana Methodists came under the influence of these studies. Romans with its great gospel of the grace of God should indeed be better known and understood than ever before.

In connection with the study of the Book of Romans itself, many churches used the text "Romans: Book of Power," by Dr. A. J. Walton, Wesley's "Notes on Romans" and Luther's "Preface to the book of Romans." These have all been rewarding sources of inspiration and information.

The most significant effort of the whole program of Aldersgate observance, as prepared by the Board of Evangelism, was the simultaneous revivals in every district in Louisiana Methodism. The week of March 24-29 revivals were held in the Alexandria, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport Districts; the week of March 31-April 5 revivals were held in the Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Orleans, and Ruston Districts. Reports seem to indicate that between 85 and 90 percent of the Churches and pastors were engaged in these simultaneous revivals or in evangelistic services at a time quite near these dates. One of the gratifying aspects of this exchange of preachers was the complete willingness of preachers to go where they were assigned and of the churches to accept the visiting preacher assigned to them. There were not more than a half a dozen requests for a change in the assignments, nor for special appointments. This certainly bespoke a spirit of real unity in the desire of our Louisiana Methodism to follow the program of the Church in matters evangelistic.

Many Churches in making preparation for the simultaneous revivals organized cottage or group prayer meetings. Some of these prayer groups met for several weeks before the revival began. One preacher said "This was the easiest revival preaching I have ever done for the church was already full of the Holy Spirit because of the prayer groups they had had." It would be a truly wonderful result of Aldersgate year if many of these prayer groups should continue to function throughout the year and not just at revival time.

Only time will tell the amount of good done in these endeavors. Already reports indicate that the good accomplished will be considerable. The cumulative results of so many churches studying together and engaging in evangelistic efforts together cannot help but bring results for the glory of

God. Two additional items are in the program suggested by the Conference Board of Evangelism. One is the observance of "Membership Renewal Sunday" either May 19th or May 26th. The other is a Vigil of Prayer or Cottage Prayer Groups on Aldersgate Day, Friday May 24th. On Membership Renewal Sunday it is suggested that the entire membership be asked to take again the solemn vows they took when they were first received into the membership of the church and that they all be called upon to rededicate themselves, in some positive way, to fulfill their calling in Christ Jesus. This service can be most meaningful and can contribute greatly to our realizing the goal of Aldersgate Year, which is the renewal in Louisiana Methodism of the warm heart evidenced by greater zeal for Christ and His church.

ANNOUNCE EUB DATES

The Evangelical United Brethren Church will hold its next General Conference in Wichita, Kansas. Bishop R. H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Ind., senior bishop of the denomination and president of its General Council of Administration, announced that the dates have been set for Oct. 18-27, 1966.

A major item of business which will come before the conference will be a vote on a plan and basis of union with The Methodist Church. A joint commission of the two denominations is now at work on such a plan. Several subcommittees will make progress reports to a meeting of the entire commission in Chicago Sept. 19-20, 1963.

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LIST SCHISLER AWARDS

The Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., has awarded five \$1,000 John Q. Schisler graduate scholarships for the 1963-64 school year to persons planning to be directors of Christian education.

Recipients are Miss Harriet L. Clendenin, formerly of Gallipolis, Ohio, and now a student at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.; Miss Joan G. Allen, formerly of Flemingsburg, Ky., now a student at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.; Miss Mary Louise Kesler, formerly of Atlanta and Winder, Ga., now a student at Union Theological Seminary, New York; Miss Janice E. Kilmer, formerly of Hillsdale, Wis., now a student at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; and Miss Nancy C. Newman formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., now a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

The annual scholarships are named in honor of the Rev. Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, retired former executive secretary of Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

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If Christ has not made us think differently about money, then he has not moved us very deeply.

Until our moral convictions are really built in we are not moral.

Aldersgate in Arkansas

by Dr. Cecil R. Culver

Secretary Area Council of Arkansas Methodism

In Arkansas, Conference Year 1962-63 has been a most interesting and romantic celebration of the heart-warming experience of Mr. Wesley, May 24, 1738. The celebration in our State consisted of five major emphases in the program of the Church. Every board and agency in the State has cooperated in a fine way in this commemoration of Mr. Wesley's life-changing experience.

1) We began this program by calling our people to a study of the Holy Scriptures. We felt, and still feel, that a depth study of the Bible is essential in the developing of the spiritual life of the individual and church.

It was only natural that we should begin our study by turning to the Book of Romans because it was while a layman was reading to a group of Moravians the preface to the Book of Romans that Mr. Wesley had his great experience.

From all over the State have come appreciative words for the Bible study that has been done in churches throughout our episcopal area. We hope that this is only the beginning of a greater and continuous Bible study program on the part of Methodists.

2) Study and prayer always go hand in hand. We, therefore, felt that any worthy celebration of Mr. Wesley's heart-warming experience would call our people to develop the art and the power of prayer.

To this end we organized in the churches over the state prayer groups. These groups, according to reports we

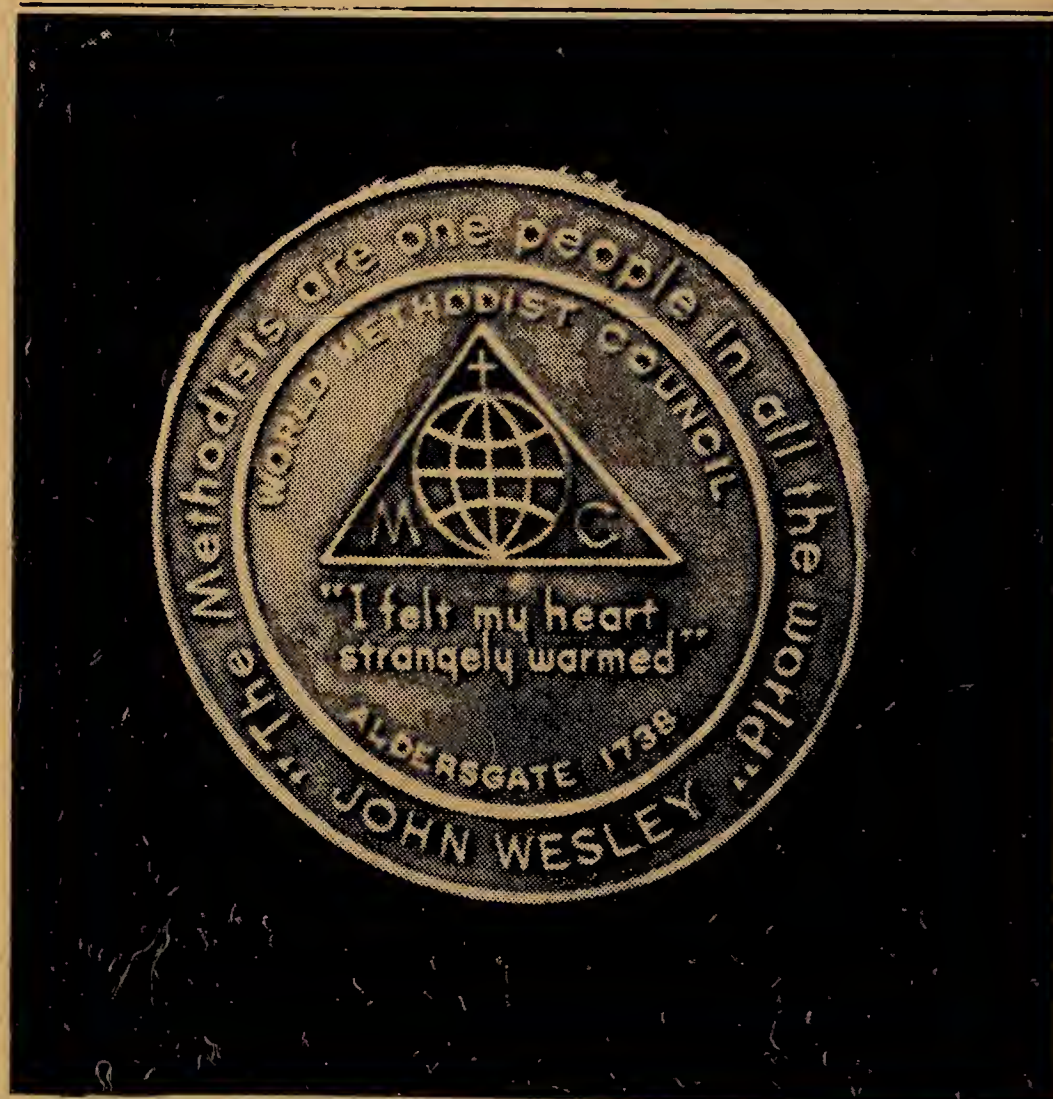
have received, have transformed the lives of individuals who have shared in these groups, and where the program has really taken hold, the life of the church has been deepened. We know that prayer opens the door for rich spiritual experiences.

3) Another part of the Aldersgate program in Arkansas, which we held up as the main purpose of the whole commemoration, was the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission revivals. Through these revivals, we called our people to worship, with the specific purpose in mind of helping every individual Methodist to see God high and lifted up and through this experience to have his heart strangely warmed.

Countless thousands of people gathered together in our three simultaneous revivals to hear proclaimed again the great doctrines of our faith. Ministers and lay people alike tell us that these were some of the richest days that they have ever known in their religious lives. More than 90% of all the churches in Arkansas Methodism participated in these revivals.

4) In planning new and richer experiences for our people we felt that one of the finest experiences known to a Christian comes when one goes out and wins another for Christ and the Church. This opportunity was given to those who would share in such a program. Hundreds of lay people went out under the guidance of their church into the homes of people and told them about the meaning and power of Christ

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THIS SPECIAL ALDERSGATE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE was presented to First Methodist Church, Little Rock, as one of the churches across the world where special anniversary Aldersgate Services were planned for the evening of May 24.

What Happened

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eager advocates of evangelism are critical of those in education, whereas educationists may frown on emotional appeals necessary for evangelism. How unfortunate that these two complementary emphases should ever be at odds. They belong together. Evangelism which is not educational is short-lived; education which is not evangelistic is not Christian. Wesley was one of the most learned men of his time; he was also the most evangelical.

Likewise the commemoration has implications for Methodist colleges. These citadels of learning should not become like Sunday Schools. The curriculum of the former is vastly more inclusive. Wesley would have our colleges be fearless and persistent in the search for truth. The student who seeks to substitute piety for serious study, or the teacher who substitutes piety for sound scholarship, betrays the spirit of John Wesley, and of Christ. Whoever puts out the lamp of learning in order to see the light of faith will grope in darkness. Still, the very existence of the church-related college implies commitment to a Christian philosophy of higher education. For the academic program next year, which will mark the formal opening of the school year at Centenary

College, the procession will move from the library, which is the academic center of the campus, to the chapel, which symbolizes the spiritual orientation of the college.

Most of all, however, the commemoration of Aldersgate has implications for our personal lives. The witness of the spirit is one of the cardinal principles of Methodism. It is the richest assurance in life. There is no one form of religious experience which should, or can, be had by all persons. The witness of the spirit is not an experience which we must have, but is one that we can have. It is not an experience which we can take on our terms; rather it is one that we receive on God's terms. Aldersgate can happen again. May it come to you, and to me. The experience should lead us not to a dogmatic exclusiveness, but to an inclusive concern for all men and to co-operate endeavor with all those whose hearts are as our hearts.

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My Experience

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re-evaluation of my own life. I wondered if I had, at any time, experienced the thing which John Wesley experienced on the night of May 24, 1738. I wondered if I knew what that assurance really was, and if I could really be assured of my personal salvation as John Wesley was. In my revelation I included more than one experience which I had had that could be called transforming. I knew also that I had not had and was not having the quickening experience which John Wesley must have had.

I do feel, however, that as I left Aldersgate, I was a bigger and better man by having made this visit. By seeing and reviewing some of the things that had happened to our Founder of Methodism, I was a richer person. With

these things said, I believe that I should say further that my experience while at Aldersgate was inspirational, sacred and encouraging. Further, I believe that Aldersgate means a great deal more to me because of my experience while there.

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in their lives. Many of these laymen, as did the evangelists of old, returned with glowing reports, saying that through them God had led persons into a saving relationship with Christ.

5) We have become more and more conscious of the fact that when a person has been made a convert to the Christian faith, the work of the church has just begun. We, therefore, included in our program of the Aldersgate Witnessing Missions the training of the new converts and the assimilating of these individuals into the total life of the church. More training classes for boys and girls and men and women were held in the State of Arkansas this year than ever before in the history of the work of our church in this state.

We are trying to help every individual who made a commitment during the Aldersgate revivals to be so guided into the life and work of the Church that he naturally assumes his responsibility as a part of our redemptive fellowship.

The results of the Aldersgate Witnessing Missions have been most gratifying. For one thing, the word Aldersgate has become a common word in every Methodist household. Methodists who attended church heard again and again the word Aldersgate and were told over and over about Mr. Wesley's experience on Aldersgate Street in London. Those who did not attend church heard over the radio, viewed over television, read in the newspapers, saw on the billboards or the window placards, the story of the Aldersgate program in Arkansas.

I am confident that as a result of our celebration of the Aldersgate experience that more people related to the Methodist Church felt their hearts strangely warmed than in any other similar period in the history of our Church in the State.

As I study the church I think that there has developed in our membership a new interest in Bible study and in the developing of the art of prayer. One of the dangers in any specific program is that when the calendar events have taken place we drop everything that was a part of the program and fail to continue those things which have proven to be of great value. I think that this is not going to be true in the Bible study and prayer program which we have magnified this year.

As a result of our Witnessing Mission, hundreds of people were won for Christ and the Church. For the second consecutive year, Arkansas Methodism is to show a net gain in church membership. This perhaps means a change in the trend of losing members each year as has been true in the past decade and that the years ahead are to be years of steady and continuous growth in the number of persons who call themselves Methodists.

Truly the celebration in Arkansas of

the 225th Anniversery of Mr. Wesley's heart warming has been a blessed experience for our great church. May every Methodist have a personal knowledge and experience of what Mr. Wesley referred to as "I felt my heart strangely warmed."

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METHODIST BRIEFS

The Board of Missions has elected three new staff executives of the Women's Division of Christian Service. They are: Miss Ruth F. Van Meter, Honolulu, Hawaii, to be associate general secretary for education and cultivation, starting Sept. 1; Mrs. Robert Owens, Cincinnati, Ohio, to be publication manager, also starting Sept. 1; Miss Erna L. Slagg, Detroit, to be an assistant treasurer with responsibility for handling mission funds sent to overseas fields.

The Rev. Allen J. Moore, Nashville, staff member of the Board of Education, will join the faculty of Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, Sept. 1. He has served the last five years in the Department of Christian Education of Adults of the board's Division of the Local Church. He is scheduled to receive his Ph. D. degree in June from Boston University. He is a member of the Central Texas Conference.

Dr. Theodore H. Bullock, Los Angeles, active layman in Pacific Palisades Methodist Church, has been named to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors that can come to a U. S. scientist. He is a professor of zoology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Groundbreaking for an inter-faith Spiritual Life Center at American University, Washington, D. C., will take

place June 9. The structure, to be topped with an ever-burning flame symbolizing belief in eternal life, will have a chapel seating 300, with facilities for Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish worship services. Students of other faiths will be welcome to use the structure. It will be named in honor of Abraham S. Kay, Washington builder, philanthropist and Jewish civic leader, who has given a substantial portion of the \$500,000 cost. He is an AU trustee.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Walker of Santa Monica, Calif., has been appointed minister of First Methodist Church, Pasadena, Calif., one of the leading west coast pulpits. His appointment will be effective July 1. He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Frank E. Butterworth, recently named superintendent of the Hawaii Mission.

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse Area officiated May 12 at the consecration of the Wakeman building at Foltz Home, Herkimer, N. Y. The new facility more than doubles the guest capacity of this home for older persons—from 50 to 135 guests.

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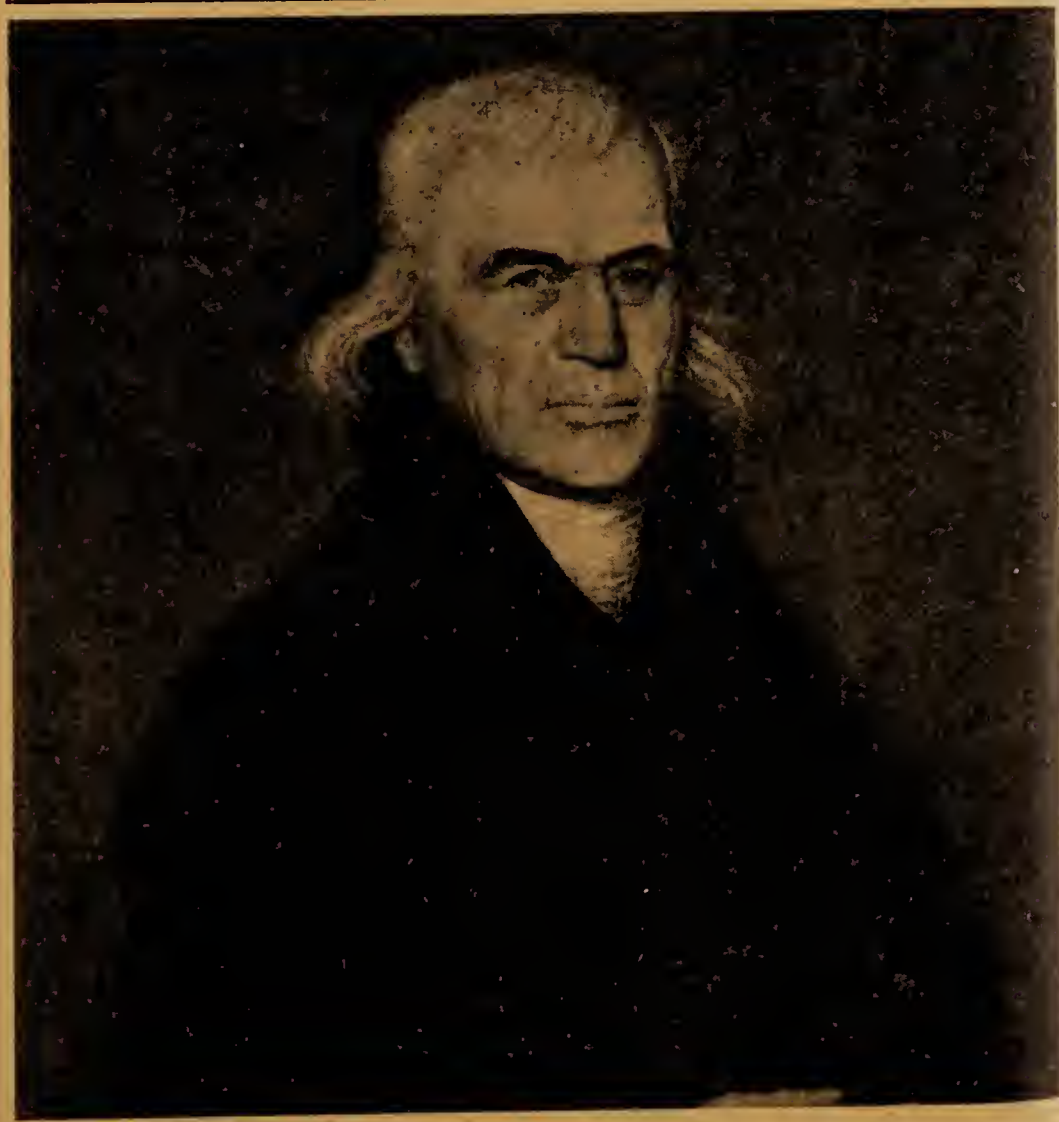
A Methodist Said It: "The best cure for self-pity is to consider how much we are in debt to other people and to God."—Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, addressing the ninth annual Bishop's Laymen Luncheon at San Diego, Calif.

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Contribute \$129,000

To Algerian Blanket Appeal

In the last four months Methodists in the United States have contributed almost \$130,000 and 170,000 blankets to aid Algerian refugees, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) reports. The contributions came in response to the "Algerian Blanket Appeal" made last November when Algerian refugees were suffering and dying from the cold.



Francis Asbury

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR JUNE 2, 1963: LIGHT FROM GOD'S LAW



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 19:7-14; 119:33-40, 105-112

MEMORY SELECTION: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalms 19:8.

AIM OF LESSON: To call attention to the vital importance God's laws have for both physical and spiritual life and to stress the benefits of living in accord with these laws.

We study today a very important subject for our generation, "Light From God's Law." As a background for that study we have for our lesson text selections from the 119th Psalm. This is not only the longest of the Psalms, it is the longest chapter in the Bible, having 176 verses.

This chapter is divided into twenty-two sections each of which has eight verses. A letter of the Hebrew alphabet is found, in order, at the head of each section. In the original, each of the eight verses in each section begins with the letter which stands at its head.

In subject matter, each section is largely independent of the others. Since they all discuss a common subject, the law, there is some overlapping and repetition. However, in reading this Psalm one is impressed with the high, exalted place the law had in Jewish life.

No suggestion is made as to the author. He evidently was familiar with the Pentateuch and consequently must have lived after the Babylonian captivity when the Pentateuch was in use in Jewish life. It appears that the writer had suffered much at the hands of enemies because of his love for and loyalty to the law.

AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE FOR LAW ESSENTIAL

It is not difficult to understand why the Jews gave the law such an exalted place in their nation. They believed that the law, so dear to them, had come directly from God through their leaders. Consequently for them it was timeless and authoritative and of supreme value.

Laws of races and nations differed widely in early times. However, the basic laws that govern a general pattern. That pattern, in many respects, is closely akin to the basic laws which Israel received from God through Moses on Mt. Sinai and at other times.

It is not uncommon for people to question laws made by man. Even the Supreme Court of our nation has been held in question by many because of its interpretation of some of the laws of our land. We remember, also, that this high court has been known to reverse itself in its interpretation of law. It of course could not have been right both times.

Hence we see how important it is that somewhere we have an authoritative source for laws. For one who does not believe that the Bible is a revelation of God to man, its laws are on a par with other man-conceived laws. For the Christian, who does believe the Bible to be a revelation from God, it is the source of authoritative laws that we can trust. We believe its laws are basic and timeless and worthy to be made the foundation for the laws of the civilized nations of earth.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD'S LAW

In the 19th Psalm which is recommended back-

ground reading for today's lesson, we have some clear-cut statements about the law. The Psalmist says:

1. "The law of the Lord is perfect." This is the law held by the Jews.

2. "The testimonies of the Lord are sure." With the Jew, there was no uncertainty about God's laws. They were "sure."

3. "The statutes of the Lord are right." Where God spoke the Jew felt that he had the final truth which he did not question.

4. "The commandment of the Lord is pure." There was no mixture of error or uncertainty about the laws of God, so the Jew believed.

5. "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." In Jewish minds there was no questioning the justice and righteousness of God's laws.

Since the 119th Psalm was devoted entirely to a discussion of the law, the psalmist used a number of words as synonyms for the word law lest the repetition of the word law become monotonous. In addition to the five words we have mentioned above, found in Psalms 19, the 119 Psalm, which contains these words, contains also five additional words meaning law as follows, precepts, ways, fear, word

WHY OBEY GOD'S LAWS?

In 1 John 5:3 the writer says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GREIVIOUS." The Revised Standard Version reads, "NOT BURDENSOME."

John here indicates that we prove our love for God when we keep his commandments. That should be reason enough for us to be obedient to God's laws. Furthermore, we may do so, according to John's word, with the assurance that God's laws are not burdensome or grievous.

It is a wholesome thing to live life in accord with God's laws. The fact is that the only hope we have of living a happy, useful life in this world is to bring our lives into harmony with the law of God.

God has laws that govern the physical world of which our lives are a part. We cannot live normal, healthy physical lives unless we have regard for God's laws that govern and determine health. It is just as true that God has laws that govern the spiritual laws is it possible for us to live the abundant life about which Jesus spoke.

OUR MODERN REVOLT AGAINST LAW

This is Temperance Sunday. Possibly this is an appropriate time to call attention to the fact that our modern world seems to be in wide-spread revolt against law, whether it be God's laws or the laws of government.

We find evidence of this fact in the nation-wide crime syndicates, headed by gangsters and professional hoodlums, that go in for graft, extortion, blackmail, robbery and murder, if necessary to attain their selfish ends. Unfortunately organized crime is on the increase in our nation.

There seems to be, also, a wide-spread revolt against God's moral laws. The matter of divorce is fast becoming a national scandal. Hollywood celebrities break up their own homes and the homes of others with little or no compunctions of conscience and apparently with no damage to their public careers. This brazen disregard for marriage vows sets a pattern that has weakened home life and marriage relations to a degree across our nation.

There is a moral laxness, especially among

our young people that is often in open defiance of God's laws of moral cleanliness. This does not promise too much for the future of many homes in America. Of this we may be certain: America, as we know it, cannot survive the breakdown of the home. Juvenile delinquency today is a very disturbing revolt against law. The average age of criminals is lower today than in any other period of our history.

We have a gambling craze that is cursing our nation. It is led by professional gamblers and nation-wide gambling syndicates. This practice of gambling on all levels is eating away the stability of character and honesty of purpose of millions of our people like a deadly cancer destroying physical life.

Possibly the most alarming revolt against God's laws in American is the total disregard of the sacredness of human personality, human life, the American home and the welfare of little children by a conscienceless liquor traffic. Human life and human souls are sacrificed on the altar of greed and financial gain by liquor interests. We are witnessing today the most heavily financed advertising propaganda to popularize the drinking of alcoholic beverages that our nation has ever known. This advertising campaign is pointedly directed at the youth of our land.

The 6,000,000 all but hopeless alcoholics in our nation are but one phase of the life-shattering, home-destroying, character-wrecking blights that drinking and drunkenness has produced in our American life. It is our feeling that we face no greater danger to the future of our national life, even including communism, than we face in the ever-growing menace of alcoholism and drunkenness.

WE DO NOT BREAK GOD'S LAWS

We talk of people breaking the law of both God and man. This is an inaccurate, misleading statement. We do not break laws. We may disregard or violate them but the law stands undamaged.

What really happens is that we break ourselves against the laws of God and man. We may become a moral derelict by disregarding or disobeying moral laws. However, the law stands just as truly and effectively as it did before we disobeyed it. We may break life to pieces against God's laws but the law remains intact.

GUIDANCE IN OBEYING GOD'S LAWS

The Psalmist asks God to lead him in the path of his commandments; to incline his heart to God's testimonies and to turn his eyes from looking at vanities.

It was true of the psalmist and it is true of us who live in the dispensation of grace, that we are happiest when we feel that God is leading our lives and helping us to meet the responsibilities of life with poise, purposefulness and courage.

LIGHT FOR LIFE'S PATHWAY

The writer says of God's word, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." with such a light to guide him he declares, "I have sworn an oath and confirmed it to observe thy righteous ordinances."

Each of us travels a pathway that is unknown to us. Perhaps that is best. Not many of us would want to know in its entirety just what is before us. However, we do want as much light as we can get on the pathway that lies immediately before us.

It was Jesus who said, "I am the light of the world." By his life and his ministry Jesus threw a light on life's pathway that is of infinite importance to the Christian. We should remember, however, that Jesus also said to his disciples and through them to Christians of all ages, "Ye are the light of the world." He also said "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Hence it is that while God's word is a lamp to light the way of life, our lives may also be such a light for the world about us.

Let us keep in mind that if we neglect the Bible we sacrifice divine leadership for an uncertain human wisdom. If we walk in spiritual darkness, anything may happen. If we walk in the light of God's truth, we feel a sense of undisturbed security.

Plans Announced For Methodist Hospital

The completion of plans for a new Methodist Hospital to be located in the Gentilly area of Northeast New Orleans was announced by M. Kenneth Schor, President, Methodist Hospital. Mr. Schor stated that a volunteer organization is being set up to solicit funds for this new hospital facility with headquarters in the Warwick Building, 1323 Gravier Street, Suite 15, New Orleans. Mr. Pendleton E. Lehde, President, Pendleton Terminal Corporation and Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Methodist Hospital Building Fund Campaign, announced the following members of the Advisory Board: Taylor Caffery, Attorney-at-Law, Wallace M. Davis, Sr., Pres-

ident, Hibernia National Bank of New Orleans, Murray C. Fincher, Vice president, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, Frederick E. Lind, Secretary-Treasurer, The Louisiana Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Ltd., Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr., New Orleans District Superintendent, The Methodist Church, Carl L. Olschner, Carl L. Olschner & Associates Architects, John A. Oulliber, President, National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans, Willard E. Robertson, President, International Auto Sales and Service, C.C. "Bud" Walther, President, Walther Brothers, Inc., Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Resident Bishop of Louisiana Area, The Methodist Church, Seymour Weiss, President and Managing Director, Roosevelt Hotel.

Mr. Edgar E. Cayard, Assistant Vice President, Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, Algiers Branch, is Chairman of the Sponsors Committee for Methodist Hospital. Mr. Cayard has long been associated with the Lay activities of the Methodist Church in Louisiana as well as many civic activities.

Dr. Nick J. Accardo is Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee for Methodist Hospital. His committee, composed of approximately fifty doctors, has been meeting with the architects and officers of Methodist Hospital in the development of the plans.

Mr. Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr., Assistant General Agent, Southern Pacific Lines and Lay Leader of the Louisiana Conference, The Methodist Church, Chairman of the Area Division that includes the Eight Districts in the Louisiana Conference, stated that Chairmen in over half of the Eight Districts already have been enlisted for the campaign.

Mr. A.P. "Tim" Gallinghouse, is Chairman of the Speakers Bureau for Methodist Hospital.

Mr. Schor stated that the plan for a new hospital in the Gentilly area has been given a wonderful endorsement by everyone he has discussed it with as well as the civic organizations and leaders listed below. Material is being prepared including a map that tells the story as nothing else can.

Methodist Hospital was organized and incorporated on June 14, 1961 through the leadership of residents of the Gentilly area of New Orleans. It was recorded in the office of the Secretary of State of Louisiana on June 22, 1962. Most of the incorporators are members of the Methodist Church in the Gentilly area of New Orleans.

The Methodist Church owns and operates one of the largest groups of major hospitals (77) in the United States. Their great knowledge of hospital management and operation is firm-

ly behind this project.

The Master Plan for Methodist Hospital calls for a 450 bed hospital that architects estimate will cost approximately \$11,500,000.

Within the Master Plan for Methodist Hospital are the immediate objectives for 1963. To meet part of the cost of construction of these objectives the Board of Directors is offering residents and firms of the community and area the opportunity to participate through their gifts in this Christian motivated community endeavor. The Methodist Hospital through a capital fund campaign seeks a \$3,500,000 goal. Methodist Hospital is eligible for Federal (Hill-Burton) funds, but hopes to realize a minimum of \$1,750,000 from the community at this time. This will provide 150 beds in the first phase construction.

Through the enlistment of volunteer workers, Methodist Hospital will seek private and corporate gifts with which to build the necessary facilities.

Methodist Hospital recognizes the size of this undertaking as well as the beneficial effect on the community. The program has been approved and adopted by the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church. This Conference is composed of 46,000 family units.

It is the desire of Methodist Hospital to enter into this phase of Church Ministry in New Orleans with the full moral support of other community organizations closely related to it. Endorsements for the building of Methodist Hospital in the Gentilly area of New Orleans have been received from: Orleans Parish Medical Society, Louisiana Hospital Association, Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans Area, East Orleans Civic Council, Kiwanis Club of East Gentilly, Garden Clubs, F. Edward Hebert, U.S. Representative 1st District, Louisiana, Victor H.

Schiro, Mayor, City of New Orleans.

The ability to operate and administer a hospital of this size is demonstrated by the fact that the Methodist Church is successfully operating 77 General Hospitals in the U.S.A. Their know how etc., is firmly affiliated with this project.

The need for adequate and modern hospital facilities in the fast growing Gentilly area of New Orleans has been long recognized by community leaders.

This area is not only exploding population wise but is adjacent to the fast growing industrial district and the proposed Northeast New Orleans residential area. Modern hospital facilities are very essential in attracting new industry as well as serving it.

Present population figures for the new Hospital Service Area showed a population of 56,643 in 1960. New residential areas already plotted will add in excess of 50,000.

The area East of the Industrial Canal and North of the Intercoastal Canal has been described as the "Hottest Area" in South Louisiana. It has been estimated that the population in that area could reach well over 300,000 when fully developed.

Should an epidemic, disaster, act of God, or any other major emergency arise in the Gentilly area the building of Methodist Hospital would more than prove its worth many times over. Normal needs alone are urgent.

It is 14 miles from the center of population of the hospital service area to the nearest hospital.

The need for new hospital in the Gentilly area has been recognized by the Louisiana State Board of Hospitals. This area has been designated as a "New Hospital Service Area" by the State Board. Population figures show a general decrease in the areas of many of the existing hospitals in New Orleans.

Methodist Hospital will be located on a ten acre tract of land off Interstate Highway No. 10 between Downman Road and Paris Road. This is a choice location is the planned development of the area.

In general it will serve an area comprising chiefly the northern section of the 9th Ward and a small portion of the 8th Ward of Orleans Parish. The Hospital Service Area includes a vast area of undeveloped land that makes up 1/3 of the total land area of Orleans Parish.

The site is easily accessible to Interstate Highway 10. Existing or planned streets will connect Highway



Mr. Lehde

10 with Highways 90 and 11 and Gentilly Road (Old Highway.) The last two serve the Industrial Area.

A Heliport allows for emergency cases that might be brought in from some distance, or a disaster area.

Adequate parking is indicated on the Site Plan. Additional acreage is hoped for.

The Maintenance, Laundry and Mechanical Equipment Building is about 150 feet from the rear of the hospital. It is connected to the hospital by an underground utility tunnel.

Methodist Hospital will be built of reinforced concrete.

The exterior will be finished in a gray-white masonry.

The building will be fireproof throughout.

The chapel will have masonry exterior walls, built-up roof and art glass window.

Semi-private patient rooms will have fixed glass windows floor to ceiling. Private room have sliding glass doors, floor to ceiling, that open on to each balcony. This gives the patients in the private and semi-private rooms accessibility to the balcony or a view across the balcony. Each balcony is out-of-doors.

The elimination of "institutional atmosphere" has been effected wherever possible.

Methodist Hospital is raised one story off the ground with the exception of the Administrative and Out-Patient Clinic areas that are on the ground floor.

Only the morgue and utility tunnel are below ground. The open area between the ground and the first floor provides covered area for convalescing. Automobiles may drive in under this area on the driveway to discharge and receive both patients and visitors. This is an all-weather area.

THE CHAPEL located on the roof of the Third Floor, provides, in the Terrace around it, an area for convalescing and visiting.

Provision for future expansion has been anticipated by the architect in the First Phase Construction. Additional wings will require minimum construction adjustments. All utility outlets will be stubbed in to service the future additions contemplated in the Master Plan for 450 beds.





WOMAN'S PAGE



Relationship of Guilds and Societies

The following talk was delivered by Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, conference Guild Chairman of Christian Social relations, to the Alexandria District Guild Officer Training Meeting May 1 and 2.

In the days of the jigsaw puzzles, after dumping all the pieces out, we would pick up each piece and ask "wherein does this fit?" It is with this question in mind and heart that I come to you for help; wherein does the Guild fit?"

May I propose the term "an auxiliary relationship" and with the emphasis on relationship? Then the word auxiliary becomes an adjective, meaning helping, aiding, assisting. It denotes a mutual relationship a two way relationship. If you prefer to use auxiliary as a noun—it would mean that the Guild is an ally, helper, assistant. Such, rules out a mother-daughter relationship because this denotes having authority. We must rule out the "sister relationship" for such can carry a divergence of interests, work habits, and goals. If we are to be a mutual aid to one another, we need to lay the foundation on these common ties, namely, the same basic purpose—the same basic program—and support of the same mission projects. To this end each works in his own way yet arrives at the same goal. Just as two cars leave Alexandria to go to Shreveport, one might take Highway 71 the other Highway 1, travel separately; or they might cross paths at Coushatta or intertwine the paths, yet both reach Shreveport. So it is with the Woman's Society and the Guild. It must be more than an organizational relationship—it must be a community of spirit; a unity of endeavor and a oneness in purpose to do God's will.

To the end that such a mutual relationship between Guild and Woman's Society may be established, maintained and promoted we would like to propose:

1. That this relationship be personalized. Is that report a piece of paper a group of figures, or is it a person? Do you know the person who sends that report? Remember a two way aid and plan. Not what the Guild can do to implement the responsibility of the Society or how the Woman's Society can implement the Guild, but how we can together establish a world Christian community. Not a single society or Guild permit 1963-64 should turn into 1964-65 without an executive committee meeting in which the Guild is represented, without an extra attempt toward personalizing our effort.

2. That a joint Committee on Membership (local level) be set up and work jointly to enlist and involve the "unreached" women in the missionary enterprise through either the Guild or Woman's Society. That this Committee be active continuously. Let us present the purpose and then direct the housewives to the Society, and the gainfully employed women to the Guild units. Unless we have a cause greater and more important than an organization, unless members become secondary, we will become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

3. That a committee from district (Guild, Woman's Society and Dist. Supt. (make a survey of the district for needs and potentials. Then enlist Pastor's help. If no organization exists, then a Guild or society or both, the one that will best fit the needs of the group. No longer does there need be a Woman's Society within the church to organize a Guild. With the rapid and continuous increase of gainfully employed women this can meet a real need and be effective in enlisting and

keeping the women in the cause of missions.

4. That there be a step-up of visitation to local Guilds and Societies, by district and conference officers. This may be a team to itinerate in each district on a scheduled plan as in the Spring for evaluation, training, and promoting. To me, this will be getting to the "grass roots" of the needs and starting where the people are. When we get out of the reach of local Guild or Society or if that contact is impersonal, our vitality hits a new low that even a Spring tonic cannot cure.

These may be wild and foolish dreams or they may be proposals that have been tried and failed once, or they may be in use now but we present them in the belief that out of dreams and failures can come the plan that will bring the women into (or back into) a greater unity of Christian living and service — support of Christian work around the world—a richer and deeper spiritual experience. Only as this happens to individuals can God's will be obeyed and His purpose be accomplished. So let us put heart into our prayers and give eyes and hands and feet to our prayers. This can turn the world upside down—not for communism—but for Jesus Christ—who lived and died and lived again for you and for me and challenged us to continue the task. Do we dare?

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Ministers' Wives



MRS. AUBREY G. WALTON (left) is pictured with Mrs. Dana Dawson at the April meeting of the Shreveport District Parsonettes. Meeting in the home of Mrs. D.L. Dykes, Jr. in Shreveport, Mrs. Walton presented the program in the form of a slide lecture on the subject of "Madonnas".

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS

CAROLINE A. PORTER

Miss Caroline A. Porter, Methodist Deaconess and native of Louisiana, lives in Tujunga, California. Since her retirement in 1955, she has visited Alaska; Methodist Centennial in India, which included a trip around the world visiting Methodist work; spent eight months in South America, studying Methodist Social Centers for the Board of Missions; and she spent nine months in 1960-61 in Africa on official business for The Methodist Church.

Miss Porter is referred to as a "most distinguished member" of the Southern California-Arizona Conference. Miss Porter served as Director of Toberman Settlement House in California for 19 years.

Upon graduation, Miss Porter went with her Missionary sister to Mexico to teach in Institute MacDonnell, Durango. One of the many revolutions closed the school and all Americans were ordered back to the U.S. After a year of school teaching in Nebraska, she entered Government Service in the War Department, Washington, D. C., at the close of World War One.

After training for Christian service in Chicago, she was appointed to Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Florida, and has been a disciple of Jane Addams since 1922. Later she served in Settlement or Community Centers in San Antonio and El Paso, before coming to Toberman Settlement House, then in Los Angeles. The fol-



lowing year she was instrumental in relocating the Settlement in San Pedro, where she served for 19 years. Her Sabbaticals were spent in studying at Scarritt College and University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, together with travel, primarily in Latin America and Hawaii.

She represented the Western Jurisdiction for 2 quadrenniums on the Deaconess Commission and Urban Work Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. On the Conference level she has served as Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She is now kept busy with speaking engagements in conferences, acting as Counselor in Conference World Friendship Group Camp, and on Commission on Missions in local church. In 1962 the WSCS of the Western Jurisdiction requested that she visit and speak to the conference WSCS and WSG annual meetings on the 75th Anniversary of Deaconess Work.

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WSG Week-end at Camp Caney

The Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild held a week-end retreat at Camp Caney on May 4-5. While registration was held, the executive committee met. Plans were made for next year's work. Everyone enjoyed crafts before lunch.

Miss Jerry Beck, district secretary, opened the first general meeting after lunch. Miss Beck stated that unless something was done the district would not meet its pledge to missions.

An appreciation gift was given by the district to Miss Arline Tyler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patillo, who had made 75 recipe holders which were sold to the group.



GRADUATING SENIORS of the Collinston Methodist Church are pictured when the WSCS honored them with a brunch on May 6. The Rev. Joe Robinson, pastor, spoke to the group on "The Theme of Life". Mrs. Maude Pyron, WSCS president, congratulated the seniors. Mr. Herbert Dawkins, high school principal, gave the benediction.

Leaders of the coaching clinics were: Miss Elizabeth Lowrey — presidents; Mrs. Eola Brewster—vice presidents; Mrs. Mary Pierson—secretaries; Mrs. J. R. Kavanaugh—treasurer; Miss Hazel Cooper—supply; Mrs. Pattillo — missionary education; Miss Sybil Kelly — literature; Miss Mildred Kee—spiritual life; Mrs. Estelle Jones—Christian social relations.

Vespers were held overlooking the beautiful lake. After supper the second general session was held with Miss Arline Tyler, conference secretary, presiding. Miss Tyler spoke on all phases of Guild work and answered questions.

Sunday morning found the group attending a quiet breakfast. Miss Sue Feemster sang "How Great Thou Art" and Mrs. Dana Dawson brought the devotional. Mrs. Frances Barnett gave a talk on "Recruitment." Mrs. George Dameron, conference president, led the morning worship.

Among the many reasons for considering this week-end very successful were the fact that 53 Guilders were present, along with six MYF pages, and that \$300 was collected for the pledge to missions.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

The Courageous Seek Security--For Others

THE SEARCH FOR SECURITY -- While the prime concern of government foreign policies is to find security against war, the burden of their domestic programs is to provide economic security against unemployment, sickness, old age helplessness, and all other ills that man is heir to.

Consider the search for security against illness, especially against the dread diseases of cancer, polio and the heart. Our ancestors a few generations ago were living in a world of demons and inexplicable disasters. Physical science has helped to explain and destroy many old fears but it has created so many new ones. Ours is a frightened world.

It is less frightened today because a dedicated young doctor named Jonas E. Salk devoted countless hours to seeking means of attacking a terrifying scourge -- polio. His achievement has been acclaimed by parents all over the world. They feel a new sense of security. One might also cite our escape from tuberculosis. And so on.

Security, up to a certain point, is desirable. Watch the little child nestling so safely on its mother's bosom or riding fearlessly atop the shoulders of its father. The infant, deprived of such a sense of security in its early stages is usually stunted in some part of its nature. The tender plant of childhood blossoms only on the trellis of mutual trust.

And so it is in later life. A certain feeling of security is necessary to release the creative and cooperative powers of a person. When we live under the shadow of impoverished old age or threatened unemployment or impending war, we cannot give our best to the world.

If you doubt the desirability of some sense of security, read your Bible. The pages of Scripture are dotted with the promises of safe-guarding. "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble." The great Hebrew prophets sought to hearten their people with interpretations of God speaking thus: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee." Recall how frequently Jesus tried to show His frightened countrymen the security they might enjoy with their Heavenly Father, climaxing with those words of His farewell discourse: "My peace I leave with you... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Yet the search for security must be watched lest it become a weakening thing. If we demanded guaranteed safety in all things, where would be the virtues of faith and courage?

Why do we honor astronauts like Glenn and Carpenter and Shirra? Because they were brave enough to risk their own lives to make space travel safe for future generations.

A young fellow was being trained to be an usher in a movie theater. His employer was showing him the fire exits. "Oh", said the young man, "don't worry about me. I'll find my way out all right." The security of spectators in a theater rests on employees who are not thinking of their own safety first.

Passengers feel safe at sea because they know the honor of the service requires seamen to stay at their posts in time of danger and the rule is "officers last."

Recently I attended a memorial service for Dr. Frank L. Meleney, a distinguished surgeon who devoted his career to curing bacteriological infections. He was described as having done more in this field than any other scientist since Lister. He saved uncounted lives. But in his efforts he spared not his own strength. How colleague, Dean A.E. Severinghaus, told of Dr. Meleney's unconcern for his own health and quoted a Franciscan monk as saying to a fellow monk who was cautious over his own safety, "You will die in your own bed if you are not careful!" Dr. Meleney did not die in bed. He performed two operations in the morning and died in the afternoon -- still going.

Whose security are we seeking? Just our own? Then we are over-cautious and cowardly.

Or do we look beyond ourselves to seek the security of others? Then we belong to the noble company of pioneers and prophets, of good policemen and firemen, of courageous statesmen and adventuring scientists, of trusted fathers and friends.

A great Physician once hung on a cross. The crowd jeered: "He saved others, himself he cannot save." That is why millions now call him savior.

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SCENES FROM THE UNPRECEDENTED gathering of African churches at Kampala, Uganda, where Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches from 42 countries were represented at the Inaugural Assembly of the All Africa Conference of churches. At top left, simultaneous translation of addresses proved helpful to delegates at the multilingual meeting. At upper right is Samuel Hanson Amissah of Ghana, principal of a Methodist college. At bottom left, Archpriest Vitaly Borovoy, observer of the Russian Orthodox Church, left, chats with Sister Marie Madelene Handy of Cameroun; John Kamau of Kenya and the Rev. El. Meharraky of the Coptic Orthodox Church, United Arab Republic. At bottom right, left to right, are Dr. Donald G.S. M'Timkula, Methodist, of Northern Rhodesia; Henry Makula of the United Church of Central Africa (Anglican), Northern Rhodesia; and Dr. W.A. Visser 'T Hooft, secretary general of the World Council of Churches.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"WHAT CAN I DO?" (continued)

another way. And so it goes.

Last week the column made the suggestion that every Christian try to bring someone to Christ. Of course it is not easy. But here are some helpful suggestions that come out of experience. They are not all mine. But I have tried all of them and I know they will work. And whether or not you may succeed in bringing a person to Christ, you will have the joy of deepening your own Christian experience.

Before you talk with anyone about spiritual things, pray for God to open that person's heart to what you will try to say. They ask God to show you what to say. Ask Him to take your efforts and bless them to the Glory of His name. You must take God into partnership if you expect to see anything happen. And there is nothing that will prepare you for this job as much as sincere, humble prayer.

"But what do I say? How do I start the conversation on this subject?" That is the question that comes to the mind of everyone who even thinks of Christian witnessing. The most experienced evangelist and the beginner have the same problem here. And there is no sure answer that can be given. One approaches a friend one way; a total stranger in another. Age also makes a difference in the approach. The man whose wife and family are Christians should be approached in

But here are a few suggestions about what not to do. It is seldom wise at the start to invite an unconverted person to attend church. You should talk with him first about accepting Christ. Church attendance is good, even necessary for the Christian to grow. But for many years we have tended to make church membership and attendance the only necessary act to conversion. After you talk with him a while, you might close the conversation by inviting him to visit your church. But keep in mind that your principal invitation is for him to come to Christ. Invitation to church is actually the second step.

Also avoid asking the question, "Are you saved?" In the first place, the unconverted person does not know what you mean. After all, a lot of Christians are not just sure of its meaning. Besides, it is not a good approach to go to a total stranger and ask such a point-blank question. A gentler approach is better. To talk about the precious qualities of salvation, one must establish a friendly attitude on the part of the other person. This question will not do it.

It is impossible in this short space to give definite suggestions. But if you are interested in discussing it further, please write to me in care of THE METHODIST. I have found some good materials on the subject. They have helped me. They should help you too.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Sunrise After the Dark Night of the Soul

By the Rev. W. Maurice Lanier, Minister
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Mountain Home, Arkansas

When a friend or a member of one's family is passing through some great suffering or trouble, he may ask why God allows such suffering. Or, one's own troubles may lead him to ask this question. The book of Job deals with the mystery of innocent suffering and challenges the orthodox view, which with the common among the people of Old Testament times, that when a person suffers it must be because he has sinned. The facts of life reveal that innocent persons suffer, also. As we read the book of Job, we see that the most painful thing for Job to bear was the feeling that God was dealing with him as a stern judge and yet would not listen to his pleas for a fair trial.

"For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him, that we should come to trial together." Job 19:32 (R.S.V.)

Here Job was "thirsting for love," and was preparing the way for the coming of Christ who would reveal that God is a God who suffers with man and loves him as his son. (See James Strahan, *THE BOOK OF JOB*, Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1913, page 102, quoted in *INTERPRETER'S BIBLE*, Vol. 3, page 985.)

The most painful thing for Job to bear was not his physical suffering, intense though this was, but rather the feeling that God was not responding to his bitter tears and earnest prayers. Christians of another day called this the "dark night of the soul." Job was their forerunner for he spoke of his "nights of misery" and said:

"But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn." (Job 7:3, 4 (RSV))

When God finally did come face to face with Job, he knew that God did care for him but that God also had larger plans than Job had ever dreamed of. He had the experience of a sunrise after dark night of the soul. This is the experience that awaits all those who hold on to their faith in the goodness of God. One can come, as Paul did, to see that though the "thorn in the flesh" may not be removed, yet God's grace is sufficient for us. (See II Corinthians 12) He will help us to bear any suffering that may come to us. God does not take all the pains and suffering out of life. These come for Christians as well as for others. Yet suffering for the Christian can become a means of growth and of helping others. The Christian has the assurance of God's sustaining help in all of life's troubles as well as in the days of sunshine and success and

joy and gladness. "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him..." Romans 8:28 (RSV) And some of the noblest characters have been those Christians who have suffered much. They let God's will be done in their lives and suffer when this becomes their opportunity for closer companionship with the God who gave His own son on the cross.

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Build A Devotional

"THIS TOO WILL PASS"

"This hope we hold as the utterly reliable anchor for our souls--" Hebrews 6:19 (Phillips)

A man trying to console a friend in trouble quoted the old proverb, "This too will pass". Was he suggesting that all we could do in a tragic situation was to just hold out and wait for the hour to pass? Surely, there are times when it seems that this is all that we can do. To the great religious spirits, however, these times of adversity and trial afforded a challenge which strengthened their faith.

"In the year that king Uzziah died." Isaiah saw the Lord (Isaiah 6). His heart was heavy with grief but we went to the temple and there had such a vivid and deep experience that he answered God's challenge, "Here am I; send me."

Some of the Psalms were written in exile. There was no darker hour for the Jew than when his nation was destroyed, his house of worship in ruins, his family broken up, and he a slave of the enemy. In this time of trial the poets felt that all they could do was to hang up their harps for they could not sing the Lord's song in a strange land. Yet, in their tribulation they discovered that God was not bound by geography

but was surely with them.

Paul, in exultation, writes, "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). Were these words written in the beauty of a sanctuary? Were they written in a quiet place with happy surroundings? No, they were written during his imprisonment.

It was a "quarry slave" who saw the "holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2). Certainly if there was a dark hour for a man's soul it was for John on the Isle of Patmos. Out of his experience he sounds an eternal note of victory for Christians.

Call the roll of the great religious spirits and each will witness to how they met God in the hour of adversity and found an anchor for their souls. Does this not suggest to us that the difference between defeat and victory in the hour of trial is in what we do with that experience and to whom we turn? Someone has said, "Hopeless situations do not make hopeless men; hopeless men make hopeless situations."

R.B.

.....Aunt Feather

LOSSES IN CHURCH PARTICIPATION CITED FOR EAST GERMANY

Berlin (RNS) — Heavy losses in participation but financial gains in the church life of the Soviet Zone of Germany were revealed here in statistics published by the West Berlin portion of the Evangelical Church in Berlin and Brandenburg.

Compiled in an unidentified church

district of East Germany, one including a community of about 100,000 inhabitants, the statistics disclosed that baptisms, confirmations, church weddings and church funerals had dropped considerably between 1951 and 1961. Meanwhile, the number of participants in Holy Communion has remained constant, and financial contributions have increased almost 400 per cent.

Let The Children Come

There are special "family times" during the months of May and June. One Sunday is called "mother's Day" and another is called "father's day". In some churches there are special programs on a Sunday called "Children's Day". These times are especially set aside to help us to think of ways we may make our homes more Christian. It is a part of God's plan that we live together as families. The Bible gives us good rules that will help us to learn to live together as a happy group. Mark these verses in your Bible and think about one of them each day:

1. Jesus said, "Let us love one another." John 13:34

2. Be ye kind to another.

3. As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. Luke 6:31

4. A soft answer turns away wrath. Proverbs 15:1

5. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1

6. Be good and share what you have. Hebrews 13:16

7. Let us love one another, for God is love. John 4:7.

After you have thought about these verses, get a piece of paper and make a list of the things you can do to help make your home happy. Each person must do his part. Remember that the little things are often very important. Always be glad to the table for meals, using other person's things without asking permission, and neglecting to do your share of the work around the home can create unhappiness. Follow the directions the Bible has given us, and add your special thoughts to make this and all of the following weeks happy ones in your home.

Poem For The Week

The Celestial Surgeon

If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no glorious morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain:-
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take
and stab my spirit broad awake!
Or Lord, if too obdurate I,
Choose Thou, before that spirit die,
A piercing pain, a killing sin
And to my dead heart run them in!

Robert Louis Stevenson
from THE WORLD'S GREAT
RELIGIOUS POETRY

Worship Tour Planned For Conference

During the session of the Annual Conference, the Conference Commission on Worship will sponsor a tour of contemporary church architecture on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to an announcement by the Rev. Richard D. Waggoner, secretary of the commission.

The itinerary will consist of visits to six churches, all in the lakefront section of New Orleans. All of them are new and of contemporary design. They include: Oak Park Presbyterian, Elysian Fields Methodist, St. Francis Cabrini Roman Catholic, Lake Vista Methodist, St. Dominics Roman Catholic and St. Paul's Episcopal.

The tour will end with a visit to historic Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, where there will be a demonstration of the new organ by Mr. Waggoner.

Tickets for the tour may be obtained at conference. They will cost \$1.00. Air-conditioned buses will pick up the tourists at First Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday June 5.

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Ruston Church to Send Visitors to Bolivia

Following the recommendation of the Commission on Missions, The Official Board of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, recently adopted as an official part of the program of that church a plan to send Mrs. C. E. McLean and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams to Bolivia to represent the church at the formal opening of the home of Carl and Julia Williams and the Agricultural Center in late June.

A recent bulletin from this church, announces that Mrs. McLean has found it necessary to decline the trip because of physical limitations. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will represent the church, and the trip will be financed outside the regular budget of the church.

The church is receiving contributions from individuals or groups who desire a part in this undertaking.

An Urgent Appeal

Because of the plea of many ministers for more reasonable hotel accommodations for the meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference, the Committee on Arrangements has secured the rental of the dormitory at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the duration of the Conference. However, your committee is now facing an embarrassment because so few have applied for reservations in this dormitory. The dormitory can take care of both men and women, and we urge that not only the ministers and their wives but also some of the delegates stay in this dormitory. The cost is \$1.00 per person per night. It is not air-conditioned but is air-cooled by large exhaust fans.

Those staying in the dormitory will need to bring their own pillow, linens, towels, small fan, etc. Each room has a wash basin with hot and cold water in room, but shower facilities are available on each floor for men and for women.

If you have made reservations elsewhere but care to stay in this dormitory these hotel reservations can be cancelled. We urge more of our ministers and delegates to make use of these facilities at the Baptist Seminary and thus save this committee on Arrangements and the Annual Conference an embarrassment.

Pastor of Natchitoches Church Named 'Rural Minister of Year'

The Rev. Dell Durand, pastor of College Avenue Methodist Church, Natchitoches, was recently selected as the most outstanding rural minister for all denominations in the State of Louisiana by the Progressive Farmer Magazine.

The honor carries with it an expense-paid trip to Emory University where he will remain for two weeks and where a banquet will be held at which he will be one of the guests of honor, along with the "rural minister of the year" from each of the other southern states served by the magazine.

Mr. Durand is one of the conference's active young ministers. He holds many revivals each year. This year he has received 25 persons into the church by profession of faith.

The church which he serves has been most cooperative in providing facilities for many of the services and meetings of neighboring First Methodist Church since their building was destroyed by fire last year.

He has rendered many services to rural churches which would be considered beyond the normal call of duty.



THE REV. FRED FLURRY, Alexandria District Superintendent, hands the Rev. Dell Durand the telegram announcing his selection as the "Rural Minister of the Year" for Louisiana. At one time he was conducting four mid-week prayer services in addition to his regular Sunday services.

He is a graduate of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, and has been a member of the Louisiana Conference for 12 years.

"Breakthru" Sets Record

NASHVILLE, TENN. — BREAKTHRU, The Methodist Church's first television series for children, has been

shown by more than 100 television stations across the United States during the first year of its release. This was announced by Dr. Gene W. Carter, Nash-



MISS EDNA FLOY BROWN, missionary to Sarawak, who has recently been studying tropical medicine at Rulane University, spoke May 19 at the evening worship at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans. She is a native of Florida and will return to Sarawak soon to resume her duties as a nurse.

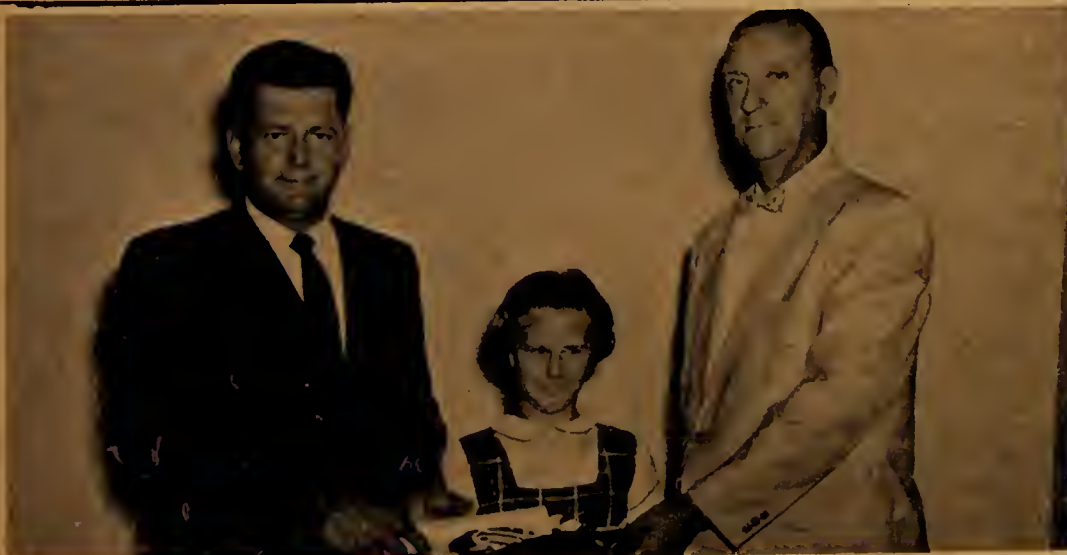
Science Grant For Centenary

Twenty-seven Methodist-related colleges are among those which have been granted a total of over \$4 million in matching funds to but modern scientific equipment. The grants from the National Science Foundation aim to help the schools keep up with changing needs in training engineers and scientists.

Among the schools listed was Centenary College of Shreveport.

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ville, executive secretary of the section on radio-TV of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO). Dr. Carter said that March 17, 1963, marked the end of the first year of release for BREAKTHRU. The series actually was shown 116 times during the period, he said, a few of the stations using it more than once. BREAKTHRU is a series of 13 half-hour programs aimed especially at 9-to-11-year-olds. The programs are designed to help children break through old concepts to new and deeper religious insights.



MISS LINDA BYERS (center) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Byers of the Golden Meadow Methodist Church, receives from Gilbert Cheramie, alderman, left, and O.A. Pitre, principal of the Golden Meadow School, the award for her prize-winning essay "Why I Like to Live in Louisiana," in a contest sponsored by the Louisiana Commission on Cultural Resources.



"THE FAMILY OF THE YEAR" at Grace Church, Ruston, the Joseph H. Barnwell family, received from the pastor, the Rev. George W. Ross, a plaque stating that by choice of the congregation they have been chosen because of their love and loyalty to The Methodist Church.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

DR. ETHEL TRICE of Northeast Louisiana State College was guest speaker for the Family Life Series at First Methodist Church, Monroe, May 12 and 19. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

MRS. JULIA REID PAXTON was the guest speaker for the Pledge and Dedication Service for the WSCS of First Methodist Church, DeRidder, May 7. The pastor is the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson.

MRS. G.W. POMEROY conducted the Leadership Training Course recently held in Lake Charles under the sponsorship of the United Church Women of that city. The meeting was held at Chateau Charles.

THE FILM "MARTIN LUTHER" was shown to the congregation of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, at the evening worship service on May 12. The pastor is the Rev. Benedict A. Galloway.

THE SENIOR MYF GROUP of the Palestine Methodist Church was recently chosen as the outstanding MYF group in the Alexandria District. The Rev. Richard Hoffpauir is their pastor.

THE REV. E.V. APPLING brought the memorial message for the Memorial Day observance at the Colquitt Methodist Church, May 4. The pastor of this church is the Rev. K.G. Rorie.

"THE LIFE OF JOHN WESLEY," color film, was shown at the evening worship hour at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, as a part of that church's observance of Aldersgate Sunday. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

THE W.T. WALLERS, Mrs. Thelma Gunn, and Mrs. Youree McCall honored the members of the Official Board of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, with a chicken barbaque at their camp on Lake Bistineau, Wednesday, May 15. The pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

AT THE FAMILY NIGHT supper at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, Apr. 30, colored slides were shown of the congregation, the various organizations and the total program of the church. Their pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

IN OBSERVANCE OF "Ministry Sunday," May 19, the work of the youth was emphasized in the evening worship hour. The newly-elected MYF officers and workers were formally installed during the service, by the pastor, the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

AT NOEL MEMORIAL CHURCH, Shreveport, the WSCS Christian Social Relations Study was held on May 9. The study "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World," was led by Mrs. J.W. Bryant and Mrs. Alfred K. Johnston.

ON MAY 20, THE SECOND in the Rayne Memorial Recital Series presented Mr. Richard Wagonner, minister of music, in his first recital on the new organ. He was assisted by the Cathedral Choir of this church, and by Miss Barbara Biermann, soprano soloist.

MRS. PAUL RITTER, architect from Lake Charles, was the speaker for the May 20 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Welsh, where the Rev. Oakley Lee is the pastor. The topic of his talk was "Modern Trends in Architecture."

TAPE RECORDINGS OF MOST of the messages delivered by Pastor Martin Niemoeller when he spoke

recently in New Orleans, are now available at \$3.00 per tape. These may be ordered from the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, 330 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans.

THE REV. CLYDE C. FRAZIER, JR., pastor of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, gave the morning and evening prayer over Station WDSU-TV, May 19-25. This is one of the radio and television programs of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the speaker for the "parsons and parsonettes" of the Monroe District at their meeting at First Methodist Church, Bastrop, May 16. He gave an illustrated lecture of his visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa.

THE REV. HARRY E. EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, recently filled the pulpits of the First Methodist Church, Tallulah, where the Rev. Wilson Watson is the pastor, and at Claiborne Methodist Church, West Monroe, where the Rev. Tilman Brown is the pastor.

THE WSCS OF THE ELTON Methodist Church held a combined pledge and installation service on Wednesday, May 8. Eighteen members and one visitor were present. Members took part in the pledge program, and the pastor, the Rev. Paul Carroll, gave a brief message and installed the officers.

THE CHILDREN OF THE Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, responded generously to the recent Cerebral Palsy Drive. The girls in James Cottage (high school) and in East Webb (junior high school) requested that they be allowed to give of their own money for this cause.

MISS EDNA FLAY BROWN, a missionary to Sarawak, who has been studying tropical medicine in Tulane University, was the guest speaker for the evening worship service at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, May 19. She will be leaving in a few days to return to her mission station. The Carrollton pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

DR. BERT R. BURGOYNE, Baton Rouge psychiatrist, was the speaker for the Adult Fellowship at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, May 12. He spoke on "The Church and its Concern for the Emotionally Disturbed and the Mentally Retarded." Dr. Burgoyne is medical director of the Baton Rouge Guidance Clinic. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

THE CONGREGATION OF the Cotton Valley Methodist Church will celebrate their Centennial Anniversary in services on June 2. The Rev. J.P. McKeithen, who was pastor of the church between 1950 and 1954, will preach at the morning worship service and will show slides of his trip to the Holy Land at the evening worship hour. The pastor is the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr.

THE REV. DELL DURAND, pastor of College Avenue Methodist Church, Natchitoches, was guest evangelist for revival services held at Urania Methodist Church, May 5-10. Mr. R.M. Reeves was song leader and Mrs. A.M. Johnston, who has just returned from a tour of the Holy Land, was the organist. The Rev. E.W. Sandel is the pastor.

THE REV. ALFRED A. KNOX, editor of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST, was the guest preacher at both morning worship services at the Plaquemine Methodist Church, May 12. The Rev. James Christie is the pastor. At the evening worship service, he preached at First Methodist Church, Houma, where Dr. Henry A. Rickey is the pastor.

AT OAK GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, Natchitoches, the following new officers have been elected by the Methodist Men: E.J. Stephens, Jr., president; Warren Stephens, vice-president; the Rev. J.C. Zeranque, Jr., the pastor, secretary-treasurer; James Anding, program chairman; and John Wilkerson, cemetery chairman.

THE REV. BARRY BAILEY, pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker for the appreciation dinner given at North Baton Rouge Methodist Church recently for the Church School workers. Master of ceremonies for the dinner was S.O. Keith, Church School superintendent. Also participating were the Rev. Estill Allen, minister of education; the Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor; and Miss Linda Harris.

A GROUP OF 18 SENIORS and six adults from the Haynesville Methodist Church, made the trip to First Methodist Church, Minden, to hear Dr. Clovis Chappell during his recent lectures there. The young people of this church has visited with Dr. Chappell on two previous occasions during MYF tours to Tennessee. The Haynesville pastor is the Rev. K.G. Rorie.

THE MEN OF FIRST METHODIST Church, Minden, were given a small sample of tour camping at their May 21 meeting. They traveled in the MYF bus to Caney Lake Methodist Camp, where supper was served by Casey Jones, assisted by members of the Youth Division of the church. The program was presented by the young people. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

AS A PART OF ITS observance of National Family Week, "Family Night" was held at Pelican Methodist Church in cooperation with the Pelican Baptist Church, May 8. The program consisted of a devotional and recreation led by the young people of both churches. The Rev. John Sayes is pastor of the Pelican Methodist Church and the Rev. J.N. Myers is pastor of Pelican Baptist Church.

DR. GASTON FOOTE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, was the speaker for a Protestant Mission held at England Air Force Base, Alexandria, May 19-22. The theme of the mission was "This We Believe." Special music for the service by civilian choirs of Rapides Parish and the Chapel Choir of the base. Singing was led by Mr. Gary Lenoir, voice major at Louisiana College. Chaplain G. Stephens Ingram is the base chaplain.

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING and Memorial Association of the Holley Springs Cemetery met April 28 at the Holley Springs Methodist Church. Members returned for the event from Shreveport, Minden, Ruston, Coushatta, Baton Rouge and other places. The memorial message was delivered by the Rev. L.A. Carrington of Benton Methodist Church, who was pastor of the church for three years. The Rev. David Stone is the present pastor.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF FIRST METHODIST Church, Alexandria, presented the cantata, "A Child Prays," on Mother's Day May 12. The cantata was composed by the Rev. Franklin Poole, the church's minister of music, from the book of children's prayers, "Now I Lay Me Down to Wonder." Readers for the presentation were Mary Claire Herlong and Robert McSween. This program was presented as a combined observance of National Music and Christian Home Week. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.



THE BUILDING COMMITTEE of Prospect Methodist Church of Florien is pictured as they broke ground for a new parsonage on Sunday, April 21. They are left to right: Mrs. Oma Conerly, Mrs. Laura Davis, Marvin Sandel, Luther Sandel, the Rev. Don Thrash, Clifton Davis, and Arvil Miller.



Mr. Bagby

L. A. Minister New Associate, Social Concerns

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The Rev. Grover C. Bagby of Los Angeles is to be the new associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. On Aug. 1 he will succeed the Rev. A. Dudley Ward who becomes the board's chief executive here.

Dr. Bagby is now associate general secretary of the Coordinating Council for Southern California-Arizona Conference, with responsibilities in education, adult work and human relations.

In his new position, he will direct the national board's Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, which works in such areas as race relations, labor-management, church-state, conservation, housing and unemployment.

The selection by the board's executive committee was announced by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, president.

A native of Fresno, Calif., Dr. Bagby earned a bachelor of arts in history (summa cum laude), a bachelor of divinity (magna cum laude) and doctor of philosophy from Drew University. He also studied at University of Edinburgh.

He was ordained elder in 1944 in Newark Conference. Since 1941 he has served pastorates in New York, New Jersey and California and was named to his present position in 1958.

He also serves currently as treasurer of Agricultural Aids Foundation (providing farm equipment for Central Africa); vice president of Agricultural Technical Assistance Foundation, president of Southern California Mental Health Foundation; vice president of Community Relations Conference of Southern California; chairman of the Department of Christian Education, of Los Angeles; member of the board or regents, University of the Pacific. He has written numerous magazine articles and has traveled in Europe and Africa.

He and Mrs. Bagby have two sons, 18 and 20 years, and a daughter 15.

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A religion that cannot cross the color line is hardly worth exporting.

AN AMERICAN OVERSEAS -

Witnessed to Christ

As an ever increasing number of Americans go overseas to work and to live, American churches are seeking ways in which they can help these persons give expression to their Christian faith in a non-Christian culture. The growing number of Americans living abroad work for the Government, for industry, for educational institutions, for foundations. The professional missionary is now a small minority in the American community abroad.

Every once in awhile comes a report of an American, who though not a missionary, is making a witness for Christ through word and deed in a foreign land among people, most of whom are not Christians. One such story came recently in a letter to friends in the United States from the Rev. David A. Garrigus, a missionary whose American home is Vincennes, Ind. He is serving in Karachi, capital of Pakistan where he is pastor of the Brooks Memorial Methodist Church. He wrote:

"The supervisor of the maternity clinic related to Brooks Memorial Church has returned with her family to the U.S.A. Mrs. Doris Oremus, a registered nurse, was the last remaining American nurse on our original clinic organizing committee. Doris' husband, Mike Oremus, was the American President Lines representative for Southern Asia.

"For four months in 1962 when we were unable to find a qualified local registered nurse to work for us, Doris Oremus assumed the entire nursing load herself, doing what three nurses are now doing. During summer's hottest breath, she often gave 60 injections per morning shift, plus assisting our lady doctor and supervising our other employees. And Doris is the mother of three small children.

"There are some wonderful Americans like Doris Oremus overseas. They paint with their lives a portrait of what it means to be a Christian. One local official who visited our maternity clinic refused to believe that anyone, much less a foreign lady, would work that

Dr. D. G. S. M'Timkulu, a Methodist from Northern Rhodesia, has been elected chairman of the 20-member general committee of the newly-formed All Africa Conference of Churches. Named executive secretary was Dr. Samuel Amissah, principal of Wesley Training College, Kumasi, Ghana.

hard unless she were getting something out of it. To his incredulous frown, Doris Oremus said simply, 'I am a Christian.' "

Special Gifts Sought By Board For Support of Book Production

Carrying out one of its major thrusts of the 1960-64 quadrennium, the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions is asking a selected group of Methodist churches to join in the support of a greatly increased program of Christian literature production around the world.

In the name of the Division, its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith has written to the churches to ask whether they would be willing to pledge from \$2,500 to \$10,000 a year in Advance Specials to help underwrite the production literature. The letter asks if the churches would be willing to make their pledges for a period of not less than five years.

Dr. Smith said it is the hope of the Division to find at least 100 churches in Methodism which are willing to help in this pioneer program of Christian literature production.

Dr. Smith wrote: "This need and challenge is so urgent that we are making what is for us (the Division) an unprecedented plea for special action: an additional pledge from your church of an amount from \$2,500 to \$10,000 a year for Christian literature for the next five years. This is a bold request, isn't it? Especially since your church is already giving meaningful support to missionary causes over and above your World Service giving. I dare to ask, however, because only bold action by the Christian churches in the area of Christian literature in this hour will save us from tragic inadequacy."

The World Division's program of advance in Christian literature production parallels that of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which in

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

May 26—Sunday	Rev. 1:9-20
May 27	Rev. 5:6-14
May 28	Rev. 7:9-17
May 29	Rev. 11:15-19
May 30	Rev. 19:1-10
May 31	Rev. 21:1-14
June 1	Joel 2:26-32
June 2—Sunday	Acts 2:1-21

Woman's Division To Contribute \$100,000 To Furnish, Complete UN Center's Chapel

NEW YORK (RNS)—The Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service will contribute up to \$100,000 to furnish and complete the chapel in the Church Center for the United Nations in honor of the auxiliary's president, Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn.

Mrs. Tillman has headed since 1956 the division which represents some 1,800,000 Methodist women in the country. She also served as the division's vice-president for Christian social relations for four years.

Funds for the chapel, voted by the division's Executive Committee, will provide a stained-glass window, organ, altar, pews and other furnishings for the sanctuary in the 12-story center.

Being built under Methodist auspices, the \$2,000,000 center will house the

United Nations offices of the National Council of Churches, The Methodist Church, and other denominational bodies. A \$500,000 contribution to the center was made earlier by the Woman's Division.

The center will be used for church-related activities in connection with the United Nations, including seminars, workshops and tours. It also will provide facilities and services for individuals from U. N. delegations and secretariat, petitioners and visitors from overseas. All of these activities will be coordinated generally by the NCC's Department of International Affairs.

Mrs. Tillman is a vice-president of the NCC, a trustee of several colleges and has been a delegate to The Methodist Church's quadrennial General Conference.

SEEK NEW COMMISSION

To focus the attention of Methodists on the critical problems of ministering to America's cities, the church's Division of National Missions has taken the first preliminary step toward what it hopes will be a new churchwide approach to the city in the 1964-68 quadrennium.

The division, at its recent executive committee meeting in New York, voted to ask the cooperation of five other national Methodist agencies in seeking to set up a national Interboard Commission on the Church's Mission to Urban America. In taking the action, the Division said it hopes all the agencies together can present a joint request to the 1964 General Conference for establishment of an Interboard Commission. Such a commission would have "special responsibility for developing and implementing an effective program for serving people in the inner city."

In Memoriam



Mrs. Janet Goree

Whereas the passing of Mrs. Janet Stark Goree on March 20, 1963 brings great sorrow to the entire community as well as the Haynesville Methodist Church, it is a sorrow that is accomplished with a grateful remembrance of Mrs. Goree's Christian life and many years of service.

We shall always cherish in our memory, the long and varied Christian services of Mrs. Goree to our community, to our school, and to our church. She was a dedicated teacher and a diligent worker. Her quiet consistent character was an inspiration to all.

We shall remember her especially for her fine work in the Primary Department, in Vacation Church School, as Superintendent of the Childrens' Division, and as Treasurer of the Womans Society. She was a "virtuous woman and her price is far above rubies". (Proverbs 31: 10-31)

Therefore, be it resolved by the Womans Society of Christian Service of the Haynesville Methodist Church, on April 1, 1963, that this Record of Remembrance be made a part of the permanent minutes of said Society and that a copy be sent to Mr. B. W. Goree and family, and to the Louisiana Methodist, and to the Haynesville News.

Womans Society of Christian Service
Haynesville Methodist Church
Mrs. Jack Price
Recording Secretary



R. C. Bowden

Rupert C. Bowden, a retired teacher, died at his home in McGehee, Arkansas, March 2, 1963, at the age of 73. He was born at Mazagine, Arkansas, where he completed high school; and was graduated from Hendrix College in 1916. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in McGehee, and a veteran of World War 1. He taught school at Eudora, Magazine and McGehee in Arkansas, and in Louisiana and Texas.

He is survived by his widow, Maude Trippe Bodwen of McGehee; three brothers, A. P. Bowden of Perris, Calif.; J. L. Bowden, Hot Springs, and E. C. Bowden, Magazine; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Newsam, Benton; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held March 5, in the Chapel of the Dyer Funeral Home in McGehee, by the Rev. R. O. Beck. Active pallbearers were nephews of Mr. Bowden, and honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church, McGehee. Burial was in the Old Union Cemetery at Magazine.

Rupert and the writer were boyhood friends at Magazine and graduated

ed in the same class at Hendrix College. He was a man of real character, and a faithful servant in his chosen profession and in his Church.

—O. C. Landers



Mrs. J. C. Gibbons

Mrs. Maud M. Gibbons, wife of the Rev. J. C. Gibbons passed away March 22nd in Merced, Calif., where she and her husband had been living for the past two and one-half years with their daughter and family.

Mrs. Gibbons spent most of her life as a Methodist minister's wife. She was active in all the church activities and gave of herself unselfishly for others. She was the daughter of Steven L. and Lucindia Ashley of Leslie, Arkansas.

Mr. Gibbons served in the North Arkansas Conference, North Texas Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference, Wherever they went, her friends were unlimited.

She was a member of the Bentonville Methodist Church of Bentonville, Ark., where they owned their home until they had to sell on account of ill health. They had lived in Bentonville 16 years.

Funeral services were held in Bentonville Methodist Church by the Rev. Thurston Masters, pastor, and the Eastern Stars. Burial was in the Memorial Gardens of Bentonville.

She is survived by her husband; one son, R. L. Gibbons of Bentonville; one daughter, Mrs. Aline Hoppman of Merced, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Ann Boyd of Merced, Calif; 19 grandchildren and 28 grand-children.



Mrs. Mary Camp

Mrs. Mary Camp, age 53, was born in Columbia County, Arkansas, April 18, 1910. After a lengthy illness covering intermittent period of more than twenty years, she left this world May 5, 1963, from an El Dorado hospital to be with her Christ and a son who died many years ago in infancy.

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Survivors are her husband, Madison Camp, with whom she lived as a loving and devoted wife for thirty-six years;

one daughter, Mrs. Ernest Johnson of 711 Lucy Circle, Magnolia, Ark.; one son, William R. Camp of Merced, Calif.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders of Macedonia, Ark.; two brothers, Fred and Mack of Macedonia; two sisters, Mrs. Bill Chisholm of Macedonia and Mrs. W. O. Furlow of Cortez, Colo; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Philadelphia Methodist Church by her pastor, the Rev. Charlie Mashburn, assisted by the Rev. Harry Attebery, pastor Macedonia Baptist Church. She was laid to rest in Philadelphia Cemetery.

—Her pastor



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THE BISHOP'S LETTER *Beyond Aldersgate*

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 18, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Last Saturday I wrote to you from the district parsonage in Lafayette where I enjoyed a delightful visit with the Reverend and Mrs. A. Jerome Cain and their daughter Barbara, who is graduating from high school this month.

On Saturday evening I drove with Brother Cain to Melville where we dedicated a long list of furnishings, windows, lights, etc., given by the members of that church in memory of departed loved ones. The pastor at Melville is the Reverend George J. Burley, Approved Supply, who came to us after Conference from Michigan.

Sunday was a busy day. We went first to hold an early service at Jeanerette where the new Educational Building was dedicated. The pastor at Jeanerette, the Reverend Hal P. Cansler, an Approved Supply, also came to us after Conference from Texas.

I preached at the eleven o'clock service at Franklin Methodist Church, Dr. Albert S. Hurley, pastor. We enjoyed a delicious noon meal at the parsonage with Dr. and Mrs. Hurley and two lovely young ladies who are working at the Sager-Brown Home.

In the evening I showed pictures on our work in Latin America at Berwick, the Reverend William J. Reid, pastor. Late that afternoon, the young daughter of Brother and Mrs. Reid, Mary Sue, underwent an emergency appendectomy. Monday morning she was doing fine.

Since you read an account of my proposed visits to these churches in last week's Louisiana Methodist, I will not attempt to tell you more about them at this time.

In this issue you will be reading about Aldersgate. On Friday of next week we will celebrate the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

You know that The Methodist Church dates from Aldersgate. It was the experience at Aldersgate that was responsible for the Methodist revival. This movement brought new spiritual life to England and spread its gracious influence to the continent of Europe, to the colonies in America, and then across the world. A moral enthusiasm resulted in a social consciousness which reformed all areas of life. Methodist practice and Methodist theology rest upon Aldersgate. The dedication of the early Methodists to education, evangelism, and missionary effort stems from Mr. Wesley's experience of the warmed heart at Aldersgate.

May we use these days to call to mind again what happened at Aldersgate—and give ourselves in this hour to a search for that warmed heart which will empower us to serve and to bless others in the name of our Christ.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton.

So. Cal. Conference Donates To Investment Fund Reserve

The first concrete action under a new national policy to make available more loan capital to Methodist churches for building purposes was taken by the Committee on Church Extension of the Methodist Division of National Missions in March in Philadelphia, Pa.

Acting for the Division, the Committee approved an agreement whereby \$250,000 will be added to the reserve of the Methodist Investment Fund. The gift, which is from the Southern California-Arizona Conference, will make it possible for the Fund to accept an additional \$1,500,000 in investments and thus to loan that same amount of money to churches for new buildings. The gift



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON and six members of his cabinet were recently guests of the Louisiana Land and Exploration Co. on a fishing trip. Shown on the boat from which most of the fishing was done are: (l. to r.) Alfred A. Knox, editor of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST; R. Leonard Cooke, Carl Lueg, Ed Haug, D.W. Poole, Henry A. Rickey, Bishop Walton, Jolly B. Harper, A. Jerome Cain, and Ed Bridges, layman from First Methodist Church, Houma, who served as host to the party.

Bishop Walton in Ruston District for Dedications

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will speak at three services in the Ruston District, Sunday, May 26. He will preach and dedicate the new sanctuary and educational building of Dubach Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. At 3:00 p.m., the Bishop will conduct a service of consecration for the new parsonage in Homer, and dedicate other building projects of the First Methodist Church in Homer at 3:30 p.m. He will preach in the Downsville Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Luman Douglas, Ruston District Superintendent, will also participate in the services.

The new Dubach Church is unusual in that the building has been paid for during the period of construction. The \$50,000 sanctuary is due to be completed next week. The \$46,000 educational building was built last year and it also was paid for at the time of completion. This new church plant replaced the 60-year-old building which was demolished last year.

The Rev. Jerry Means has been pastor of the Dubach Church for five years. Present church membership is 130. This is the home church of Rev. Luman Douglas. He and Mrs. Douglas gave all the new pulpit furniture in memory of his parents, who were residents of Dubach.

The James family gave the Allen organ in honor of their mother, Mrs. T. L. James. She was once the organist of this church. The family of R. W. Henry gave the heating and air-conditioning systems as a memorial to Mr. Henry. Pews and other items given as memorials will also be dedicated at the

special service this Sunday.

The Homer Church has completed a three-fold building project begun in the fall of 1961. The first phase was the complete alteration and renovation of the basement area of the church at a cost of \$25,000. This work, completed in time for the meeting of the 1961 Ruston District Conference, consisted of removal of partitions, new ceiling, walls and floors and the construction of a spacious kitchen, cloak room and rest room facilities. The dining area, decorated in a soft paneling and beautified by indirect lighting, seats 250 at meal time.

This project was followed by point two of the three-fold project with the construction of a hard-surfaced parking lot bordered by curbs and sidewalks. This facility accommodates seventy cars and was constructed at a cost of \$6,000. This work was completed in the summer of 1962.

All indebtedness on these two projects has been paid and Bishop Walton will dedicate these improvements at 3:30 p.m., May 26, in McCalman Hall.

In addition to these projects the third phase, the construction of a new parsonage, has now been completed.

Pastor of the church since 1957 is the Rev. William P. Fraser. Occupying the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. Fraser are sons, David Andrew, John Keith, and daughter, Susan Elizabeth. Chairman of the Official Board is Harry McKenzie, Jr.

The Downsville Methodist Church has an unusual and enviable record of benevolent giving. They completed payment of their new brick church in 1959. Since then they have raised their General Advance Specials giving (personalized mission projects) from \$50 to \$1,360 a year, and they have increased their pastor's salary proportionately. Their payment of World Service and conference benevolences has doubled in the last four years. This giving has increased from \$260 in 1959 to \$536 at the present time. Conference Advance Specials has been raised from \$50 to \$295 during the same period.

The Downsville church members pay one-fifth of the support of a missionary couple in Africa, and contribute to other missionary endeavors, such as: the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Alaska Methodist University, Rio Grande Conference, Oklahoma Indian Mission, Louisiana Retired Minister's Homes, Conference 1000 Club (new churches), Louisiana Migrant Ministry, and ministerial scholarships. This giving will be the subject of a feature story in the July issue of THE METHODIST STORY, national magazine of the denomination.

Rev. Brady Forman has been pastor of the church since 1959. Fred McFarland is chairman of the Official Board and Durward McFarland is chairman of the Commission on Missions.

Special Services At Broadmoor, Baton Rouge

A series of special cultural and musical services are now under way in connection with the opening of the new sanctuary at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, where the Rev. Barry Bailey is the pastor.

On Sunday, May 19, the Centenary College Players under the direction of Mr. Orlin Corey, presented the play "Job," which was written by Mr. Corey.

On May 26 the Oklahoma University Players will present a program of entertainment and inspiration at the evening worship hour.

The LSU Faculty Quintet will present a program of sacred music under the direction of Dr. Everett Timm on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Beginning at noon on Sunday, June 2, there will be a Sidewalk Art Show, which will bring together a collection of religious art from throughout the Baton Rouge area. This will be under the direction of Mrs. Tom Rhodes.

On Sunday, June 9, beginning at noon, Religious Flower Arrangements will be exhibited under the direction of Mr. Ronnie Merrill.

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makes possible the acceptance of the additional investments, because the Fund may accept in investments \$6 for each \$1 in its reserve.

The agreement between the National Division and the Southern California-Arizona Conference is the first implementation of a policy adopted by the Division in January, whereby annual conferences are encouraged to donate

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 24, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Last week-end I was in the Baton Rouge District. On Sunday morning I went with the District Superintendent, the Reverend D. W. Poole and Mrs. Poole to Franklinton where I preached at the eleven o'clock service. Franklinton is the home church of Brother Poole and it was fitting that on my last Sunday with him as District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, we should conduct services in the church that means so much to him.

Following the morning service we enjoyed a delicious meal in the parsonage with the pastor, the Reverend M. D. Felder, his family, and their guests. Brother Felder is completing his sixth year as pastor at Franklinton.

In the evening we went to Zachary, James S. Jones, pastor. We had supper in the beautiful parsonage there. We then participated in the service of dedication for the new educational building. M. C. and Rosemary Cady and their little daughter, Debbie, were present with us for this service, as were the Reverend and Mrs. William M. Jacocks. Brother Jacocks is pastor at Magnolia. Following the service in the sanctuary we enjoyed a delightful social hour in fellowship hall.

On Wednesday evening I was in Sulphur where we dedicated the sanctuary of our new congregation there, Wesley Methodist Church. The Reverend Louis Hoffpauir, one of our beloved retired ministers, is serving as the pastor of this new church. On a recent Sunday 107 persons became charter members of this church, and eight more have been added to the roll. Brother Hoffpauir is giving wonderful leadership to this new congregation and the people are responding to him with great appreciation and effection.

I returned to New Orleans last evening and will leave in the morning for the Ruston District. The Cadys have just added to spend the night with us before leaving tomorrow to return to Brazil. We are enjoying their visit.

The District Superintendents will arrive in New Orleans on next Wednesday and we will begin the Cabinet meetings in preparation for Annual Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton

Conference Meetings

The Area Council will convene on Friday afternoon following the adjournment of conference and will meet through Friday evening. If the necessary business of planning cannot be completed, there will also be a session on Saturday morning.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Mission will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, June 3, at First Methodist Church, New Orleans, and the Board of Missions will meet at 7 p.m.

If St. Paul ever advised the WSCS to "keep silent in the churches" he would make a very terrible mistake.



ON THE FIRST SUNDAY the new Lakeview Church was occupied, the pastor, the Rev. James Beasley, and the district superintendent, Dr. Jolly B. Harper, received this group of new members. Seventy-two members joined the church the first three Sundays the new building occupied.

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Annual Conference Session Opens Tuesday In New Orleans

The commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley will be a dominate theme when for the first time in eight years, the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church will be held outside of Shreveport. It will be held June 4-7, 1963 in New Orleans. Headquarters hotel will be the Jung, and conference sessions will be held at the First Methodist Church. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, resident bishop of Louisiana will preside. The Rev. Clyde S. Clark is host pastor.

This is the 118th session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. Delegates and ministers from all 464 Methodist churches in the state will attend. The Methodist Church has more than 122,000 members in Louisiana. The opening session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday. Meetings of boards, committees, and commissions will begin on Monday, June 3.

An important part of this year's conference will be the election of the lay and clerical delegates to the Methodist Church's General (national) Conference to be held next spring, April 25 May 2, in Pittsburgh Pa. This is the law-making body of the denomination, and is held every four years. These delegates will also attend the South Central Jurisdiction (eight-state) Con-

ference in Dallas, June 29. Additional delegates, lay and clerical, will also be elected to attend the Jurisdictional Conference. Balloting will begin on Tuesday morning.

In other action, the conference will vote on: participation in the provisional Louisiana Council of Churches; the emergency Building Fund Campaign for Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas (a Methodist School for Latin American youth); inclusion of Wesley Foundations (Methodist student organizations in State Colleges) in the Centenary College two and one-half million dollar financial campaign; a constitution for the Area Council (reorganization of state Methodist offices); an insurance plan being organized by

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LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, formerly the Park Avenue Church, Shreveport, was recently consecrated, following its move to a beautiful new location. The move was made necessary because of the declining community and the location of a new superhighway. The Rev. James Beasley is the pastor.

Editorials

Annual Conference

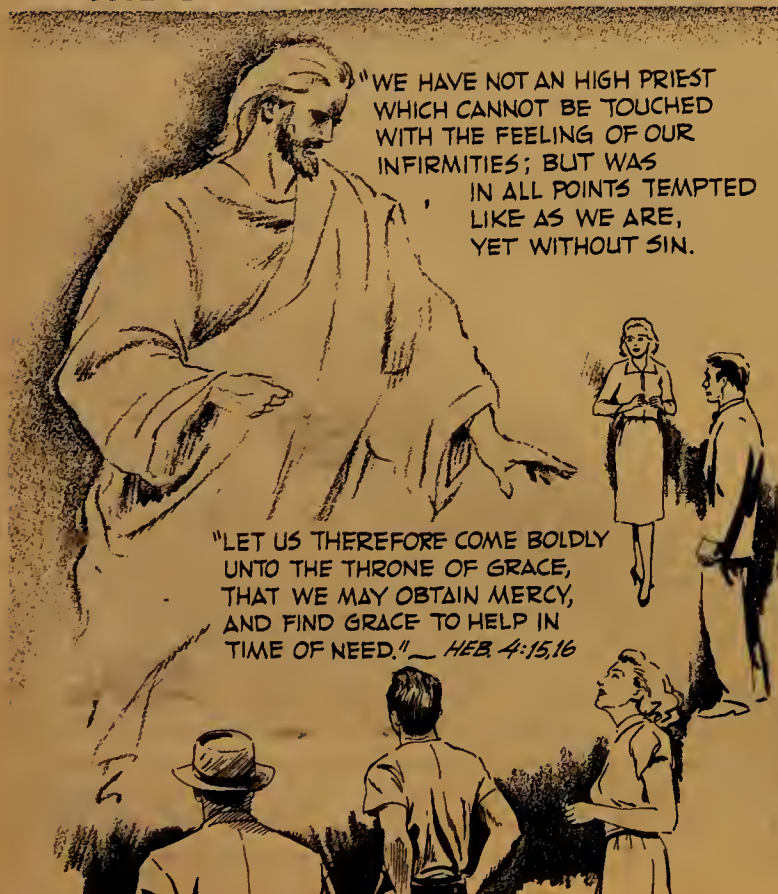
THE sessions of the Annual Conferences recall to all Methodists the significant place which this organization has in church polity. Students of church government are often pointing out one feature or another of Methodism as the unique contribution of the followers of John Wesley to church government.

Although there are many church groups that meet every year there are none that grant to these annual meetings the power and authority which Methodism through the years has given to the Annual Conference. Sometimes an enthusiastic supporter of the power of this body makes a statement that "an annual conference can do anything it wants to do." Perhaps this is not exactly true, but we cannot deny that it is the basic body of Methodism.

The annual conference has long since ceased to be a preacher's conference. In more and more conference the lay delegates are moving ahead in leadership in the deliberations of the conference and many of them are now chairmen of important boards and commissions that were headed by ministers for so many years. We think this trend should and will continue, especially as the bishops with whom we are acquainted take care of the making of appointments prior to the opening session.

Sometimes we are chided by persons outside our church for not being a democratic institution. This is a misconception which we should all help to correct. In a church the size of ours there is far more of an exercise of democratic practices and procedures than would be possible in a convention attended by everybody who happened to be able to make it to the seat of the meeting. This year we will see another demonstration of the democracy of our denomination as delegates are elected to General Conference. Laymen and ministers alike should give serious consideration to why a person should be elected to General Conference—whether it is a vote of popularity for work done in the past quadrennium, or whether

THE UNDERSTANDING CHRIST



"WE HAVE NOT AN HIGH PRIEST WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES; BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN."

"LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED." — HEB. 4:15,16

it is the selection of the persons best prepared to represent the Annual Conference at the General Conference in 1964.

Traditionally two hymns mark the opening and closing of the conference. We open the session with the singing of "And Are We Yet Alive!" and remember those who will answer the earthly roll-call no more. Following the reading of the appointments on the last day we sing "A Charge to Keep I Have." Between the singing of these two an amazing amount of work is accomplished and The Methodist Church moves one more step ahead in the program of the Annual Conference—not just the yearly session but the program which we implement throughout the year. Methodism is growing in each of the three Annual Conferences served by our publications and a great deal of credit should go to the imaginative leadership of these groups.

'Nominal Christians' a Threat

A LEADING Protestant Episcopal layman recently asserted that nominal Christians who "betray the church" by their lack of fervent missionary zeal are a greater danger to Christianity than communism or nationalism. Clifford P. Morehouse of New York, president of the Episcopal House of Deputies, said that too many Christians are "content to putter around" their parishes, concerned "only with the music, altar furnishings and stained glass windows, rather than with the increasingly pagan world around us."

The quoting of these words is in no sense to be taken as critical of those good persons who work at tasks assigned to them when there is necessary work to be done in construction or renovation of the physical facilities of our churches. We should see that he is pointing a finger at those who would dig in here in this type of activity and let it serve as a substitute for the more relevant challenges of the Christian faith in our time.

On Friday, May 24, the National Broadcasting Co. telecast a most significant program entitled "The Quiet Revolution." It dealt primarily with some heroic experiments that are taking place in some of our larger cities by ministers who cannot see the relevance of the church's message when an increasing number of dispossessed human beings feel that no one cares for them. It seemed to us to be saying much the same thing that Mr. Morehouse had said. In some cities giant monuments of brick and stained glass are abandoned and falling down and very little is being done to bring a more relevant witness to the communities where the churches once served so effectively.

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

BOOK REVIEWS

Hazen G. Werner, NO SAINTS SUDDENLY, Abingdon
As annual conference time comes again we have been most elated to receive this new release from Abingdon because of a special interest we have in it and because its message will always speak to us of the sessions of the conferences in which we worked in Ohio.

These messages were first prepared by Bishop Hazen G. Werner for delivery at the morning devotions period of the two annual conferences in the Ohio Area. Because of the work he put into them, these early morning periods have become the high point of the conference sessions, both of which meet at Lakeside, O.

We know of course that most of you are not particularly interested in our personal attachment for the writer, with whom we worked for four years. The title of the book is from one of these messages and the other titles are suggestive of the imaginative skill in illustration which Bishop Werner demonstrates in his preaching.

Most of these messages were delivered by Bishop Werner in the four sessions of the annual conferences which we attended during our stay in Ohio. Each year we recorded them on tape and always there was a great demand from both the lay delegates and the ministers for duplicates of the tapes or transcripts of the messages.

Let me enthusiastically recommend that one of the books you take home from Annual Conference be "No Saints Suddenly" by Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

TACKLING BIG PROBLEMS

Three Methodists will have prominent roles in this year's North Conway Institute, which will emphasize the church's facing problems caused by excessive drinking that is not alcoholism.

The interfaith program will be June 24-28 at North Conway, N. H. Theme for this ninth year will be "Inebriety, Alcoholism and the Church."

Seaman Named Executive Vice-President of MPH

Walter L. Seaman, Nashville, vice-president in charge of the Cokesbury Division of the Methodist Publishing House, has been named executive vice-president of the publishing house, effective June 1.

He will fill a vacancy resulting from the death of Pat Beaird in March of this year.

The appointment was announced by Lovick Pierce, Nashville, president and publisher of the publishing house, which has its headquarters here.

H. Carl Compton, Nashville, assistant manager of the Cokesbury Division, has been named vice-president in charge of the division, effective June 1.

Cokesbury is the retail sales division of the publishing house, with its central offices in Nashville and six regional mail order service centers and 15 Cokesbury stores in major cities across the United States.

Mr. Seaman started with the Methodist Publishing House in 1912. He later served in the army and was employed by a Dallas newspaper, but in 1925 he returned to the Methodist Publishing House in Dallas.

He transferred to Nashville in 1930 as assistant advertising manager. In 1936, he became manager of the literature promotion department. Ten years later he was appointed director of sales, and in 1956 he was named vice-president.

Mr. Seaman was president of the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association in 1961-62 and a member of its executive committee. He has served as president of the Publisher's Advisory Section of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches.

Mr. Compton was employed as a

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

June 2—Sunday	Acts 2:1-21
June 3	Acts 2:22-36
June 4	Acts 2:37-47
June 5	Matthew 16:13-20
June 6	Acts 3:1-16
June 7	Acts 3:17-26
June 8	Acts 4:1-12
June 9—Sunday	Acts 4:13-22

clerk by the publishing house in Nashville in 1923. He became manager of the southern region in 1946, moved to Kansas City as manager there in 1950, and returned to Nashville in 1959 to become assistant manager of the Cokesbury Division.

Both Mr. Seaman and Mr. Compton are members of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, and its official board.

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INDIGENOUS AFRICAN CHURCH ADVOCATED

Indianapolis, Ind., (RNS) Greater cooperation among Protestant missionaries in Africa in developing an indigenous African Church, rather than denominational congregations or institutions, has been urged by a study commission of the Disciples of Christ.

Astronaut Cooper Has Long Record as Active Methodist

That man who set a new American record for space travel also has a 25-year record as a Methodist, with a membership that has kept up with his earth-bound travels.

Major Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., now of Houston, Tex. joined St. Paul's Methodist Church, Shawnee, Okla., when about 10 years of age and was active in church youth programs there. In 1955 he and his parents transferred to First Methodist Church in Carbonale, Colo., where his mother is still active in church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. His late father helped to build that church.

After Gordon Cooper became one of the nation's seven original astronauts and was stationed at Langley Field, Virginia, he transferred to Aldersgate Church, Hampton, and his wife and their two daughters joined on profession of faith in late 1961. The pastor, the Rev. Percy D. White, said the Coopers' request for affiliation was such that he did not realize for several weeks that it involved one of the famed astronauts.

Already active in post chapel programs, the family worshiped together without fanfare at Aldersgate for the several months before the flier's

transfer to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Manned Space Flight Center at Houston, Tex. The pastor noted that Cooper's role in space was referred to publicly only once at the church. Late in 1962, the family transferred memberships to First Methodist Church, Seabrook, Tex., near Houston.

Aldersgate Church was among those which offered special prayers on Sunday, May 12, for Cooper in his adventure. Prayer vigils by groups also were planned.

Cooper is 36, the youngest of the seven astronauts. He and his wife were married in 1947. Their daughters are Camala 14 and Janita 13.

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The Rev. Allen M. Mayes, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas, for the past 13 years, has been named an assistant secretary of the staff of the General Board of Pensions, Evanston, Ill., effective June 1.



Dr. Carl L. Stocking

Stocking Will Join Education Board Staff

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Rev. Dr. Carl L. Stocking, San Francisco, will join the staff of the Methodist General Board of Education here June 15.

He has been serving since 1958 as general program secretary of the Interboard Council of the California-Nevada Conference of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Stocking will take a newly created position as director of a personnel program for the board's Division of the Local Church. This will involve selection, orientation, and in-service training for all employees of the division.

His appointment to the board staff was announced simultaneously by Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, and the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church. The appointment followed election by the board's executive committee.

Dr. Stocking in his new position also will share in other phases of Christian education work, including relationship to Methodist annual confer-

Fund Drive By Wesley Seminary

With pleas that training in religion is the "last vestige of free enterprise" and "is a bulwark of the state as well as of the church," Wesley Theological Seminary has launched a \$10,000,000 Decade of Development program.

The funds are sought primarily for a new residence hall, for endowment expansion and for scholarships, according to President Norman L. Trott.

At the Washington kickoff dinner for the program, Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington said that "the last vestige of free enterprise is in nurturing people in the love of Christ."

Theodore McKeldin, active churchman and new mayor of Baltimore, said that because the nation's leadership is concentrated in this city and "failure here is more conspicuous than in any other city," the seminary's expansion is justified as a bulwark to both state and church. He asserted that "religion exercised ignorantly is not exercised freely" and held that proper training regarding religion "can strengthen Caesar in rendering his due unto God."

ence boards of education and their staffs.

He will be in the divisions' Section on Field and Office Services, of which the Rev. Dr. Harold W. Hewitt, Nashville, is executive secretary.

Dr. Stocking is a graduate of Southwestern College and Boston University School of Theology.

He has served as pastor of Methodist churches in New England and Kansas and at Berkeley and Porterville, California. He has also served as superintendent of the Fresno, Calif., Methodist District.

He is now in his second term as president of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches.

He was a delegate to the 1956 and 1960 quadrennial Methodist General Conferences.

Dr. and Mrs. Stocking have one son, Carl Kenneth.

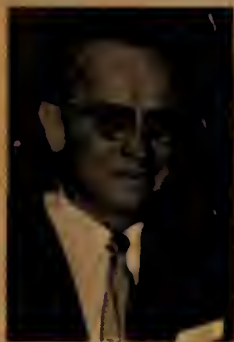
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A religion that cannot cross the color line is hardly worth exporting.



STEWART M. DOSS, right, religious writer of the Dallas Times Herald, is shown as he received the James O. Supple Memorial Award from the Religious Newswriters Association. Making the presentation is Harold Schachern, religion writer for the Detroit News and president of the award fund's board of managers.

Dr. Keith Mason Speaker For Conference Laymen's Dinner



Dr. Mason

Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport physician and surgeon, will be the speaker for the Annual Layman's Dinner during the Louisiana Annual Conference in New Orleans. The Dinner will be held Thursday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Green Room of the Jung Hotel. Ladies are invited. Tickets may be secured from Mr. Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr. for \$3.75 each.

Dr. Mason is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Tulane University, where he was president of the Senior Class and delivered the Valedictory Address. He interned at Schumpert Sanitarium in Shreveport and had a Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

He has made three trips overseas, the first of which was made to the Holy Land, Europe, and the Near East in 1956 with Bishop Dana Dawson, his

father-in-law. During the summer of 1957, Dr. Mason visited three Iron Curtain countries, Russia, East Germany, and Yugoslavia, as a member of the Sherwood Eddy Seminar. He spent six weeks in Africa in 1959 working in four Methodist hospitals; one in Ganta, Liberia, hospitals at Wembo-Nyma and Tunda in the Belgian Congo and one at Nyadiri in Southern Rhodesia.

Dr. Mason is active in the affairs of the church, and was a delegate to the Louisiana Annual Conference. He is now serving as Charge Lay Leader and member of the Official Board of First Methodist Church, Shreveport. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. He is a delegate to the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, having been appointed last spring by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. He is a member of the Provisional Conference of the Louisiana Council of Churches, and chairman of its Central Department at Public Relations.

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Conference Relations Committee

Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr. has asked us to announce a meeting of the Committee on Conference Relations on Monday afternoon, June 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the room designated at First Methodist Church in New Orleans.

All of those who need to come before this committee are urged to be present. All the members of the committee are asked to be present and on time.

Conference

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the Methodist Board of Pensions; and memorials (resolutions) to the General Conference.

A special order of the day on Thursday, June 6, at 11:30 a.m. will be a Service of Commemoration of the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

A highlight of the Annual Conference each year is the reading of the appointments of ministers to churches for the coming year. They will be read by the Bishop at 11:30 a.m. Friday during the closing session. Of special interest will be the appointment of the minister who will be an associate director of the new Area Council. The appointment of Dr. Henry Bowdon, Sr., as Area Director, and Thomas A. Pitt, as Associate (lay) Director, have already been announced. These are executive positions for the conference, and offices will be located in Shreveport.

The conference preacher this year is Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. He will speak at the evening worship service on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and at the Service of Ordination for new ministers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. He will also address the conference Thursday at 11:30 a.m. on "Commemoration of Aldersgate."

Church Drama Workshop Summer Speech Offering at Centenary

Orlin Corey, chairman of the Department of Speech and Drama at Centenary College, announced Saturday that two new speech courses will be offered during the 1963 Summer Session as a result of widespread demand; a workshop in church drama production and playwrighting seminar.

Both courses, Corey said, will be taught by Joe V. Graber, instructor in the Department of Speech and Drama.

Corey explained that the church drama workshop to be taught from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mondays and Fridays, will be practical in nature.

"It will be assumed," he said, "that everyone who has signed up for the course is already acquainted with the need for practical training in the production of church drama, so very little time will be spent in selling drama as a useful tool."

The time will be devoted, he said, to the variety of application of drama to the church; the question of "What is religious drama?"; basic production techniques (lighting, setting, costume, organization of production, etc.); where to buy necessities, and how to make things and save money; where to look for scripts to be used in the church; how to plan a rehearsal schedule; discussion of some of the best new plays for churches; and practical experience in theatre production.

He said that every attempt will be made to satisfy the particular needs of each class member in working and production ideas to fit his circumstances.

Corey recommended a summer acting workshop also to be taught by Grades from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, as a valuable adjunct to the church production workshop, especially for beginners.

The playwrighting seminar will be given 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Mondays and Fridays. Corey said that it will consist of extensive reading of as wide a variety of types of modern plays as possible, and consistent writing requirements of the various types.

Beginning with simple dialogue, the students will then explore situations and study the nature of the dramatic climax. Short scenes and skits will be written and finally, all the principles read and experimented with will be combined in a finished one-act play.

Corey pointed out that Graber is himself a practicing playwright, with two plays to his credit which have been performed on the stage.

"We have had numerous requests for such courses as these every year since I came to Centenary," Corey said. "I'm happy that we are finally in a position to meet the demand, for only when such demand is met can the Marjorie Lyons playhouse be put to the maximum possible use."

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PROTESTANT TEACHERS LEAVE HAITI

Geneva (RNS) Ten Swiss Protestant school teachers in Haiti were aided by the British Methodist Missionary Society in gaining refuge in Kingston, Jamaica, La Suisse, independent daily here reported. It was reported that Haitian authorities closed all schools because of political conflict that followed as assassination attempt upon the president.

DETROIT PROTESTANT LEADERS ASSAIL LOTTERY PLAN

Detroit (RNS) Detroit Protestant leaders expressed opposition here to any state-wide lottery similar to that adopted in New Hampshire to support state education.

Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive director of the Michigan and Detroit Councils of Churches, said his group has taken a strong and unequivocal stand against all forms of legalized gambling.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, 65, professor of New Testament of Oberlin (Ohio) Graduate School of Theology, died May 2. He was the author of many books and a frequent contributor to religious periodicals.



OFFICERS OF THE newly-formed LaSalle Parish Ministerial Association (l. to r.): The Rev. B.C. Smith, Midway Baptist Church, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. E.W. Sandel, Trout Methodist, Jena, president; and the Rev. Cody Salter, Tullos Baptist Church vice-president.

Groundbreaking at North Baton Rouge

A ground-breaking Service to begin the construction of a new sanctuary for the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church was held Sunday, May 12. The first shovel of dirt was turned by Mrs. D. B. Rabalais, eldest charter member of the church which was organized in 1942.

The new building, which will be constructed by Bob Finley, Inc. will

be built for a contract price of \$89,977. It will seat 308 worshippers and will contain rooms for offices, choir, and small group meetings. Construction will begin immediately, with the completion date set for Nov. 15.

Assisting the pastor, the Rev. Roy E. Mouser, in directing the ground-breaking ceremony was I. Milton Baker, Chairman of the Building Commit-

tee. Other members of the Building Committee are: Aubrey Chaney, R. L. Luther, O. W. Marrs, B. J. Overhultz, H. M. Thiel, Collins Tillery, Carter Williams, Mrs. M. S. Conners, Mrs. J. O. Foil, S. O. Keith, V. W. Cagle, A. E. Courtney, J. W. Humphreys, W. E. Hutzler, C. E. Johnson, G. R. Morgan.



MRS. D.B. RABALAIS, eldest charter member of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, stands with

the other charter members of the church as she breaks ground for the new sanctuary, the architects drawing of which



is shown at right. The pastor is the Rev. Roy Mouser.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

DR. G.W. POMEROY, PASTOR of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon for the Lake Charles High School at the Vesper Service held at the high school on May 26.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 19, the graduating seniors of First Methodist Church, Lafayette, were given special recognition at the morning worship service. The pastor is the Rev. R.R. Branton.

COACH TOMMY O'BOYLE of Tulane University was the speaker for the Father-Son Banquet of the Methodist Men of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, May 21. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN service of the Abbeville Methodist Church began a new study course, "Dimensions of Prayer" on Tuesday, May 14. Mrs. Roy Kendrick led the first session. The pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

THE REV. E.J. BARKSDALE, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the weekly breakfast of the Federation Key Men, May 10, at the Holsum Cafeteria. The president of this group is Charles E. Schmidt.

THE FAMILIES OF BROADMOOR Methodist Church, Shreveport, joined in a Family Picnic at Betty Virginia Park, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on May 26. Ray and Margret Kightlinger were in charge of the event. The pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

THE METHODIST MEN OF FIRST METHODIST Church, Franklin, held a barbecue supper on May 15. Installed as new officers were: Floyd Kirkendall, president; Ed Kiel, vice-president; and Paul Jones, secretary-treasurer.

AT THE HAYNESVILLE METHODIST CHURCH, the graduating seniors were honored at the morning worship service on May 19. A Bible was presented to each as a gift from the church. Their pastor is the Rev. K.G. Rorie.

THE REV. BRADY B. FORMAN, pastor of Downsville Methodist Church, was the speaker for the annual homecoming day at Mt. Nebo. Immediately following the worship service there was "dinner on the grounds."

THE 1963 GRADUATING CLASS of Crowley High School, their parents, principal, sponsor and football coach were honored guests at the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Crowley, on May 19. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, Mrs. Russell Hudson, church organist, was presented in recital May 22, assisted by two of her students, Mrs. Walter Brock and Mr. Curtin Holmes. A reception was held in the parlor following the program. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

OAK GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, Natchitoches, Observed Mother's Day with awarding corsages to the oldest mother, Mrs. Olla Cox; youngest mother, Mrs. Joe Allen; and mother with the most children present, Mrs. E.J. Stephens, Jr. The pastor is the Rev. J.C. Zerangue, Sr.

AT THE DEQUINCY METHODIST CHURCH, the graduating high school seniors were honored at a banquet on May 14. They and their parents were the guests of the WSCS. Special guests included their

teachers and counselors in the Church School and MYF. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

THE FILM, "WORSHIP, A FAMILY'S HERITAGE," produced by the Department of the Christian Family of The Methodist Church, was shown at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, at the evening worship hour on May 19. Dr. G.W. Pomeroy is the pastor.

THE MAY 19 BULLETIN OF Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, carried the announcement that the minister of music, the Rev. Robert Holifield, was leaving that church for a similar position at Thomaston, Ga. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Don Alverson.

MARKING FRIDAY, MAY 24, the 225th anniversary of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley, the Aldersgate Sunday School Class of First Methodist Church, Franklin, lead a devotional service in their church. The pastor is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of Lake Providence Methodist Church sponsored a program, "An Evening with Albert Schweitzer," at which time Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the speaker. Mrs. C.R. Brown is the chairman of this commission and the Rev. A.L. Smith is the pastor.

THE BULLETIN OF NOEL MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Shreveport, dates May 12, carried a word of congratulations to Midshipman John H. Dalton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Dalton, who was recently elected president of the Naval Academy Christian Association at Annapolis. His pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

AT RAYNE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, a Family Night Supper was held on the roof of the new Children's Building, May 16, as a part of the observance of Family Week. The program for the occasion was a "Talent Show" under the direction of Mrs. Walter Baker. The pastor is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

THE FAMILIES OF GRACE Methodist Church, Ruston, took part in a church-wide picnic at Camp Alabama, May 26. Church School and the morning worship service were combined in the service in the tabernacle at the camp. Dinner was served in the dining hall following the worship service. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Ross.

THE REV. LOYD E. WILLIAMS, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, was the guest speaker for the congregational dinner at Brownsville Church in West Monroe, May 15. The dinner was part of the stewardship program of the church. The Rev. Troy Garrett is pastor of the Brownsville Church.

MR. J. WAYNE ALLGOOD, professor of sociology at Louisiana Tech, was the guest speaker for the covered dish supper which climaxed the observance of National Family Week at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, May 8. The program was under the direction of Mr. Gale Chumley, Family Life Chairman for the church. The pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

CHURCH NITE FOR THE CONGREGATION of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was held May 21 in the Municipal Auditorium. The light and serious portions of the program were worked together under the theme "That Wonderful Year", as proportionate giving was emphasized. Guest soloist for the occasion was Mr. Dick Fleming, tenor soloist from Dallas, Tex. The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF First Methodist Church, Coushatta, led the worship service and furnished special music on Mother's Day. Mrs. Edgar Gaddis is the director and Mrs. Archie Worsham serves as pianist. This church observed National Family week with a covered dish supper and a family film on Thursday, May 9. Their pastor is the Rev. D.T. Williams.

THE MEMBERS OF THE MAMIE COLE Circle of the WSCS of Wesley Methodist Church DeRidder gave a spaghetti supper May 9 for the purpose of raising funds to redecorate the prayer room in their educational building. A gift shop was also set up in the nursery where hand-made items were placed on display and sale. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Raymond Crofoot.

MRS. EDGAR BROUSSARD, PRESIDENT of the WSCS of Jennings Methodist Church, presented gifts of Bibles to the 13 students of the church who are graduating from Jennings High School, at the morning worship service, May 19. Following the service the graduates were guests of the church at a luncheon at the Zigler Hotel. The Rev. and Mrs. William Mayo accompanied them.

A RECENT COPY OF "THE MESSENGER" of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church carried this announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Wilson E. Hutzler request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Betty Jane, to Mr. Clinton Roy Mouser, Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church." An editor's note added, "This is a personal invitation from the family to all the members and friends of the church."

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, recently honored six of its members by presenting them with special memberships. Honored for their service and faithfulness were: Mesdames L.S. Adams, C.E. Ewing, Jr., W. George Bowdon, Jr., J.L. Averitt, H.D. Foote, Sr. and Arletta Harris. Mrs. J.H. Johnson made the presentations. The president of the group is Mrs. H.B. Staples and the pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE MYF OF ST. JAMES Methodist Church, Marrero, sponsored a church-wide Family Night covered dish supper on May 10, as a part of the observance of National Family Week. The new MYF officers in this church are: Lynn Morman, secretary, Richard Lee, local treasurer; Jesse Roberts MYF fund treasurer; Martha Moore, Christian Citizenship and Outreach; Norma Sogaard, Christian Fellowship. The Rev. J.W. Matthews is the pastor.

WORD HAS COME OF THE PASSING of Mr. John B. Pollard in Dallas, Tex. on Apr. 18. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard lived in Louisiana many years and were active members of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, and of First Methodist Church, Alexandria. They moved to Dallas six years ago at the time of his retirement to be near their son. The funeral service was held in Highland Park Methodist. Mrs. Pollard will be remembered as the president of the Louisiana Conference of the WSCS and will continue to reside in her home at 3212 Rosedale, Dallas.



TWENTY EIGHT MEMBERS of the Junior Department (above) of the Summer Grove Methodist Church in Shreveport were taken into the church on profession of faith, May 5. At the special children's Day program, the kindergarten, Primary, and Junior Departments participated. The Rev. Otis Spinks is the pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR JUNE 9, 1963: GOD'S CARE FOR HIS PEOPLE



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 105: 136. Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 105; 7-11, 37-45.

MEMORY SELECTION: O give thanks unto the LORD for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever. Psalms 136:1.

AIM OF LESSON: To show that God in human history has been faithful to the promises made in his covenant and to urge that we be loyal to the vows and promises we have made to God.

Today we study selections from the 105th Psalm. We do not know who wrote this Psalm. We do know when it was written or the occasion which inspired it.

This is a historical hymn which covers about 500 years of early Jewish history. It may have been sung somewhat as we sing our national anthems. It is a rapid review of the highlights of the early history of the Jews. The first six verses of the chapter are filled with exhortations to praise and thank God for his wonderful works.

It may be interesting to note that the first fifteen verses of Psalm 105 are almost identical with verses 8-22 in the 16th chapter of 1st Chronicles.

GOD IN HUMAN HISTORY

The opening verse of our lesson text speaks of God's judgments reaching into all the earth. In Jewish life there was the belief that God was active in all history and it was believed that his purposes were not confined to Israel but reached in one way or another unto all of the nations of earth.

The Jews considered all of their experiences as a nation, and even as individuals, as a part of God's plans for them. They thought these experiences were good or bad according to whether or not they had kept God's laws. It was the belief of the Jews that the hand of God could be seen in every crisis of Israel's life.

This feeling was likely the inspiration for the writing of this Psalm. The writer felt that God had been especially good to the Israelites. He felt that he should remind them of the debt of gratitude and service they owed to God in return.

The settlement and development of our country is a picture-book story equal to or exceeding that of Israel. A review of the early history of our nation should convince us that God is still active in world history. It would appear that the hand of God moved in the development of our American life. In gratitude for his goodness, we also should "keep his statutes and observe his laws."

COVENANT GOD MADE WITH THE JEWS

The psalmist declares that God remembered the covenant which he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac. God did make a covenant with Abraham. In that covenant God promised Abraham, even though he was childless in his old age, that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars and the sands of the sea. He promised that Abraham's descendants would become a great nation and to these descendants God promised the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession.

It was God's faithfulness in fulfilling the promises of this covenant about which the psalmist is writing in Psalm 105.

HOW GOD KEPT HIS COVENANT
Verses 12-36 of Psalm 105 lie between the selections taken from this Psalm for our lesson text. Verses 12-36 give a rather sketchy story of how Israel went into the land of Egypt because of a famine in Canaan. There they became slaves of the Egyptian kings. Even in slavery the Israelites increased in numbers so rapidly that finally the rulers of Egypt feared and hated and oppressed them.

In keeping with the covenant God made with Abraham, the psalmist tells how God sent Moses into Egypt to lead the Israelites out of that country and into the land of Canaan which he had promised them.

Let us get a picture of this situation. Moses, with this brother Aaron, went before the king of Egypt and demanded that he set his slaves and bondservants free. Moses had no armies and no arms except a shepherd's rod. He made his demand in the name of the Lord God is Israel.

We will remember that it took a bloody war to free the slaves in our own country. Here Moses and Aaron stood before the king of the most powerful nation on earth at the time and demand that slaves be set free. We are not surprised that Pharaoh cynically asked "Who is the Lord?" It is quite possible that the king had never heard of Israel's God.

On the king's refusal to free the Israelites, on the command of God, Moses stretched the shepherd's rod out over Egypt. Each time he did a terrible plague fell on the land. After each plague the king promised to let the Israelites go if Moses would have the plague removed. Each time the plague was removed the king repudiated his promise. With the tenth and final plague death of the first born came to every Egyptian home from the home of the king to the peasant.

After this last plague the king and his people asked Moses to take the Israelites and leave Egypt. Exodus 14:8 says of the Israelites, "And the children of Israel went out with a high hand." It seemed as if Israel left Egypt more like a conquering army than a band of disorganized slaves.

The 37th verse of our lesson text says, "He (God) brought them forth also with silver and gold." The King James Version says that the Israelites borrowed jewels of silver and gold and clothing and because God gave the Israelites favor in the sight of the Egyptians they lent them such things as they required. The Revised Standard Version does not use the word "borrow" or "lend." It reads, "The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they asked of the Egyptians jewelry of silver and gold, and clothing; the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so they let them have what they asked." Our lesson text says, "Egypt was glad when they departed: for fear of them fell upon them." This fear was produced not by the power of the Israelites but by the power of God.

Verses 39-41 of our lesson text gives something of God's providential care over Israel in their wilderness wanderings. Exodus 13:21 reads, "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them in the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light."

The Israelites grew hungry in the wilderness. God rained down manna from heaven for bread and caused the winds to blow up quails from the forest. If anyone has any doubt of God's power to take care of his own he should read here of how God fed the Children of Israel on quail on toast in the wilds of the wilderness. The Israelites were about to die of thirst. God commanded Moses to speak to a rock. Moses apparently peeved with Israel's continuous murmuring, struck the rock with his shepherd's rod. Despite his disobedience, God caused a gushing

fountain to come out of the rock and the Israelites quenched their thirst.

In reciting these amazing blessings God had showered upon Israel, the psalmist accounts for it in the fact that God had made a covenant with Abraham which he had kept across the centuries. There are many who think God is still honoring that covenant. We will remember that at the close of World War II, after nineteen hundred years of wandering, Israel was again established as a nation in Palestine.

GOD DOES REMEMBER

Twice in our lesson text the psalmist reminds his people that God remembers. In verse 8 he says, "He hath remembered his covenant." In verse 42 he says, "For he remembered his holy promise." In verse 8, the writer calls God's covenant his "word;" in verse 9 he calls it "his oath;" in verse 10 he calls it "a law." God's covenant is a word, an oath and a law, and in verse 10 he calls it an "everlasting covenant."

We might be sure that God would keep such agreements. We may be just as sure today about God's promises. In Hebrew 10:23 as have the statement, "He is faithful that promised."

We are told that on one occasion Disraeli was asked for proof of the fact of God. Disraeli's answer was, that the most convincing proof of the existence of God is the Jews. Whatever we may think about God's providential care over the Jews it is a fact that the Jews have outlived every nation that has tried to destroy them. The many enemies that tried to overrun Israel shortly after they settled in Palestine, whether tribes, races of nations have disappeared. Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Rome in turn tried to destroy the Jews. We know about these nations now as we study ancient history. Egypt as a world power disappeared a long time ago. The small nation of Egypt is still to be found but it is of small importance in the family of nations.

The most conspicuous persecution of the Jews in modern times came in Germany during World War II when Hitler proposed to utterly destroy the Jewish people in the territory he ruled. Millions of them were butchered in the attempt. At the height of Hitler's success in persecuting the Jews, as editor of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST, I wrote an editorial under the caption, "Will History Repeat Itself." In that editorial I said what I am saying here that records reveal the fact that every power that attempted to destroy the Jews had been destroyed. I raised the question as to whether Hitler might be the exception. Hitler's nation was destroyed and he destroyed himself but the Jews live on. The Jew will tell you that "God does remember."

JESUS SAID GOD CARES FOR US

In the New Testament or new covenant, Jesus taught us that God would save all who believed in him and followed the way of life he taught. Jesus taught us that God is a personal God. He taught us to call him Father.

Jesus taught us that the same God who cares for the birds in the air, the grasses of the field and the lilies of the field will also care for us since we are of infinitely more value in God's sight than lesser creations. On another occasion Jesus said of God's concern for people, "The very hairs of your head are numbered." We will not take that statement literally but because of such statements we can believe that God is concerned about our lives in every detail. Such love and concern merits our love and service.

COVENANT A CHALLENGE TO ISRAEL AND US

The psalmist says of God's covenant, "He remembered his holy promise .. he brought forth his with joy ... and gave them the land of the heathen. He then states one of the basic reasons for such providential care; "That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws."

What God did for the Jews was not an end in itself. He blessed them in order that through them he might make himself known to the nations of earth. Let us remember that the special blessings God has poured out on America are not ends in themselves. God would bless the world through us. Dare we fail his purpose for us?



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A most interesting discussion has arisen as the result of a charge that the English translation of the recent encyclical by Pope John XXIII contains so many inaccuracies that it should be withdrawn. In Omaha, Neb., Father Edward A. Conway, director of Chreighton University's Center for Peace Research, said that some of the translations "seriously misrepresent the mind of the Pope as expressed in the Latin of the official text."

Just to prove that there is a much disagreement among the leaders of the Catholic Church as among others, America, a national Catholic weekly, quickly replied that the English translations available in the U.S. constitute "a substantially reliable rendering of the Pope's historic message."

An Anglican pastor in Cessnock, Australia, a coal-mining town 140 miles from Sydney, has urged his parishioners to boycott games involving a South African cricket team as a protest against racial segregation in South Africa.

As we remember the Australians and their love for cricket, we doubt that this boycott will get very far. Besides it seems a little far-fetched to try to influence one nation's racial policies through a touring team of athletes.

A special youth committee has been organized by the Massachusetts Baptist Convention to improve communications with adult leaders and to coordinate planning of youth work in that state. Al Hinand, the convention's director of youth activities, said the committee also will help adults to know youth problems better and will work out a revised guide book to current youth philosophies.

We commend this group for this most worthy undertaking and will be anxious to read of the progress they make in this most vital field of communications.

The Venerable Ian Hugh White-Thompson, Anglican Archdeacon of Northumberland, has been named to succeed Dr. Hewlett Johnson as Dean of Canterbury. Dr. Johnson, often called the "Red Dean" because of his left-wing views and open sympathy for communism, is scheduled to retire at the end of May at the age of 88.

We know that a great number of Anglicans will be relieved that they will no longer have to apologize for the embarrassment that the "Red Dean of Canterbury" has caused them around the world.

A Notre Dame University official has confirmed that Roman Catholic experts on population problems and representatives of the Planned Parenthood Federation met at that institution informally last January. However, Dr. George N. Shuster, assistant to the president, warned against misinterpretation of the event, saying, "It is not correct to say that any bridge is being built between the Planned Parenthood Federation and the Catholic Church."

Whether a bridge is being built or not, it is remarkable that such conversations could even take place between those who are so far apart on this aspect of social living.

Church editors attending the 15th annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association in Chicago were told that they run a dangerous risk if they op-

erate from "ivory towers." "Writing that lives is involved in the events of the times," said Dr. George Failing, editor of The Wesleyan Methodist.

Certainly this is a warning that should constantly be held before those who speak the Word through the editorial columns as well as those who endeavor to be God's messengers from the pulpit week after week.

Protestant Episcopal Bishop Francis Burrill of Chicago has formed a committee to search for more effective methods of evangelism. Speaking to the diocese's recent annual meeting, he announced that the committee will be headed by Suffragan Bishop James W. Montgomery.

In Pasadena, Calif., a prominent editor-theologian, stated recently that Protestant efforts to combat social evils need a renewed recognition of "evangelism as a method and spiritual regeneration and sanctification as the dynamic of social change." Dr. Carl F.H. Henry of Washington, D.C., editor of Christianity Today, declared at Fuller Theological Seminary that Protestant forces have been neglecting the "spiritual reserves" of religion.



AMONG THE PRINCIPALS at the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches in Buck Hill Falls, Pa. recently were, at left, Charles C. Parlin, prominent Methodist layman and a co-president of the WCC, who served as chairman of the U.S. Conference and Dr. Paul S. Minear of Yale Divinity School, director of the WCC's Commission on Faith and Order.

Roman Catholic Bishop Pedro Cantero Cuadrado of Huelva, Spain has declared that Spain is not prepared socially or psychologically for the introduction of religious liberty "on a scale common in other countries." He said that the special privileges enjoyed by the Catholic Church in that country have resulted in Spain's historic traditions and served as "a guarantee against internal strife."

In South Vietnam the demands that Buddhism be given the same legal standing as Roman Catholicism have been made by an eightman delegation of Buddhist priests and laymen who called on President Ngo Dinh Diem in Saigon.

A site near New York's Lincoln Center has been purchased by the American Bible Society for a new world headquarters. It will replace the Park Avenue offices used since 1936. The society recently reported that their distribution of Scriptures around the world reached a new high in 1962 with the circulation of 31,509,821 copies in 299 languages and dialects.

A total of 22,214 "decisions for Christ" was recorded during a five-week Japan Baptist New Life Movement evangelistic crusade, recently sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, the evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Japan Baptist Convention.

Evangelist Billy Graham recently opened a major crusade of French cities by preaching in a German-made tent seating about 10,000 people in Paris. About 5,000 attended the first meeting and 3,000 the second. The opening rally marked the introduction of the first French edition of Decision Magazine, monthly publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Roman Catholic rules on mixed marriages were blamed as a cause of "cruelly broken homes" an obstacle to Christian unity in a special report recently made public in Edinburgh, Scotland by the Church of Scotland. The report, prepared by the denomination's Church and Nation Committee, also attacked the methods being used in Britain by Mormon missionaries.

Stewart M. Doss, religion writer for the Dallas (Tex.) Times Herald, was awarded the James O. Supple Award of the Religious Newswriters Association at the 15th annual meeting of the organization in Des Moines, Iowa recently. The award, which is accompanied by a check for \$100, was presented Mr. Doss for having achieved the "greatest degree of excellence in religious reporting in the secular press in 1962."

Douglas Tomlinson, 75, founder and board chairman of the All-Church Press, Inc. of Fort Worth, Tex., the nation's largest publisher of local church newspapers, was among 60 alumni recently honored by Columbus University's Graduate School of Journalism.

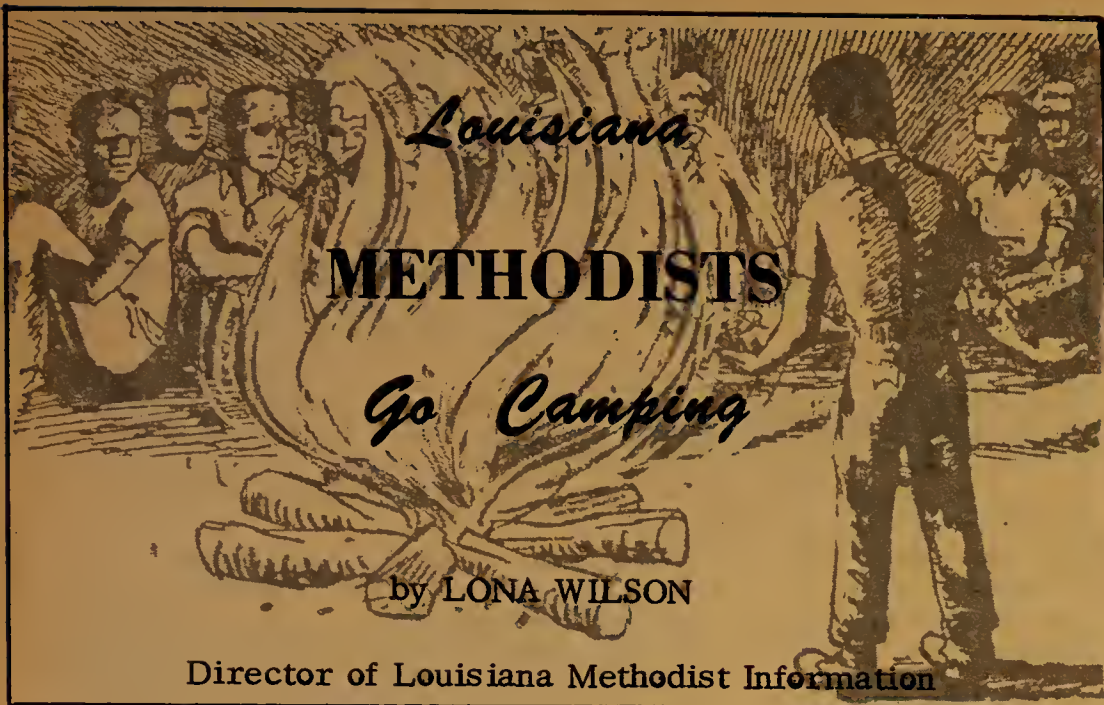
The new chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales recently pleaded in London that his denomination be included in the proposed merger of Anglicans and Methodists in England. Dr. John Marsh said, "Prospects for church unity will be put back very seriously if these proposals are passed and acted upon without any chance of our being engaged in the conversation."

In Jerusalem a special five-judge panel of the Israeli Supreme Court recently held hearings to decide the religious upbringing and custody of a four-year old girl whose Jewish unmarried mother died recently. A Moslem who claims to be the father has sued for custody. A Tel Aviv district court previously ruled that the girl is Jewish, holding that under Jewish religious law a child's religious status is determined by that of the mother.

Nearly 10,000 persons recently turned Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N.Y., into a colorful place of worship and a resounding thanksgiving in connection with the 125th anniversary of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York. Fourteen Episcopal, Eastern Orthodox and Polish National Catholic bishops marched together to the temporary altar for the anniversary service.

A Swiss Protestant clergyman said recently in New York that he was impressed with the vigor of church life in the United States. The Rev. Hans-Ruedi Weber, associate director of the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute, made the comment after a month-long tour of the United States.

Bishop Coadjutor Thomas A. Fraser, Jr., of North Carolina said recently in Charlotte that the Protestant Episcopal Church must destroy "The image in the eyes of many people that we consider ourselves the best Church for the best people." He asserted that every Episcopal congregation must demonstrate in its program that the denomination is "God's church for all people."



The Methodist Church is getting ready for a big summer camping program in Louisiana. In recent years summer camping among Methodists has moved forward as one of the growing edges of Christian education. It is an integral part of the work of the local church, the districts, and the conference. Perhaps this is in the Methodist tradition since John Wesley camped out in Georgia (out of necessity) and covered almost one-half million miles on horse-back in 18th century England.



LEADERS OF THE OLDER ADULT Camp for the Monroe, Ruston and Shreveport Districts met at Caney Lake Camp, May 21, to plan the camp which will be held June 11-14.

There will be 32 camps and conferences in Louisiana from June 1 to September 1, 1963. These camps are scheduled for various age groups from 9 years of age to 90. There are camps for Senior Citizens (older retired people), for Junior children, for high-school youth, older youth and young adults. Some of the camps will be of a rustic nature and others will be organized around a more formal program.

Most of the campus will be on a district level. (There are eight Methodist districts in Louisiana). The time period is usually five days, beginning on Monday and closing on Saturday. Others are just a weekend and some are three and four days.

Just what is the Church trying to accomplish in its camping program?

Children and youth spend nine months in public school. Because of necessity, their lives are regulated by schedules and bells. Their efforts are spent in formal learning. Adults are bound by schedules, deadlines and quotas. These are the necessities of modern life. Occasionally, the human spirit cries out for a change of pace. Church camping, with its informal, relaxed atmosphere, provides a unique experience which supplements our formal schooling and provides time for us to regain our human resources. The na-



CAMPING LEADERS have a world of resources available to make their task easier.

ture of camping is such that it offers opportunities, not duplicated elsewhere, for learning through outdoor living, healthful recreation, experience in co-operative living, and spiritual enrichment.

The present trend is to decentralize the camp into small groups where considerable freedom is permitted to the bodies and the group. The central theme in all the various groups is the same: learning the skills of living together as Christians.

There are over 30,000,000 Americans discovering the joys of being out-of-



THE INSPIRATION of God in the out-of-doors is meaningful to young and old alike when they go camping.

doors every year. Americans have a mounting thirst for rustic life causing custodians of public and private lands to struggle to meet the demands. The National Forest alone accommodates millions of campers every year. The National Park Service is making a great effort to provide thousands of additional camp site. We are discovering that camping brings a wonderful opportunity to relax and relieve tensions, built up by the hurried, pressured lives we live.

The Methodist Church has for many years realized the value of camping. Last summer over 125,000 campers attended church camps. Over the past decade church camping has grown so that there are now more than two hundred Methodist camp-sites and conference grounds in the United States.

In a lead editorial, Editor John E. Marvin of the Michigan Christian Advocate describes what he feels to be the secret of Christian camping:

"The special value of Christian camping is that the camper fellowships with God in God's own natural cathedral. Say what one will about worshiping in a man-made building with its stained-glass windows, high altars and lighted candles, it cannot compare to the starry heavens, the shimmering lake, the gorgeous sunsets and the tall trees of the forest.

"Churches or cathedrals have their place and architects in every age have tried to improve them. They are no longer cold and dull looking and have become increasingly attractive but they are still artificial and the architects themselves would be the first to admit that no man-made building of worship can begin to compare to the God-made world of nature.

"Christian camping introduces this wonderful world of God's creation to thousands who might otherwise neglect it.

"It has been our experience that a vacation in the out-of-doors does something wholesome to one's soul. A person living in the city seldom sees the moon and the stars. He has to get away from street lights to see God's lights. Persons who live in congested places, as most of us do, don't often see the beautiful sunsets. This requires an unobstructed view of the horizon. And when it comes to seeing the animal world in its natural habitat, there isn't anyway but to get out-of-doors.

"Every camper can find for himself his own religious experience. It does not follow that because one gets outdoors he will necessarily find God. But this is a very likely probability when camping is conducted under Christian auspices. It is even hard for one who doesn't believe in God to deny his existence when surrounded by the work of His hands. And for those who already believe in God, camping reassures one of His reality."

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THE REV. MERLIN W. MERRILL, Minden, directs the recent camping planning session at Caney Lake



CAMPING LEADERS shown boarding the bus at Caney Lake Camp following their recent planning meeting there.



WOMAN'S

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District Meetings Reported Alexandria District Baton Rouge District



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Alexandria District are, from left: Mrs. T.C. Young of Alexandria, secretary of supplies; Mrs. J. Frank Cox of Alexandria, recording secretary; Mrs. A.G. Taylor of Jena, spiritual life; Mrs. Dan Carr of Natchitoches, literature.

"The everyday Christian laywoman carries great responsibility," Miss Jennie Mo Horton, deaconess for the Methodist Church, told the women attending the District meeting, April 22nd, at Trinity Church, Alexandria.

Miss Horton is speaking to Methodists throughout the United States to help them better understand the needs of their Church and how they can be instruments in alleviating this need.

Her particular plea though was for the institutions in the Methodist Church that have been opened and equipped throughout the world. **THE INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE EVERYTHING BUT PERSONNEL.** In the Women's Division alone, she said, 297 persons are needed.

She cited the fact that the role of the missionary has changed. She stated that missionaries no longer go as directors, but as servants, as those who share our knowledge and love. She compared our short-term missionaries which was first begun in 1948 to the Peace Corps, saying that the Methodist Church had really had its own 'Peace Corps' since that time. She explained however that there is a need and room for both institutions—Peace Corps and Christian Missions. But that a missionary goes for a different reason—He goes to love because Christ first loved us."

Emphasizing that young people of today are looking for a challenge she said, "Where could they find a greater challenge than this?"

She defined a deaconess as a woman, single or married, serving in a Methodist institution and commissioned by the Methodist Church, the same as a minister. Miss Horton has served as a missionary to Brazil.

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, district president, presided at the meeting. The devotional was given by Mrs. George Dameron, conference president.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year were: Mrs. J. Frank Cox, Alexandria recording secretary; Mrs. Dan Carr, Natchitoches, literature; Mrs. A. G. Taylor, Jena, spiritual life; Mrs. T. C. Young, Alexandria, supply.

Re-elected were the following: Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux, Alexandria, vice

At the Baton Rouge District Meeting in April at Bogalusa the following officers were installed by Mrs. T. M. Ellis:

President, Mrs. T. Luster James; vice president, Mrs. Clifford Ratliff; recording secretary Mrs. Brady Foreman; treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Hyde.

There were four new secretaries elected at this meeting. Mrs. C. C. Lipscomb-literature Mrs. Lawton Verger, sec. sp. life, Mrs. Robert Reich-sec. promotion and Mrs. W. A. Ragan, secretary of supply.

The Secretaries returning for another year are, Mrs. James S. Jones, Mrs. A. D. StAmant, Mrs. W. W. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. M. Wilkes, Mrs. Lawrence King, Mrs. J. D. Newsom, and Mrs. Glen Nordyke. The Zone leaders are as follows: Zone 1, Mrs. J. B. Kelly; Zone 2, Mrs. Fred McCants; Zone 3, Mrs. Richard Jones; Zone 4, Mrs. D. V. Jenkins; Zone 5, Mrs. R. V. Fulton.

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All of the officers (outgoing, sustaining and newly elected) were welcomed at an orientation meeting in the home of Mrs. J. S. Jones in Zachary. Everyone had a very enjoyable time getting acquainted and passing on information while enjoying the delicious meal prepared by the ladies.

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The officers of the Baton Rouge District and the secretaries of all lines of work attended officers training held at First Methodist Church in Alex, La. Much needed information was gleaned from this meeting, and then passed on to the District at two workshops, one held in Denham Springs, and one in Hammond.

We feel that the information which was passed to us in these groups will not cause us to shrink from serving as officers, but will serve in strengthening our own faith as well as to strengthen the faith of the newly elected officers in the local church. All will be able to go forward as better informed workers with more courage and determination than ever before to be effective stewards. In the program book for the pledge service, we find this prayer . . . "When there is a better way of doing Thy work, may we readily discover and apply the necessary talents Thou hast given us."

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president; Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield, missionary education and service; Mrs. John Q. Elliott, Pineville, Christian social relations, and Mrs. A. R. Scheffer, Alexandria, promotion.

The First Church of Natchitoches extended an invitation for the group to meet in their new sanctuary at the next meeting.

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DID YOU REMEMBER — to write Miss Louise Sharp, at Rayne Memorial Church, 3900 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 15, for application blanks for the Youth Mission Tour, July 1?

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS HELEN MANDLEBAUM

Miss Helen Mandlebaum, former Louisiana resident, is executive director of Wesley Community House, Louisville, Ky.

On September 15, 1962, she began a year of field work with the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, while she is on sabbatical leave from Wesley House. Miss Mandlebaum is visiting and helping agencies in the 10-state Southeastern Region. A substantial grant from the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church helped finance her year of work with NFS.

Miss Mandlebaum has her office at Bethlehem Community Center, 9 McDonough Boulevard, S. E., Atlanta, Ga. and is working out of At-

lanta to service her large territory. This area has 74 neighborhood centers in 22 cities. Fifty-four of these are Methodist. There are only 14 members of NFS. In comparison with other NFS regions this has the fewest members, the widest territory, and the most widespread scattering of agencies. It can be approached only through this kind of field worker.

Helen Mandlebaum is a graduate of Scarritt College, has her masters in group work from Western Reserve, Cleveland, and has studied at the London School of Economics. She has been with Wesley House since 1938, serving as director for the past 10 years. She worked previously in public welfare in New Orleans. Her field work was with the YWCA and in a mental hygiene clinic. Through the British Interchange of Social Workers she worked in a settlement and YW in England.

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Jena Honors Mrs. Miller



IN NOLLEY MEMORIAL Church at Jena, Mrs. W.P. Fort, president, presented a silver bread tray to Mrs. E.L. Miller for unusual service.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society held on May 1, in the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church of Jena, a silver bread tray, with name and dates engraved on the back, was presented to Mrs. E. L. Miller with love and appreciation for a service which she had been rendering more than ten years.

Following a rummage sale held downtown by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Miller took the items that were left over to her home and placed them in a room by the garage. From that time on, clothes, shoes, hats, jewelry and "what-have-you" were brought to her by members of the society and church and a very successful business has been the result. Although a very small fee is charged for each article, this conference year alone \$800.00 has been supplied to the W.S.C.S. treasury, the parsonage and church, from this source.

Never too busy or too tired to serve a customer, Mrs. Miller has provided

Curtis Park Honors Sisters



THE CURTIS PARK society in Bossier City honored three sisters, two of whom are visiting from England. Pictured are, from left: Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald, Mrs. Eric Middlehurst, and Mrs. W.A. Charnock.

The Woman's Society of Curtis Park Church, Bossier City, had just cause for excitement and a few tears when one of their members, Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald, was reunited recently with her sisters, Mrs. Eric Middlehurst and Mrs. W. A. Charnock from Haydock, England, for their first meeting in seventeen years.

The society had a covered-dish luncheon in their honor, in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Crosby. Twenty-two members were present for this joyous occasion. The honored guests were given gifts of crystal. Their description of their visit in the United States was "smashing."

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good clothing to needy people who otherwise could not have afforded it. Also, she has given at no cost such things as she had on hand to victims of fire and other disasters.

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Without Purpose In Doing, Work Has No Meaning

WHAT ARE WE WORKING FOR -- No sane person can work long at a task which is meaningless. When a man has a mental collapse or a nervous breakdown, the doctors in a sanitarium may set him doing almost anything to keep his hands busy, but if the cure is to progress, he must eventually be given to see purpose in his work. Without purpose, work is intolerable. As Professor Dan Dodson says, it doesn't matter whether a person rides an ox cart or an interplanetary missile if his travel is purposeless.

To keep us going temporarily we can take jobs that may have no connection with our continuing purpose in life. For example, a student during college vacation may do things that have no relation to what he wants to do in his ultimate career. For one summer, when I was a student in college, I sold (or rather tried to sell) aluminum cooking utensils. I had no intention of becoming a cook, and I soon discovered that I had no aptitude for becoming a sales executive. But it was a job that made money enough to get me back to school. For a time we can do this kind of opportunist labor. But sooner or later a person wants to find that which is his life work. When I think of what a difficult time I had in finding my vocation, I am deeply sympathetic with the students in this highly complex time when I see their efforts to find their life work. I think one of the great advances in education has been the more intelligent attention being given to vocational guidance.

But suppose we do find a job that we think is our vocation. We may like it so well that we never look at the clock. But the time comes when we do look at the calendar, and ask ourselves, what is the use of it all? What does it all add up to? And unless it seems to add up to something, unless it seems to be getting us somewhere and going ahead, it is intolerable meaningless.

Just think how petty work can be if it lacks any divine purpose. Just a day-to-day money-grubbing and money-grabbing, keeping our eyes on the grindstone to whet our talents for more money-making. What is the use of it unless it leads to something more? Dr. Karl Jung, the eminent psychologist, said that the majority of his patients were men who had made a success in business, but were disillusioned and bored by the life they lived.

Sooner or later we must learn that successful living consists not in how much money we make but in how much we make of our money. Jesus closed his parable of the dishonest steward with the plea to "make friends for yourselves by means of mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations." When we work with God we can make our money serve purposes beyond our earthly span.

There are others who think of their work as such intolerable drudgery that they work mainly for enough to live on when the office hours are over. When they look at life in that way, their aim is to shorten the hours of labor as much as possible and then, alas, they often find their leisure just as unsatisfying as their labor.

We have reduced our work week in many places now to forty hours. And eight hours more a night for sleep, and we still have seventy-two hours off from work. What do we do with them? When I see what many do with their free time, I fear that America can be undone just as truly by the misuses of her leisure time as by the mismanagement of her work.

Or suppose that we like our work? What happens when we retire? If all we have lived for is work, then retirement means emptiness. If we are to lift our work from meaningless opportunist job-taking, and dull drudgery and empty retirement, we must find purpose and meaning in it.

God gives us that by giving us a long perspective on it. It was said of Moses that he endured those long, trying months in the wilderness "as seeing Him who is invisible." When we live with our eyes on the day-to-day routine, we get discouraged and disillusioned. But the architects of stone and state the prophets and the pioneers, the leaders and the saints see the vision. And the scripture says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Yes, when there is no vision of our tasks, we perish in our pettiness. If we are to see our work in a way that gives meaning and purpose, we must see it in its divine perspective, as if we were working together with God.

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BEFORE SETTING OUT on a 22-orbit trip around the earth, Astronaut Gordon Cooper, a Methodist, attended services in a church at Cocoa Beach, Fla., not far from his Cape Canaveral base. Here he's shown autographing Bibles for thrilled Sunday school students.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"ALL MEN ARE LIARS"

What a familiar expression! You can't trust anybody. Nobody is honest. Might as well look out for number one, and not worry about anybody else. In these hate-riddled days, it's a popular thing to spend time looking for faults in other people. To nurse our anger when we have been mistreated. There are evidences of dishonesty and corruption in high and low places. It's a sad spectacle to go through our political campaigns; to hear of all the evil acts that public servants are accused of doing. There's no use in trusting anybody. All men are liars.

There's something ageless about that expression. It is in the Bible; the one hundred sixteenth Psalm. Somebody wrote it over two thousand years ago. We don't really know who wrote it, but the writer must have been as angry as you and I are sometimes when a fellow beats us in a trade. Or gives us some shoddy merchandise for our hard-earned money.

"All men are liars." The writer of that psalm quoted himself when he was angry. He wrote differently after he had meditated on the goodness of God. Listen to his later words even in the same psalm;

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His

people." The very same fellow who accused everybody, wrote this after he had changed his mind!

It's a wonderful thing to have enough courage to change our minds. Anger is usually a sort of safety valve to let us blow off our emotional steam. But anger is too powerful an emotion to be allowed to grow. A man once said that "anger does more harm to the vessel that it contains, than to the one on whom it is poured out." If you must be angry and must blow your top, why blow it. Then try to put the anger behind you, not nurse it to your bosom. I heard of a man once who had an argument with his brother over who should have the largest share of a rick of stove wood that both had cut. They could not agree then. They have not spoken to each other for nineteen years. Anger has poisoned the lives of them both. They are bitter old men now.

A lot of people are liars. Many are actually dishonest. Many look out only for "Number One." But those who seek God somehow find the strength to meet disappointments and dishonesty. And God's followers are still alive and working for Him. You can usually find what you are looking for. If you are seeking dishonesty, you can find it. If you're looking for trouble, it will meet you more than halfway. But if you look for God and His love, you can also find it. Why not use some choice in the things you look for?



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Rome Also

The first of Four Devotional Articles Based on Paul's Letter to the Romans

by the Rev. John S. Workman
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"He never saw a ship at anchor but that he yearned to board her and carry the good news of salvation to those across the waters. He never gazed upon a range of mountains purple in the distance but that he longed to cross them and carry the gospel to those beyond." This is the way it was with the Apostle Paul. He was "haunted by the regions beyond." He writes to the Christians in Rome that "on his way to Spain" we wishes to tell them that God's grace has done for them all that the Law could not do. He writes to tell them that God's He writes to the Corinthians that he "must see Rome also."

The Gospel for All of Life

"Rome also....."-This is the only way it can be for the true disciple of Jesus. For Christ has sent us into all of the world, which is our proper parish. The suggestion of Paul's vast vision is both geographically inclusive and personally specific; both material and spiritual. Paul must evangelize in Rome, not only because it was the seat of a great Empire which cast a long shadow for to the east, west, north and south. More than this, he must see Rome also because in Rome were persons with spiritual need and hunger which could be met only in Christ. In Rome were persons who were laboring and straining for a salvation which was already theirs in the gift of God's grace through faith. Paul sought to tell them that their faith brought them a righteousness in the sight of God which their works could never earn. Their faith was "reckoned to them as righteousness."

Our "Romes"

The suggestion is that "Rome" is the place where the white light of God's truth and the wonder of His love is needed and is missing. Each individual - as does each age - has his particular "Romes." Our fears are "Romes" which need the comfort of God's grace and reassurance. Our grief and sorrow are "Romes" which need the sweet balm of His comfort. Our prejudices are "Romes" which need the sharp and dividing counsel of His truth. Our loneliness needs the glory of His presence. Our "separated state" - our Sin - is a "Rome" which needs the reconciling love of God known through faith in Christ and in His atonement for our sin. Our involvement with the materialism and secularism of the age

constitutes a "Rome" which needs the judgement of God's eternal values upon it. Yes - the "Romes" of our experience need the presence of God's Spirit and truth in order that they too may be redeemed.

"Anyone For Rome?"

Paul was "under obligation", "set apart," for the mission of carrying the good news to Rome and to Spain, to Jew and to Gentile, and indeed, to all "regions beyond," both geographical and spiritual. And as Christ's disciples, we too are called to be His witnesses in Rome.

The "Romes" within and about us lure and challenge the adventuresome religious spirit in each of us. It is said that Sir Francis Drake's sailors used to sit on the rocky shores of England and tell stories of the sea to the country lads who flocked to hear them. They told not of ease or comfort or beauty, but of storm and high seas and danger. And in response these lads from all over England left the security of their island home to brave turbulent waters because they had caught the invigorating challenge of high adventure! This is the call that is symbolized by the "Romes", the un-evangelized areas of our lives and of our world. Anyone for Rome?



Build A Devotional

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth--" Revelation 21:1

On a vacant lot in Little Rock there was a sign which read: "This property is being Imagineered" That coined word holds unlimited possibilities for us as we turn it over in our minds! "Imagineered"! what a word for Christians today. How the writers of the Bible used it.

This is not imagination run wild for this is just fantasy which leads to

fanaticism and drives us frantic. It is an imagination which is tutored and directed by a firm faith in Him who leads us. Imagination grounded in a genuine Christian experience is a source of inspiration and strength.

Amos, shepherd of Tekoa, saw the banishment of injustice and the streets of Samaria. Hosea saw God's love and mercy and dramatized that with his own tragic life. John on the Isle of Patmos, saw a "new heaven and a new earth." They were skilled in "imagineering" and have left us inspiration and direction for which we will ever be indebted.

The Church that does not have the power to "imagineer" has lost its vision and betrayed its mission. Those who live only in the "good old days" have filled God in the archives of the past and lost His Living Presence. Our Christian heritage is to build on and not just to live in. Someone has aptly said that the difference between Jesus and the religious leaders of His day was, "They looked upon the past as a hitching post; Jesus looked upon the past as a guidepost."

A teacher stands before a Sunday School Class with all the potential wrapped in the life of each member. If he has the "imagineering ability" he sees not just a lesson to be taught but life to be moulded and energies to be directed. If in some way that teacher can construct an image in the mind of that class as to their potential and inspire them to strive in that direction then he has really taught THE lesson!

The persona who draws the blind of his mind and sees no new height toward which he may climb has issued his own spiritual death warrant. Paul felt there was more - infinitely more - that was before him after the Damascus Road experience. "I count not myself to have gained the goal" is his own sitness. He saw the picture of His Lord and knew that he must ever seek to be like Him

As one flies into Lima, Peru, the peaks of the Andes push their way through the almost perpetual cloud like island in the sky. You know that the base of those peaks are fixed in God's good earth. Christian imagination of possibilities unlimited, rooted in God's eternal truth, is a motivating power and a guidepost to future endeavor. Let us seek to "Imagineer" a "new heaven and a new earth" fixed in the confidence that we work not alone but in the fellowship with God, who directs our dreams and strengthens us for the task.

R.B.

Let The Children Come

Is your minister moving this year? It is true that parsonage families get accustomed to the idea of the annual review of pastoral assignments, and there is a certain amount of excitement after a few years in the same church for the pastor's family accepts this custom of moving from place to place as a part of life. On the other hand, where there are children in the family, there are some things that can "cushion the blow" for them. To some children it represents the end of their world to have to leave a well ordered life and to have to start all over again. What can be done for these children?

Certainly the conversation in the parsonage can be their first help and strength. The mother and father must face realistically the problem from the child's point of view. One eight year old was so accustomed to sitting on the front pew of the church every Sunday night with several little friends that this was the worst time for her to forget. The choice of one's room in the parsonage, where this is possible, can give a child a feeling that he is being considered. A spirit of adventure and an interest in new people will also help bridge the gap.

The best way to make a new child in town happy is to be welcomed by his own age group quickly. So if there is a new parsonage "kid" moving to your town, while the moving van is being unloaded, show him where the Boy's Club, the library, the swimming hole or the sand lot baseball game. For the girls just friendly groups will make her feel at home. To "be included" is the first need of these parsonage children, and thanks to the good churchmanship among members of our churches, this is almost always taken care of even before the family arrives.

If you are one of the new ones, just don't look back for a week or two and soon you can then look back with pleasure and not pain. If you feel afraid of the new situation, turn in your Bible and read these verses:

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee. Psalm 56:3

"Be of good courage and strong.. for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you not forsake you." Deut. 31:6

-Aunt Feather

Poem For The Week

LET ME PRAISE GOD

Let me praise God, forget my selfish desire
and do the things My Lord would have me do;
Let me forget my fear of critic's fire,
Instead, let me to my own faith be true.
Let me forget my human love of gain
And the treasure a hoard of wealth would bring;
Let all my thoughts be as gentle as warm rain
And praise of God be in the songs I sing.
Let me bring hope to cheer the human heart
And words of faith to tell the Christian creed;
Let me use freely my God-given art
To help with His work where there is most need.
Let me praise God and make each song a shrine
With soothing bells to ring at vespertine.

- Anna Nash Yarbrough

Mrs. Lelia Hughes Ventress

Mrs. Lelia Hodges Ventress, granddaughter of Thomas Applewhite is one of today's most faithful members of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church. Her Bible is a constant companion.

Cotton Valley Methodist Church to celebrate centennial year!

June begins the centennial year as an organized Methodist church for Cotton Valley. In 1863 the Methodist Church assigned Rev. W. D. Shea, as pastor. This organization was an out growth of christian services and meeting houses begun about 1847 by Thomas Applewhite, an early settler.

The first celebration of this centennial year will be a homecoming, Sunday, June 2. Rev. J. P. McKeithen of Ferriday (pastor 19950-1954) will be the guest speaker for the celebration. Former members and friends are invited to the homecoming and to the dinner in the fellowship hall following the morning worship.

Pastors who have served Cotton Valley are: W. D. Shea, S. S. Scott, H. O. White, Robert Randle, J. A. Miller, W. D. Staton, G. M. Liverman, J. W. Wedlock, E. B. Foust, R. M. Blocker, H. S. Johns (asst.) A. T. Galloway, T. L. Lalance, R. S. Collier, W. L. Hamil, Robert Parvin, Thomas Martin, Robert W. Vaughn, Houston Armstrong, Dennis Turner, H. W. Ledbetter, T. M. Wager, J. L. Hart, D. Fordham, A. A. Bernard, H. L. Hunter, Y. L. Lay, R. H. Bamburg, A. D.



Mrs. Ventress

George, H. L. Cady, T. J. Holliday, A. J. Bonnette, D. F. Anders, W. F. Henderson, Jr., E. L. Cargill, A. H. Parker, A. T. Law, W. W. Perry, A. M. Wynne, Albert A. Collins, J. F. Wilson, J. W. Lee, A. R. Hoffpauir, David F. Tarver, Merlin W. Merrill, J. P. McKeithen, W. Jack Shaw, W. Carl Barham, Francis M. Stage, and W. O. Lynch, Jr.

Successful Pledge Drive at First Church, Alex.

Pledges to support the First Methodist church budget went "over the top" and totalled \$100,748.44 at Bulletin deadline. This represents 461 pledges.

Willard L. Cobb, Loyalty Day chairman, said contacts this week with persons who were out of town and did not pledge last Sunday should increase the total to more than \$110,000.00.

"We were extremely gratified that pledges from those who walked down the aisle and deposited their pledge cards in the beautiful miniature church, amounted to approximately 95 percent of last year's budget," Cobb commented. Pledges this week boosted the Sunday total.

Division Leaders Ben H. Flynn, Dr. A. Quinn Hyde, Joe W. Pitts, Jr.,



CHARLES CRENSHAW, recently licensed to preach, is shown as he fills the pulpit in his home church, First Methodist, Houma.

Clarence R. Provine, Roy K. Rickerson and F. L. Spencer met with their team captains last night and surveyed unpledged member cards.



THE CHILDREN PICTURES above are the 28 children in the pastor's membership class received into First Methodist Church, New Iberia on Palm Sunday. The Rev. Luther L. Booth is pastor.



CENTENARY COLLEGE FACULTY and Graduating Seniors discuss post-graduate opportunities at a tea recently given by Dean Bond Fleming and the Faculty Fellowship Committee. From left to right, may be seen Dr. W.W. Pate head of department of economics and business; Leslie E. Burris, assistant English professor; Dick Johns, senior English major, who has been awarded a fellowship at the University of Zurich; and Don Farler, another senior English major, who will fill a teaching assistantship at the University of Oregon.

Tri-District Adult Camp Scheduled at Camp Brewer

Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles Districts will be held at Camp Brewer, June 10-12.

Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 10. The first meal will be the noon meal on Monday and the camp will close Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

The staff of the camp will include the following:

Rev. W. D. Boddie—Director
Rev. J. B. McCann—Camp preacher-pastor
Rev. Clark Bell—Bible study leader
Mrs. Evelyn Bell—Pianist

In addition to some fifty others listed last week, these ladies served on the Women's Telephone committee which advised of Loyalty Day: Mrs. Sam Bejach, Mrs. M. J. Urban, Mrs. Ray S. Fomby, Mrs. George R. White, Mrs. John Peach, Mrs. Harry Gahagan, Mrs. M. T. Cappel, Mrs. Ada T. Henry, Mrs. Thomas Martin, Mrs. J. H. Landrum and Mrs. H. B. Staples.

Mrs. T. M. Sayman and Mrs. Ralph Bolton were responsible for the beautiful decorations in connection with the miniature church on the altar.

C. R. Henderson assisted the Audit Committee which consisted of J. Stader

Mrs. Mildred Learner—Director of crafts

W. W. Paxton—Business Manager
Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton—Activities & evening programs leader

Rev. D. B. Boddie—Worship & devotional leader

Mrs. D. B. Boddie—Cabin Assignments

Mrs. Virginia Vincent—Camp Nurse
\$8.50 camp cost should reach W. W. Paxton, 702 Division, Lake Charles, Louisiana, by June 7.

Richardson, Frank Brasher, Colin Urban and George White.

TRANSFER OF PRELATE TEMPORARILY DELAYED

New York (RNS) A decision to transfer Archbishop John, acting head of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia on the West Coast, has been temporarily revoked, a spokesman for the Church said recently. Archbishop George Grabbe said denominational officials had decided to continue the prelate for another six months as head of the church in the San Francisco Area.



THIS GROUP is the children of the Primary and Junior Departments of First Church, New Iberia, who recently participated in extra sessions of the study "The Christian Mission on the Rim of Southeast Asia."

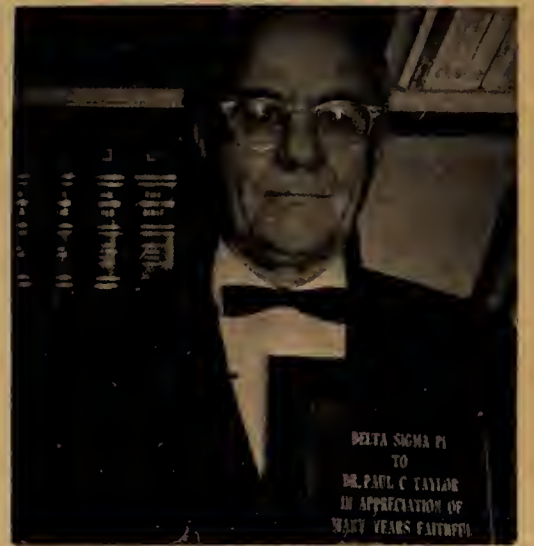
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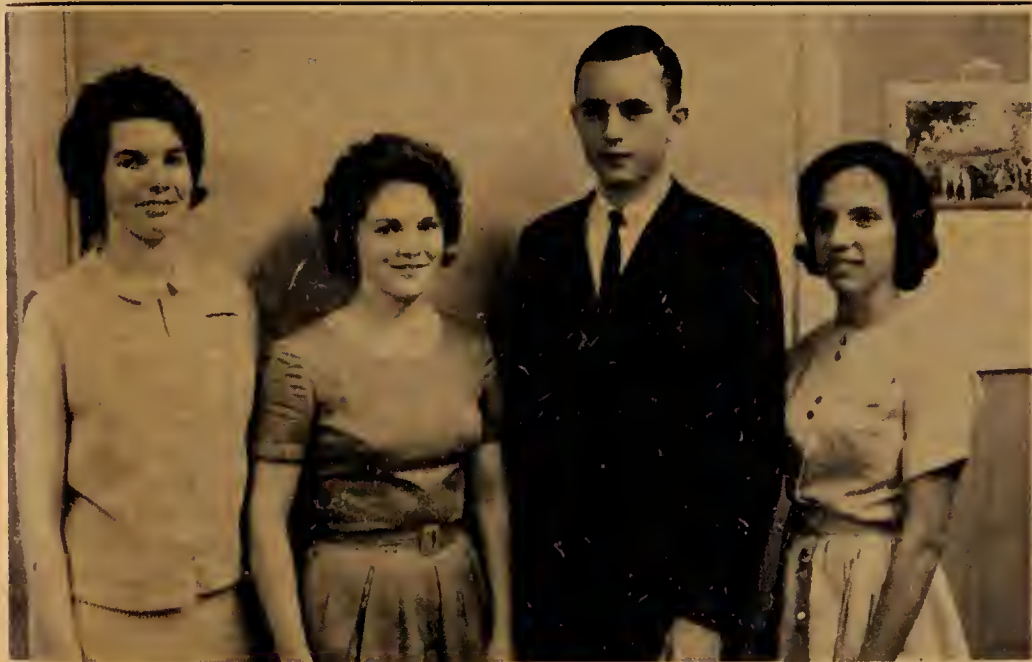
AT A RECENT MEETING of the Methodist Men of Sterlington Methodist Church, the Rev. L.W. Taylor presented Miss Bobby Meeks, who gave her outstanding school theme on "Americanism and What It Means to Me."



SIX OF THE RECENT fourteen candidates for Miss Cotton Valley were members of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church. Shown above are (l. to r.): Cathy Miller (finalist); Julia Miller (Miss Cotton Valley, 1962); Judy Warner, Mary Bradshaw, Jane Shepherd, Jill Warner and Linda Hudson.



DR. PAUL C. TAYLOR, active member of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, is shown with the award he recently received from Delta Sigma Pi in appreciation for many years of faithful service as a faculty advisor of Gamma Mu Chapter.



SENIOR AWARD WINNERS recently announced at the Senior Recognition Dinner at First Methodist Church, Houma, were: (l. to r.) Miss Leontina Kelly, runner-up; Miss Cornelia Martin, runner-up; Charles Crenshaw, winner of the MYF achievement award; and Miss Diane Sherman, winner of the Bea Picou award.



MRS. E.L. McKAY, extreme left, of Mooringsport is shown as she met with the newly organized WSCS of the Blanchard Methodist Church, to whom she presented helpful information for setting up this new organization.



MISS CATHY MILLER examines one of the several road signs recently erected by the Cotton Valley Methodist Church.



SHOWN HERE ARE THE CHILDREN of the young couples who make up a newly-organized Sunday School class at Blanchard Methodist Church. The name of the class is "The Evangelists" and the teacher is Mr. Charles Wilbanks. The pastor is the Rev. Harold McClung.

Mission Agency Seeks New Commission on Urban Church

To focus the attention of the 10,000,000-member Methodist Church on the critical problems of ministering to America's cities, the Methodist Division of National (home) Missions has taken the first preliminary step toward what it hopes will be a new churchwide approach to the city in the 1964-68 quadrennium.

The Division, at its executive committee meeting May 2-3 in New York, voted to ask the cooperation of five other national Methodist agencies in seeking to set-up a national "Interboard Commission on the Church's Mission to Urban America." In taking the action to approach the other agencies, the Division said it hopes all the agencies together can present a joint request to the 1964 Methodist General Conference for the establishment of such an Interboard Commission for the 1964-68 quadrennium. The General Conference, which will meet in Pittsburgh, Pa., starting April 26, 1964, is the supreme law-making body of The Methodist Church and the only body which could set-up such an Interboard Commission.

In its action, the National Division said such a Commission should have "special responsibility for developing and implementing an effective program for serving people in the inner city."

The agencies to be approached by the Division are the Methodist Boards of Evangelism, Education, Lay Activities and Christian Social Concerns, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. (Both the National Division and the Woman's Division are divisions of the Methodist Board of Missions.)

The National Division said in its action that some of the areas in which the proposed Interboard Commission could function might include:

1. Major demonstration projects in the inner city in five or six urban areas.

2. Working with one or more Methodist seminaries in developing an effective program for training pastors for inner city churches.

3. Exploring new methods and materials in evangelism, Christian education, stewardship and community services to meet the special needs of people in the inner city.

4. Giving counsel, guidance and leadership in situations where persons are ready and willing to proceed with integration of Central (Negro) Jurisdiction and other minority group churches on the annual conference, district and local church levels.

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RNS APPOINTS NEW PROTESTANT EDITOR

New York (RNS) Neil Mellblom, a staff writer with the National Lutheran Council's news bureau for nearly three years, has joined Religious News Service as Protestant editor.

A reporter for 12 years before entering religious journalism, Mr. Mellblom has been a special assignment correspondent for RNS since coming to New York in the fall of 1960.

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OVERSEERS PASORS COMING

Thirteen Methodist Churches, from New Jersey to Oregon, will have international ministerial leadership for six months beginning in mid-June. Each will have as associate pastor a leading Methodist minister from one of seven countries of Asia, Africa or Latin America.

Overseas Pastors Assigned To Churches in United States

Thirteen Methodist churches, from New Jersey to Oregon, will have international ministerial leadership for six months beginning in mid-June. Each will have as associate pastor a leading Methodist minister from one of seven countries of Asia, Africa or Latin America.

The associate pastorates will form the practical phase of the Overseas Pastors Training Program of the Division of World Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, which brings together leading ministers from Methodist and Methodist-related churches for 10 months of study and field work in American churches. The purpose of the Training Program is to strengthen the leadership of overseas churches, and thus strengthen the churches themselves.

In each American church, the overseas minister will serve as associate pastor to an experienced American senior minister. It is intended that the overseas man will enter fully into the ministerial duties of the church, including preaching, teaching, pastoral calling, church administration and counseling. The idea is that he will gain as full training as possible in the various techniques of a well-rounded ministry.

The assignments were made on the basis of the overseas pastor's interest, background and experience. Churches interested in having one of the overseas pastors on their staff applied to the Rev. Theodore Runyan, Division of World Missions staff executive in charge of the Training program, and he made the assignments.

The churches chosen to be host to an overseas minister range all the way from a relatively small church of 400 members in a village to more than 4,600 members in a rapidly growing city.

Since the overseas pastors arrived in the United States in February, they have been engaged in the academic study phase of the Training Program. They have done classroom work at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J., with emphasis on Bible study and Biblical theology. They are to complete their American training about the end of November.

This is the third group of overseas pastors to come to the U.S. under the Training Program. The first group was in 1958 and the second in 1961. In the view of the leaders of the Division of World Missions, the program has proved sufficiently successful to become a standard feature of the Division's leadership-training program. In addition to strengthening the ministerial leadership of overseas churches, the Training Program is intended to foster better understanding between the younger churches and The Methodist Church in America.

The churches where the overseas pastors will serve, the overseas pastor, the country, and the American host pastor are listed below:

Arizona—Central Methodist Church, Phoenix; the Rev. Hector Ocer, Philip-pines; Dr. Kermit L. Long;

California—Hollypark Methodist Church, Cardena; the Rev. K. L. Peters, Pakistan; the Rev. Charles L. Boss;

Florida—Hyde Park Methodist Church, Tampa; the Rev. Francisco Pitty, Panama; Dr. Harold E. Buell;

Indiana—First Methodist Church, Mishawaka; the Rev. Nason Madzinga,

100 New Methodist Churches Need of Western Jurisdiction

One hundred new congregations should be organized in the 10-state Western Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church in the next two years, according to a survey just released by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa. The survey also shows that 13 new Methodist congregations were organized in the Western Jurisdiction in 1962.

The states in the Western Jurisdiction are Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington. There are now 1,734 Methodist churches in the jurisdiction.

The survey by the Division of National Missions (which does not include the home mission areas of Alaska and Hawaii) is based on information furnished to the Division by the Methodist district superintendents in the Western Jurisdiction. The Division released the survey in connection with a church extension consultation of jurisdiction leaders May 13-15 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The leaders used the survey as a basic tool in their discussion of Methodist church extension strategy in the jurisdiction.

As might be expected, the survey shows that the largest number of new Methodist congregations needed in the Southern California-Arizona Conference, which takes in some of the most rapidly growing areas of the nation. Almost one-half of all new congregations needed in the Western Jurisdiction in 1963 and 1964—39 are needed in that conference alone.

The number of new congregations needed in 1963 and 1964, revealed in the survey, follows (listed by conferences):

Montana Conference—1.
Rocky Mountain Conference (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, eastern Nevada)—16.

Southern California-Arizona Conference (including Las Vegas, Nev.)—39.

Idaho Conference (central and southern Idaho, northeastern Oregon)—2.

Oregon Conference—7.

California - Nevada Conference (northern California and most of Nevada)—20.

Pacific Northwest Conference (Washington, northern Idaho)—15.

The number of new congregations started in the various conferences in 1962, according to the survey was:

Montana Conference—2; Rocky Mountain Conference—3; Southern California-Arizona Conference—4; Idaho Conference—0; Oregon Conference—1; California-Nevada Conference—3; Pacific Northwest Conference—0.

The associate pastorates will form the practical phase of the Overseas Pastors Training Program of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, New York, which brings together leading ministers from Methodist and Methodist-related churches for 10 months of study and field work in American churches.

Korean Leader In New Position

A Korean Methodist leader, who is a former Crusade Scholar and graduate of Drew University, Madison, N.J., has been appointed to a significant post in the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association.

The Rev. Choo Pyung Kim is the field secretary for Asia of the World Council of Christian Education. In that office he is a roving interpreter of the organization to the churches of Asia and gives leadership in Christian education in workshops, conferences and other local and regional activities. His headquarters is in Seoul.

Born in Korea, Mr. Kim was a Crusade Scholar at Drew University from 1954 to 1956. He earned a master's degree there in Christian education. Returning to Korea, he served first as secretary for youth work of the Korean Methodist Church and later as executive secretary of the Korean Council of Christian Education. He has written books in the field of Christian education.

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Southern Rhodesia; the Rev. W. W. Yeater;

Indiana—High Street Methodist Church, Muncie; the Rev. P. V. Isaac, India; Dr. H. D. Neel;

Iowa—The Methodist Church, Geneva; the Rev. Samuel Jayaker, India; the Rev. E. Wayne Hilmer;

Iowa—The Methodist Church, Guthrie Center; the Rev. Elijah Chimbanga, Southern Rhodesia; the Rev. Robert T. Dodder;

Nebraska—Trinity Methodist Church, Lincoln; the Rev. Alfred Katsande, Southern Rhodesia; the Rev. D. E. Berg;

New Jersey—The Methodist Church, Pitman; the Rev. Dutta Kishore, India; the Rev. Robert E. Acheson;

Ohio—Westwood Methodist Church, Cincinnati; the Rev. Samuel Muzulu, Southern Rhodesia; the Dr. Roland G. Hohn.

Oregon—First Methodist Church, Roseburg; the Rev. Tatsumasa Shirakawa, Japan; the Rev. James H. Hankins;

Pennsylvania—The Methodist Church Beaver; the Rev. Chang Ho Kim, Korea; Dr. Clifford D. Buell;

West Virginia—St. Peter's Methodist Church, St. Albans; the Rev. Inocencio Ayson, Philippines; the Rev. Samuel B. Sink.

In Memoriam



A. E. Gottschalk

Mr. Andrew Edward Gottschalk was born February 18, 1896 at Covington, Louisiana and married Miss Edna Boyce on November 28, 1923. He exchanged this life for life eternal April 20, 1963.

Mr. Andrew (as he was called by his friends) was one of the most faithful members of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Ponchatoula, Louisiana. He was a member of the Board of Trustees, Official Board, Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Men's Bible class, and Methodist Men's Club. The assurance of his presence at all functions of the church was an inspiration to his pastor and friends and can best be expressed through the words of the poet.

JUST AN ORDINARY MEMBER

Just an ordinary member
Of the church, I heard him say
But you'd always find him present,
Even on a rainy day.

He had a hearty handclasp
For the stranger in the aisle,
And a friend who was in trouble
Found sunshine in his smile.
When the Sermon helped him,
He told the preacher so,
And when he needed comfort,
He let the pastor know.
He always paid up promptly,
And tried to do his share
In all the ordinary task

For which some have no care.
His talents were not so many
But his love for God was true;
His prayers were not in public,
But he prayed for me and you.
An ordinary member?

I think that I would say
He was EXTRAORDINARY
In a humble sort of way.

—His Pastor



Mrs. J. T. Little

Mrs. James T. Little, a devoted member of the First Methodist Church of Bossier City, died on May 9, 1963. Her funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Reverend Jack H. Midyett, on Saturday, May 11th, in the sanctuary of First Church. Interment was in the Centuries Memorial Park in Shreveport.

Mrs. Little, the former Frances Cudd, was born in Wilda, Louisiana, on December 21, 1893. She was sixty-nine years of age at the time of her death.

Mrs. Little was a valued member of her Church. She was especially active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She held a number of offices in the local Society. She also held offices in the District Society. Her sister members thought so highly of her in the local Church that they named a Circle in her honor, namely the Frances Little Circle.

The cause of Missions was dear to the heart of Mrs. Little. She rendered real service to First Church as the Chairman of the Commission on Missions. Her passion for Missions influenced the Church to accept a number of Advance Specials. Her influence in this field will continue to be felt for years to come. Many will benefit

from her devotion.

Mrs. Little is survived by her husband, James T. Little, one daughter, Mrs. Roy Napp; one son, Bill Little; two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Barette and Mrs. T. O. Mosby; and, two brothers, D. W. Cudd and W. C. Cudd.



Mrs. W. E. Potter

Mrs. Laura W. Potter, the wife of the late W. E. Potter, was born in Greene County, Arkansas, January 24th, 1875, and at the age of 88, she died at the Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould, April 6th, 1963. She had lived in Paragould, more than 75 years.

Sister Potter, was converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life. She loved her church, and was very active up until a few years ago, when she failed in health—but she continued to attend the evening services until a few months before she went away to join that Church "Not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." She was married to Mr. Potter, October 2nd, 1892, who died in 1925.

Sister Potter, revived her talent in 1940. She loved to paint and was in her glory when she was painting a beautiful snow scene. The one she called "A Winter Sunset" was outstanding, and which hangs over her daughter's piano in the living room. In November 1962, she had an exhibition of her painting at the Greene County Library, which attracted much attention.

Survivors include four sons: Frank Potter, Mountain Home, Arkansas; Richard Potter Washington, D. C.; Donald Potter, Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Carl Potter, and Miss Wirta Potter, both of Paragould, Arkansas. A brother, Charles Green, Cleo, Michigan a half-sister, Mrs. Rose Maberry, Campbell, Missouri; four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held April 6th, at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. T. T. McNeal, her pastor officiating, assisted by the writer. Burial was in the Linwood Cemetery.

The writer has known Sister Potter for more than quarter of a century, and found her to be a good wife, a good mother, a good friend, and above all, a real Christian. We will miss her, but one day we will be reunited with her on the other side of life.

"Beautiful twilight, at set of sun;
Beautiful goal, with race well run;
Beautiful rest with work well done."

—J. W. Moore



Miss Mary Clifton

The Wesleyan Service Guild, of the Oaklawn Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, pays respect to our beloved friend and member—Mary Ann Clifton. In her personal and religious life she held fast to eternal truths. If days brought weariness, trouble or grief, she scanned the darkness for the lights of a brighter tomorrow. She did not falter in her duties—for each step, she took into faith born of a personal creed and of belief in The Supreme Being.

As a consecrated educator, she sought to stimulate intellectual pursuits and personal growth. She found

satisfaction in tasks well performed, in inspiration shared in service given with no thought of reward.

In her personal, her church and her professional life, she placed the good of all beyond that of self—may each of us hold such a vision as our guiding star.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buck



Rev. R. B. Craig

Recently a news item from Houston, Miss., was called to my attention. It told of the death and burial of the Rev. R. B. Craig. He had died in the Veteran's Hospital at Biloxi, Miss., on March 30.

I recalled how that I first met Brother Craig when I, as P.E. on the Batesville District, came to his home at Kenyon near Tuckerman in the fall of 1922 to hold his first quarterly Conference. He had been in World War I and was appointed to the circuit as a supply pastor. He had been married to Miss Jessie Lee O'Bryant, the daughter of the late Rev. J. H. O'Bryant, a distinguished preacher and conference leader in the North Arkansas Conference. I had known Jessie Lee since her childhood.

The next year he was appointed to the Bethesda Ct. Then sometime afterward he went back to his native state, (Miss.) and continued to serve as a supply pastor for some years.

He was a good man and an earnest preacher of the Gospel.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Jessie Lee Craig, living now in Jonesboro, Ark., 325 West Cherry St.; a son, Sgt. Paul S. Craig of Keesler Air Force Base Miss.; and two grandchildren.

—H. Lynn Wade



Mrs. N. M. Sloan

Mrs. Martha Currie Sloan, widow of the late Neill Moore Sloan passed from this life on December 30, 1962, in Lake Village, Arkansas. Funeral services were held in Lakeside Methodist Church December 31, with burial in Rosehill Cemetery, Arkadelphia, Rev. Guy C. Ames was assisted by Rev. Samuel George Jones and Dr. Clem Baker.

She was born in Hamburg, Arkansas, daughter of Martha Wilson Currie and the late John Daniel Currie. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Sloan, April 30, 1938, she made her home with her parents in Montrose, Arkansas, where she first united with the Methodist Church. She was graduated from St. Mary's Episcopal School, Memphis and Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Martha and Neill with their two sons moved to Lake Village in 1947. Both were active in church, school and community activities. Martha served the Methodist Church with all of her abilities in the the Church school, Vacation Bible schools and all phases of the women's work. The new addition to the Lakeside Methodist Parsonage will be furnished in her memory for her long service on the Parsonage Committee. The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Parent Teachers Association had honored her with Life Memberships. Many unselfish hours were devoted to Mobile T. B. Units, Crippled Children's Clinics and the

Gatewood Memorial Library of Lake Village. All who knew her, both young and old, were inspired by the example of her daily living.

She is survived by two sons, Neill Moore Jr., a senior at the University of Arkansas, John Currie Sloan of Lake Village and her mother, Mrs. John D. Currie also of Lake Village.



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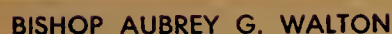
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2:30 p.m. - Ballot
2:45 p.m. - Report No. 1, Board of Missions
3:15 p.m. - Report of Commission on Worship
3:30 p.m. - Service of Commemoration, Rev. Geo. Harbuck, presiding, Rev. Benedict
4:30 p.m. - Adjournment Galloway, speaker

7:30 p.m. - Hour of Evangelism, Dr. Wm. R. Cannon, speaker; Music, First Methodist

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1963

7:30 p.m. - Hour of Evangelism, Dr. W. R. Cannon, speaker; Music, Munholland Choir

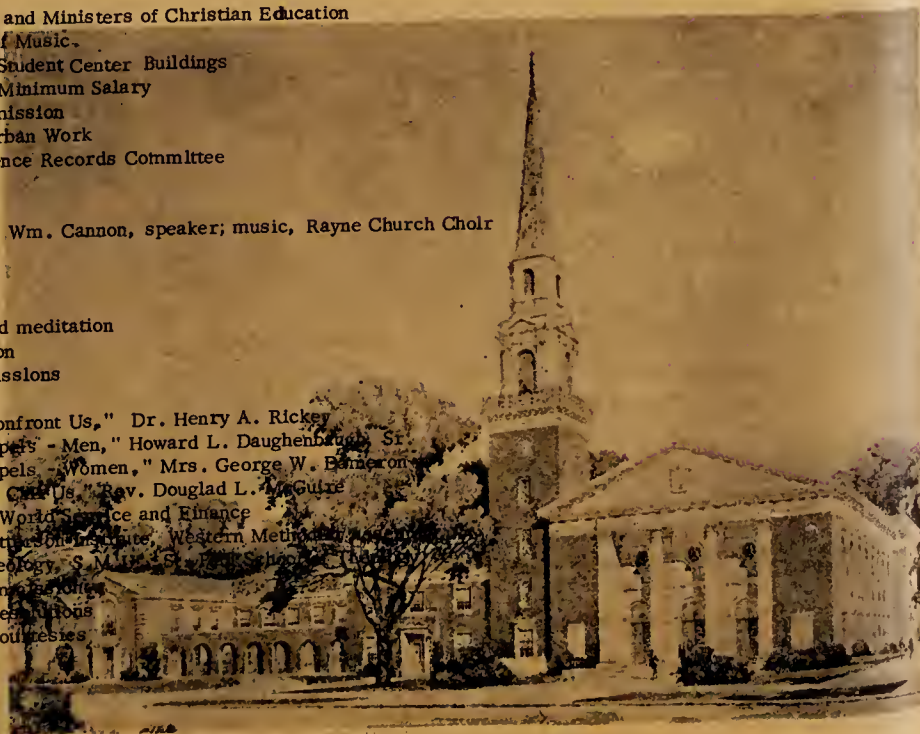
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1963

2:30 p.m. - Consecration of Directors and Ministers of Christian Education
Recognition of Ministers of Music
2:45 p.m. - Report of Commission on Student Center Buildings
3:00 p.m. - Report of Commission on Minimum Salary
3:15 p.m. - Report of Historical Commission
3:30 p.m. - Report of Committee on Urban Work
3:45 p.m. - Report of District Conference Records Committee
4:00 p.m. - Adjournment

7:30 p.m. - Service of Ordination; Dr. Wm. Cannon, speaker; music, Rayne Church Choir

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1963

ADJOURNMENT



New Orleans, La.
June 1, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Last Sunday was an exciting and inspiring day for me in the Ruston District. I went with the Reverend and Mrs. Luman Douglas to Dubach for the morning service. This is the home church of Brother Douglas and the congregation declared it "Douglas Day," in appreciation of his six years of leadership in the Ruston District.

The congregation had set a date for the completion of the new sanctuary—and just made it. Work was going on until the evening before, but on Sunday morning all preparation had been made. We dedicated the sanctuary, the education building, and all furnishings, a total evaluation of nearly \$100,000.00—and all paid upon completion of the building. The Reverend Jerry Means is pastor at Dubach. The minister and congregation deserve our highest commendation.

In the afternoon we were at Homer for the dedication of the basement area and parking lot. The Fellowship Hall, which is a part of the improvements included in this dedication is named in memory of the late H. C. McCalman, Jr., who was chairman of the Building Committee of the church at the time of his death. The facilities at First Church, Homer, are adequate and attractive in every way. I was pleased to see the beautiful new parsonage which has been built during this conference year. The Reverend William P. Fraser is pastor at Homer.

In the evening I preached at Downsville. This is the church which will be featured in the next issue of *The Methodist Story* because of its unusually large giving to Christian missions. The Downsville Methodist Church contributes to World Service, General Advance Specials, Day of Dedication; and M. C. O. R. a per capita giving of over \$21.00, which is an outstanding accomplishment in this field of Christian service. The Reverend Brady Forman is pastor there.

I returned to New Orleans Monday evening and on Wednesday the District Superintendents arrived. The Cabinet has been in session all week in preparation for the Annual Conference which will convene in First Church, New Orleans, on next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. I look forward to seeing many of you next week.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

Student Day Will Be Observed Throughout Conference June 9

Many Methodist churches will observe Methodist Student Day on Sunday, June 9, and give an offering that will go to a fund used by The Methodist Church for scholarships and loans for outstanding students. Five students from Louisiana received National Methodist Scholarships for the 1962-63 school year. They were: Richard Hruska, Minden; Herbert Dalton Jennings, New Orleans; Gloria Elaine Eistrunk, Shreveport; Freda Carol Wood, DeRidder; and Don George Scroggin, Shreveport. All attended Centenary College in Shreveport.

In the annual observance, the churches will emphasize the importance of higher education. The Methodist General Board of Education administers the student scholarship and loan program. The Board's Division of Higher Education makes available a service of worship for use on Methodist Student Day.

Scholarships and loans are made to Methodist students considering various careers, not just to those planning church-related vocations. Last year, 475 Methodist students received through the program scholarships of various types and amounts totaling more than

\$244,000. In addition, 2,937 students borrowed \$967,940 from the Methodist Student Loan Fund.

Generally, the conferences contributing most liberally through Methodist Student day offerings receive the largest amounts in student loans and scholarships.

Activities at Belle Chasse Community Methodist Church



DR. CARL LUEG, New Orleans District Superintendent, and Dr. A. M. Serex, who has worked since May 1. with the Belle Chasse Church.



THE CONGREGATION of Belle Chasse Church, which on May 26 officially organized itself as a Methodist Church and became the Belle Chasse Community Methodist Church.

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Youth Assembly Scheduled For Centenary, June 24-28

The annual Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, June 24-28. Each Methodist Church in the state can send one senior-high representative, and deadline for registration is June 18.

Theme of the Assembly is "Called, Confronted and Compelled." Rev. Brady Forman of Downsville is Dean and Rev. Luther Booth of New Iberia will be

Douglas Honored at Dubach

"D" Day (Dedication Day and Douglas Day) was observed by the Dubach Methodist Church, Sunday morning May 26, 1963. The new building which was completed only the day before was dedicated to God and the Rev. Luman Douglas, outgoing Superintendent of the Ruston District, who first dedicated his life to God and the ministry in the Dubach Church, was honored. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas gave the new pulpit furniture in memory of Rev. Douglas' parents John W. and Carrie C. Douglas.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton delivered the address and assisted in the dedication ceremony. Rev. Jerry Means, Pastor of the Dubach church, Rev. Douglas, Mr. P. D. Cox, Chairman of the Leader, Mr. E. R. McNeil, Building Chairman and Mr. Walter Frank, Trustee, participated in the program.

Special music was provided by the Dubach High School's girls ensemble,

speaker for the conference. Rev. Lawrence Gilbert of Shreveport is Conference Director of Youth Work, and Mr. Sherman Carroll of Columbia is president of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The meeting is held under the auspices of the Conference Board of Education and the Conference MYF. Purpose of the meeting is to transact the business of the MYF, and to give personal enrichment to youth and adults through leadership education, worship, platform speakers, discussion, recreation, and other related activities.

Delegates will check in at the Moore Student Center between the hours of one and five on Monday, June 24. The Assembly will close Friday at noon. They will be housed in Centenary College dormitories and have their meals in the college cafeteria.

composed of Jane Hunt, Donna Tatum, Patricia Fuller, Glenda Berry and Penny Jones, accompanied by Ann Trammell.

ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION POSTPONED

The Alumni Association of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Ruston will have its annual Alumni Reunion on Sunday, June 16. The meeting is usually held on the second Sunday in June but was postponed this year.

There will be a business session at 10:00 a.m. Services of worship will be held in the Chapel of the Children's Home at 11:00 a.m. There will be a dinner for everyone at noon.

All former residents of the Methodist Children's Home are cordially invited to bring their families and attend this annual reunion. Rev. Harry E. Ezell is superintendent of the home.

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Editorials

Sound Your 'A'

ONE of the most significant statements about the early Christians who were at Pentecost says that "they were all together in one place." One version speaks of them as being "in accord." To put it simply—they were in tune. When any company of well-meaning persons are in accord, heavenly rhapsodies can be produced that make their mark for centuries to come.

We remember hearing a sermon on Pentecost some years ago under the title, "Sound Your A." The reference was to the technique followed by a symphony orchestra in having the note of "A" sounded so that all of the other instruments might make the proper adjustments to get in tune. We know what audial chaos results when this has not been done. We know also what spiritual chaos can be wrought when the members of the Christian fellowship are out of tune with a celestial "A."

Many call Pentecost the birthday of the church. There will always be disagreement among Christians as to just when the religious implementation of the teachings of Jesus started its march through the centuries. Surely we can say that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost let loose in the world a force that turned the world upside down and caused individual believers in Christ to group themselves together for mutual help and encouragement.

Now there is a great deal of difference between saying that Christians need to be in accord and saying that they must all think and act and speak just alike, or that they must sign their name at the bottom of a crystallized creed before it can be considered safe to admit them to the fellowship.

We have lately moved through a time of observance during which we longed to have the Aldersgate Experience of John Wesley created afresh in us. Perhaps it sounds too much like a melody of one note to say that we are now all longing to have Pentecost reincarnated in us. Yet surely we recognize that a needed force for life and witness in our time waits on the empowering force of the Holy Spirit that has always demonstrated its re-

Way Of Life



luctance to come into the hearts and lives of those who are not in accord.

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The Personal Power of Pope John

THE proof that Pope John XXIII has had more influence on Protestants than perhaps all of the other popes of Catholicism combined is seen in the intense concern of persons of every faith, and we feel especially as Protestants that this is true, as the prelate approached his death. This is more than an emotional reaction to an aging churchman who has captured our fancy. Pope John has really opened some doors that we thought would never be opened and started numerous conversations that we thought would never be started.

Sometime ago we heard a friend who has just returned from South America say that in that continent it was widely said that Pope John was the best pope the Protestants had ever had.

A few days ago we sat with some Catholic, Protestant and Jewish ministers to hear a report from a Methodist who served as news correspondent at the Second Vatican Council. In the question period that followed this report, one asked the question concerning the continuation of the forces started in that council if Pope John should not live. The reply was that these trends had been started in such a real way that they would be bound to continue in the same direction.

In the news releases which come daily to our desk there is continuing evidence of this influence in the wide number of instances in which prominent Catholic churchmen are speaking before Protestant groups, many of these being actually Protestant church services. We all know that such would have been unheard of before the administration of the late Pope.

The evidence of its implementation is still a bit vague, but it is entirely possible that the bitter attitude which Spain has had to Protestantism might be softened. If this should be so it could be imagined that even Portugal would make a similar shift in positions and this could mean so much in some of our most strategic mission fields in Africa.

We must co-exist with the Roman Catholic Church. To do so has sometimes meant the swallowing of some bitter pills by sincere Protestants. The next Pope may be one that knoweth not Bishop Corson, and Archbishop Fisher, and Queen Elizabeth—but even so we are convinced that Protestants will never again stand in the same position they did five years ago. There may be other pills to swallow in the name of brotherhood, but we are sure they will never again be so bitter.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

A BUSY WEEK-END

Sandwiched between two annual conference-filled weeks was a most enriching week-end for your editor. Saturday was spent at Camp Tanako with the families of the Official Board and the choir of St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock. We stayed through breakfast and an early church service there and were home in time to get ready to go to Conway to share the thrilling experience of the Commencement Exercises.

For a number of years now St. Paul Methodist Church has found an unusual value in the planning session of its Official Board at Tanako. They spent about five hours together and gave good direction to their plans for the new year under the leadership of their new board chairman, Emmet Darr, and the pastor, Dr. W. Neill Hart. No, your editor is not a member of the Official Board, but his wife is.

The high quality of music which we find in the services at St. Paul is the result of very careful training by the director, Felix Thompson. Not a small item in this discipline of training is the choir school at Tanako. For five years now this group has profited from the instruction of Dr. Loren Davidson of the faculty of Louisiana State University.

We heard a fine sermon from Dr. Hart at eight o'clock worship hour at Tanako and then made it home in time to change and get to Conway in time for the afternoon commencement.

Dr. Marshall Steel did his usual fine job of speaking as he inspired the 1963 Hendrix graduates and their friends and parents. It was a good looking class and we were all proud of the two top graduates, Brooks Holifield and Vicky Thompson, who very shortly will take another degree of Mr. and Mrs.

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ON MAY 23 the ministers of the Shreveport District and their wives gave a reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Clayton and the Rev. and Mrs. W.R. Wendt who are retiring. The district superintendent, Dr. Jolly B. Harper, is shown presenting gifts from the district to the Wendts on the left and the Claytons in the center.



Caroline Ann Cole

Metairie Girl Is Honored

Miss Caloyne Anne Cole, a member of St. Matthew Methodist Church, Metairie, and a student at East Jefferson High School, has won the 1963 essay contest sponsored by the American Citizenship Committee of the Louisiana Bar Association.

The presentation of the \$100 award was made by Oliver P. Stockwell, Lake Charles, at the annual meeting of the bar association in Biloxi.

The 18-year old winner plans to major in elementary education next fall at Northeastern Louisiana College.

She is a native of Jacksonville, Fla.,

and has lived in Metairie for the past 5 years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cole.

At St. Matthew's Church she sings in the choir and participates in all of the activities of the youth group. She was one of the girls chosen to attend the Louisiana Conference School of Missions in 1962, and the Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer.

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Briefs-

ANNUAL MEETINGS LISTED

Plans for annual meetings of the five general boards and agencies with offices in Evanston, Ill., have been announced by their respective executives as follows:

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Orrington Hotel, Evanston, July 15-17, with Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., presiding.

General Board of Pensions, The Georgian, Evanston, Sept. 11, under the presidency of Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit.

General Board of Lay Activities, Pick-Congress hotel, Chicago, Sept. 12-14. R. H. Berg, Melbourne, Fla., is president of the board.

Council on World Service and Finance, Deauville hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 1-3, with Bishop Paul E. Martin, Houston, Tex., presiding.

Board of Hospitals and Homes, Sheraton-Jefferson hotel, St. Louis, Jan. 27-28. Bishop Fred G. Holloway, Charleston, W. Va., is board president.

Aldersgate At Baptist Church

One of the most unique Aldersgate Sunday commemorations in Louisiana was that at the Temple Baptist Church in Ruston.

The membership of the Methodist churches in that city received the following letter of invitation from the Rev. Harold Shirley, pastor of this church, to share with them in their unusual service:

"We are making plans for a meaningful observance of the 225th anniversary of Aldersgate on Sunday evening, May 26. The worship that night will be strictly 'Wesleyan' — using hymns of the Wesley brothers, etc. My text will be 'I felt my heart strangely warmed...'

Let this serve as an official invitation to you and your congregation to join us in this 'Methodist meeting' the last Sunday evening of the month. I do not wish in any way to disrupt your own schedule but if you would like to join in with us, it would be a joy and a delight to our people. The service begins at 7:30 p.m.

"Welcome!"

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Imagine a shepherd who consoles himself because the sheep make it hard for him.

It is much easier to talk about evangelism than it is to do evangelistic work.



SHOWN AT THE PRESENTATION of a gift from the church School of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, to the Sloanes are: (l. to r.) the Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Mr. J.B. Harris, Dr. B.C. Taylor and Mr. Paul Gunn.

ENCOURAGE AFRICAN MUSIC

A multi-racial organization has been formed to encourage the development of African church music and thus help make Christianity a more indigenous part of African culture. It is known as

the All-Africa Church Music Association, and it hopes to integrate African music into worship services of churches throughout the continent.

The best leadership is that which seeks nothing for itself.

Sloanes Honored by Neighbors of Staff



DR. AND MRS. BENTLY SLOANE open gift from staff. Seen in background Mrs. D.D. Bell, Miss Jean Netterville and Miss Sheila Nuttall.



MISS JEAN NETTERVILLE receives wedding gift from Dr. Sloane on behalf of Staff. Dr. James T. Harris of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, is at left.



SEEN AT STAFF PARTY: the Rev. Tracy Arnold, Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, Dr. B.C. Taylor, Dr. Webb Pomeroy and Dr. Bond Fleming.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE MONROE SUB-DISTRICT MYF met Sunday May 19, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe. The program on "Communism" was led by Linda Mangum. Dr. Ben Oliphint is pastor of the host Church.

THE REV. CLEBURNE QUAID, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon for the graduating class of the DeQuincy High School on Sunday, May 26.

DR. BEN OLIPHINT, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, was the baccalaureate preacher for the graduating class at Neville High School, Monroe, on Sunday evening, May 26.

GRADUATION EXERCISES were held for the kindergarten School of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, on Thursday, May 30. Twelve children were in the graduating class. Dr. G.W. Pomeroy is the pastor.

DR. JOLLY B. HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, was the speaker for the special Aldersgate Service at Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, at the evening worship hour on May 26. The pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

A BANQUET HONORING the graduating seniors of the Springhill Methodist Church was held in fellowship hall on May 23. All members of the senior class and their dates were guests of honor. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

DR. JAMES T. HARRIS and Dr. Jolly B. Harper presided for Dedication Services for the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Snow at 8313 Spring Lake Drive, Shreveport, May 26. Mr. Snow is the district lay leader for the Shreveport District.

RICHARD BAKER, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh L. Baker, Jr. of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was recently named the "outstanding freshman" in the fields of scholarship and achievement in University High School in that city.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, was the guest preacher at North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, May 19. His topic was "The Living Flame." The pastor is the Rev. George Harkins.

MAJOR PAT HARRINGTON was the speaker for the Men's Club breakfast at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, May 21. He spoke on the subject, "Defense of Christianity." The pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

THE MAY 23 ISSUE of "Pulpit and Pew", weekly parish paper of First Methodist Church, Minden, announced that the associate pastor, the Rev. Don Autrey, had returned from the hospital, where he had been because of a recent automobile accident. We are happy to hear of his recovery.

ON MAY 19, ALDERSGATE SUNDAY and Ministry Sunday, the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Denham Springs, was in charge of three volunteers for full-time Christian service. They are Robert Crammer, Penny Morgan and Wayne Millet. The pastor is the Rev. Ted Howes.

THE REV. REUEL H. ALLEN, pastor of Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the leader for the noontide services at the Church House

in that city May 27-June 1. His topics were "Faith," "Accepted by Faith," "Faith is Risk" "Involvement," and "Obedience and Growth."

THE SENIOR HIGH MYF of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, held their annual retreat at Caney Lake Camp on June 1 and 2. Mr. and Mrs. Frank "Budge" Dennia and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dickson served as adult counselors for the retreat. The pastor of the church is the Rev. George W. Ross.

THE GRADUATING SENIORS of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, were guests of honor at a dinner served in the social hall of their church on Sunday, May 19. Dr. Ronald Crain, professor of chemistry at McNeese State College, was the speaker for the occasion. The Rev. James L. Stovall is the pastor.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, has elected the following officers for 1963-64: John T. Radovich, Jr., president; George Ratzlaff, vice-president; and Mrs. Samuel Talley, secretary. The pastor is the Rev. Albert A. Collins.

NEW OFFICERS OF Methodist Men of Slidell Methodist Church were installed May 26 at the morning worship service by the pastor, the Rev. Alfred M. Brown. They were: Fred Cherry, president; John Skelton, vice-president; George Carter, secretary; W.M. Baily, treasurer; and Les Freeman, recorder.

THE REV. BRADY COOK, pastor of First Methodist Church, Dardanell, Ark., was the evangelist for revival services at First Methodist Church, Gilbert, May 12-17. Assisting was Miss Irene Cook, soloist and worker with children. The pastor is the Rev. Theron McKisson.

A RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS was held at Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, following the evening worship service, May 26. It was planned by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism with the help of the WSCS. All persons who had joined this church since June 1, 1962 were guests of honor. The pastor is the Rev. Don Alverson.

THE BULLETIN OF FIRST Methodist Church, Leesville, informs us that congratulations are in order for Edwin Cabra, recipient of this year's Gertrude E. Daubs scholarship, which is presented annually by the Wesleyan Service Guild of that church to a graduating senior of the church. The pastor is the Rev. Kirby Vining.

DUDLEY SNOW, District Lay Leader of the Shreveport District, was guest speaker for the morning worship service at Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, May 5. He was in the Lake Charles District as a resource person for the laymen's workshop. The pastor of Simpson Church is the Rev. Cleburne Quaid.

THE WSCS OF THE Melville Methodist Church honored the graduating class of the Melville High School on Thursday, May 16, with a chicken supper in the education wing of the church. Twenty-five seniors and the school's principal, G. H. Bordelon, were present. Following the supper, recreation was directed by the pastor, the Rev. George Burlew.

THE CAST OF CHARACTERS for the presentation of the family life play "Our Kind" at First Methodist Church, Crowley, recently included Taylor Cain, Alice Ann Buchanan, Lynn Finley, Bill Richardson, Glenn Taylor and Walter Lewis. The director was Mrs. Robert Finley. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

THE REV. JAMES CULP, a theological student at Emory University, will serve as summer youth director at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. He is from North Carolina, is a graduate of Wofford College and has done special work in music at Indiana University. The Rev. Henry Blount is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, held their annual fish fry and installation of officers at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Erwin Jordan, May 24. The officers installed were: Paul D. White, president; Marsdell F. Bailey, vice-president; Charles E. Turrentine, second vice-president; and Carson Uzzell, treasurer. The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, recognizing the unique contribution of Mr. Tom Sanders, Sr., has unanimously voted to name chapel in the educational building of their church the Tom A. Sanders, Sr. Chapel. They have created a memorial fund through which persons may make gifts in his memory. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Earl Emmerich.

MRS. R.E. ZUFALL, director of the Vacation Church School at Reily University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has announced the following superintendents: Mrs. R.A. Wasson, nursery; Mrs. J.B. Hopkins, kindergarten; Mrs. F.L. Corty, primary; Mrs. P.B. LeCates, younger junior; and Mrs. H.E. Robson, coordinator and supply chairman. The pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

AT ISTROUMA METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, Mrs. D.R. Batchelder has been elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Elected president of the Istrouma Wesleyan Service Guild was Mrs. Allen Matheny, and Miss Emily Hutchins has been chosen as president of the Agatha Flowers Wesleyan Service Guild. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Bossier City, the following members of the Official Board were recently recognized for perfect attendance at all meetings of the board for the year: M.B. McDowell, Mrs. C.A. Naylor, Johnnie Russell, W.T. Waller and the pastor, the Rev. Jack H. Midyett. Those who missed only one meeting are: G.R. Bridges, C.M. Brown, W.P. Cherry, Mrs. Robert Hill, A.W. Robertson, R.E. Seabaugh, Mrs. E.G. Wyche and A.B. Ewing.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, recently honored several of their members by presenting them with Life Membership pins. Honored by the WSCS were Mrs. Gladys Hale and Mrs. Alma Lincks. The Guild presented pins to Mrs. Della Jamieson, Mrs. Anna Mott, Mrs. Jennie Pittelkow and Mrs. Myrtle McNeil. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

MR. MICHAEL RUDD assumed his duties June 1 as the organist of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. He is a native of Texas and attended North Texas State University before coming to LSU to study under Frank Collins, professor of organ. He has performed as organist in programs of the contemporary music festivals at LSU, as well as for the LSU A Capella Choir and the University Chorus. Dr. Dana Dawson is the pastor.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE Executive Committee of the Official Board of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, are: Charles S. Weems, chairman; Dr. Paul M. Davis, Jr., past chairman; Judge George M. Foote, building committee chairman; Paul K. Adams, vice-chairman; Hagan K. Nelson, Second vice-chairman; W. Frank Brasher, treasurer; J. Harris Prosser, assistant treasurer; Joe W. Pitts, Sr., chairman, Stewardship and finance; Dr. Pitts T. Cappel, Jr., secretary; and Thilo Steinschulte, assistant secretary. The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of First Methodist Church, Donaldsonville, was host at an appreciation dinner for Church School teachers and the pastor, May 28, at the home of Miss Georgette Richard. The Rev. James E. Christie, pastor, presented certificates of appreciation to the teachers and Mr. C.W. McCord, chairman of the board presented gifts to the teachers and the superintendents. Mr. and Mrs. Christie were presented a silver tray in appreciation for his pastoral leadership during the last eight months of the year.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

Lesson For June 16, 1963: GOD IN COURTS OF JUSTICE

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 11:72:1-14; 82. Printed Lesson Text: Psalms 72:1-4; Psalms 82.

MEMORY SELECTION: For the LORD is righteous, he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face. Psalms 11:7.

AIM OF LESSON: To stress the fact that God is a God of justice and to emphasize that in all human relationships we should practice the art of fairness and justice.

The Hebrews believed that God chose their kings and had them anointed by his prophets. They were God's anointed kings. Since the kings ruled by appointment of the Lord the Jews felt that they were accountable to the Lord for all of their activities. They believed that, when a king ruled according to the will of God, peace and prosperity prevailed in Israel.

If the king disobeyed God, he could be called to account by God's prophets. Hence we find Nathan the prophet rebuking David the king for his great sin. Even when a king sinned and was condemned of God, the people usually condoned their wrongs because they were "God's anointed." While Saul was hunting David to kill him, David had opportunity to kill Saul when he entered a cave in which David and his men were hiding. In the darkness, Saul did not see David yet David was so close to him that he cut a piece out of Saul's garment but he refused to kill Saul, wicked as Saul was. David said, "I will not put forth mine hand against my Lord; for he is the Lord's anointed." David was even ashamed that he had cut the piece from Saul's garment.

* PRAYING FOR A KING *

With this high regard for Jewish kings, it is not surprising that the writer of the 72nd Psalm opens his poem with a prayer for the king. In praying for the king and the king's son his is praying for the same person.

Some writers commenting on Psalm 72 simply say it is a prayer for an unknown king, by an unknown author at some unknown period of the Jewish Monarchy. However, the titles of the Psalm open with the words, "David praying for Solomon." The closing verse of the Psalm reads, "The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended." The theory that David was the author may account for the wording of Verse 1 which refers to the King - Solomon - and the king's son, since Solomon, David's son was a king's son.

For these and other reasons, many writers ascribe the Psalm to David as author. They accept its contents as a rather elaborate, and somewhat prejudiced prayer of a proud father for his promising son.

* IDEALS FOR MEASURING GOOD GOVERNMENT *

To believe and accept the teachings of the Bible is to believe in justice and fair play for all human beings, regardless of nationality, race or color.

We have no right to demand or even expect justice for ourselves unless we deal justly with others. In keeping with the Golden Rule, we should want for others the same rights and privileges we ask and expect for ourselves. We should be uneasy about ourselves if we are willing to settle for anything less.

The first four verses of our lesson text gives us three standards for good government.

1. Good government stands for and promotes

justice and righteousness. The prayer of the psalmist is that the king may possess something of the justice of God and that he might judge with righteousness and justice.

2. Good government should result in peace and prosperity. The King James Version reads, "bring peace," the Revised Standard Version reads, "bear prosperity."

3. Good government will provide for the needs of the poor and it will protect them from those who would oppress them. Too often the poor are treated unjustly because they are unable to protect themselves.

* THE JUDGES ARE JUDGED *

We have the 82nd Psalm as the second selection in our lesson text. It is very difficult to arrive at a satisfactory explanation or interpretation of this Psalm. If any of our readers are puzzled as he reads this Psalm, he may take comfort in the fact that commentators in general also are quite a bit puzzled.

The principal difficulty which commentators find in understanding this Psalm is found in their efforts to determine who the gods are referred to in verses 1 and 6.

It appears from verse 1 that God was presiding over a conference of his spiritual assistants, whomsoever they were. He condemns them, as his agents, for unjust dealings with some and far showing partiality to others. They had failed to administer justice measured by standards God called just.

Who were these "gods", agents of Jehovah, whom God condemned? some say they were angels. Since the writer of the Psalm likely believed in the lesser gods worshiped by the heathen about them, there are some who believe it was these gods to whom the writer referred. Hence he had the God of Gods presiding over these lesser gods. Still others think that these "gods" were the judges of Israel. Some answer this theory with the statement that these "gods" could not have been mere men else verse seven, which condemns them to die like men would be pointless and meaningless.

These various viewpoints by equally prominent commentators indicate that we lesser lights will not be able to be very specific about the matter.

While we may not know who the "gods" were that the Lord was condemning, we are able to discover something of the character of justice God asked them to establish.

1. They should be defenders of justice and not agents of injustice as some seemed to be.

2. They must not make a travesty of justice by showing partiality to the wicked. There is the veiled idea that they might have received bribes for such decisions.

3. They must be defenders of the poor and fatherless. They must deal justly with the afflicted and needy. The weakest and poorest must be fairly dealt with.

4. They must "rescue the weak and needy" and "deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

* WHEN JUSTICE FAILS *

The writer of this Psalm was not just writing poetry for the joy of writing. He was discussing a subject that was vitally important in his day and it is just as important in our day. He was talking about how "all the foundations of earth are shaken" by injustice. We all know that the very foundations of a social order can be shaken when fair play and jus-

tice is lacking.

There are few things that will so disturb and disorganize life as the feeling that injustice prevails. If members of a family act without regard for the rights of each other we not only have a disturbed family, we have a family that is on the verge of breaking up.

If either labor or capital acts without regard for trouble that may disrupt a whole industry and affect the lives of countless people that are involved both directly and indirectly.

When decisions of judges, juries or courts are patently unjust or even unfair, confidence in law, confidence in an orderly society is shaken. If leaders of government act without proper regard for the rights of the governed, seeds of rebellion and anarchy are sown and the stability of government itself is threatened.

People will bear almost indescribable hardships and privations if they feel that they are being treated unjustly. However, the very foundations of life are shaken when they feel they are victims of injustice.

* WHERE JUSTICE NEVER FAILS *

In man's relation to man there is an endless search for justice. Sometimes that search ends in failure as men try to settle their difficulties by personal agreements. Consequently there are endless cases in courts. Even there we have the possibility of errors in the final conclusions because of slanted testimony.

Whatever happens in our dealings with each other here, we may be sure that in the courts of the eternal God justice never breaks down. Since God knows all things and will always do right we may be sure that his judgments are always fair and just.

When Abraham was pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah he threw out a challenge to God himself when he asked, in Genesis 18:25, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" There was the feeling in the heart of Abraham, and that feeling has existed on down until today, that we may expect God to do what is right.

* GOD'S LAWS APPLY TO ALL NATIONS *

In the closing verse of Psalm 82, the psalmist expresses indirectly the feeling that God's laws are in effect in every land and clime and that all nations are to be judged by the Lord.

There are nations where natural laws are not recognized as God's laws since the general faith is that there is not God. It follows of course that in such nations there is no recognition or acceptance of God's spiritual laws.

We know, of course, that the fact that these nations do not recognize God's natural laws makes no difference in their operation. It rains on the just and the unjust. The seasons come and go, the law of gravitation constantly operates, babies are born, grow to advanced years and die, everything happens in nature in these nations as it does in nations that believe in God.

It is just as true that God's spiritual laws operate in the face of disbelief as truly as they do elsewhere. Whatever we believe, we reap what we sow spiritually as truly as we do physically. God's spiritual laws are as inescapable as his physical laws. A man got off a boat in China and declared that he was thankful that he had at last reached a place where the ten commandments were not in effect. He plunged into a life of dissipation and sin but soon found that the ten commandments were as much in effect in China as in Christian America.

The fact that God's laws apply in every nation should give us some concern here in America. There is hardly a gross sin in the catalogue of sins that one cannot find running rampant in some parts of our nation. Just how long America can disregard the moral laws of God and continue to be a nation of power and greatness is an open question.

* PRAYER FOR GOD TO JUDGE ALL EARTH *

Psalm 82 closes with a prayer for God to judge the earth because, as the King James Version states, "Thou shalt inherit all nations. The Revised Standard Version reads "Far to thee belong all nations."

God created the world and established the laws that govern it both physical and spiritual. He created man with a moral responsibility and has revealed to man his moral laws. By these laws all mankind will be judged.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

White House sources have confirmed that President Kennedy will call upon Pope John XXIII when he visits Italy in late June. No official announcement of Mr. Kennedy's plans was made by the White House staff. However, associates of the President quickly admitted to newsmen that present plans call for a visit with the pontiff.

We had a feeling that when previous plans for the visit were announced that the President was planning to visit Italy without a visit to the Pope that he was leaning over backwards in an effort to appear non-Catholic as a Catholic. Why shouldn't he pay a courtesy call to the Vatican. Every Protestant leader who has visited Rome recently, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Queen Elizabeth, have appeared to be most anxious for such a visit.

Church World Service, which has contributed much aid to the people of the Congo, recently received a gift from churches in that African nation to assist the needy in Hong Kong. The relief agency of the National Council of Churches announced that its Hong Kong director has been given nearly \$1,000 by Congo Disciples of Christ churches to be used in that crowded colony.

This is certainly a wonderful example of "bread cast upon the waters," giving an evidence of a maturing Christianity that will be of great benefit to the "image" the world has of Congo.

"Letters from Vatican City," a volume detailing the background and debates of the Second Vatican Council's first session, was published by Farrar, Straus and Co. May 28. The book is an expansion, with much new and unpublished material, of two long interpretative articles by "Xavier Rhyne," reportedly an American Roman Catholic priest, in the New Yorker magazine.

An interesting comment here concerns a letter we received recently as a result to a reference to the original article in the New Yorker, which received a special citation from the Catholic Press Association. The lady is a sister of the founder of the New Yorker and reminded us of something we already knew, that much good material is published in that unique magazine.

Methodist Bishop Herbert Welch, who marked his 100th birthday last November, has received a photograph of the world's oldest Catholic bishop, Archbishop Alfonso Carinci, an Italian prelate who is two days his junior.

Surely the two hundred years of Christian service by these two leaders deserves a tribute from all of us, Protestant and Catholic.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Roman Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles, said recently that if federal aid is allocated to education, all schools, public, private and parochial, should share in the plan. If such aid were given only to public schools, he said, there would be "discrimination" against a large number of Catholic tax-payers who send their children to parochial schools.

The Catholic are going to keep repeating this song about "discrimination" against parochial education until one day they may start be-

lieving it themselves.

The 1963-64 budget for the Methodist New England Southern Annual Conference includes an allocation of \$1,000 to oppose textbook aid to private and parochial school students. The conference's Board of Christian Social Concerns requested the amount for "legal fees" in connection with their opposition to the proposal in Rhode Island.

So far as we have been able to determine, this is the first annual conference to include a similar item in their budget. We feel it is a worthwhile use of conference funds, and commend the New England Southern Conference for this action.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, associate editor of Christian Century, recently described as "paralyzing and terrifying" what he called Protestant apathy concerning theology, the Bible and religious history. Addressing the annual session of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference at Wellesley, he said, "we are all one, for the most part, in our theological apathy and lack of curiosity concerning Biblical elements and the history of faith."



ROMAN CATHOLIC and Protestant Episcopal bishops chat in an unusual setting, the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. Catholic Bishop Ernest J. Primeau, right, conferred with Episcopal Bishop Charles F. Hall before addressing the delegates. Episcopal officials said they believed his appearance marked the first talk by a Catholic prelate before a diocesan convention.

Producer Billy Rose has acquired for fall presentation a controversial play by a West German dramatist which has been criticized by Protestant and Catholic churchmen for depicting the late Pope Pius XII as having neglected to denounce Nazi atrocities against Jewish people. A spokesman for Mr. Rose said stage and screen star Maximilian Schell has been chosen to star. Called "The Vicar of Christ," when produced in Europe, it will be entitled "The Deputy" on Broadway.

"God is still alive in China," exiled Roman Catholic Bishop Vito Chang Tso-Huan, of Sinhang, Honan Province, said recently in a lecture at Dusseldorf, Germany on the situation of the Church in Red China. The Chinese prelate said that although "officially" there is "freedom of religion" in China, the Communist rulers have branded the Roman Catholic Church as a foreign institution. Nevertheless, he noted that the Church in Red China is still offering considerable inner resistance to the anti-religious

policy, and the Communists haven't yet been able to break it.

Soviet Zone authorities recently denied an entry permit to Bishop Hermann Dietzfelbinger of Munich, head of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria. They did not specify their reason. The West German prelate had been scheduled to attend the annual conference in Greifswald, East Germany, of the Nordic-German Konvent, an informal Protestant churchmen's group fostering closer ties between the German and Scandinavian Church.

Arms control and racial problems are the "two overriding issues of our time," it was stated in Detroit by Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor and presidential assistant who was elected unanimously to head the 1.5-million-member American Baptist Convention.

"Speaking in tongues" was described as a psychological, not a religious, phenomenon in a report issued by the California Protestant Episcopal diocese which warned the practice has been spreading rapidly among Episcopalians in this country. The report said its growth may be associated with the Church's failure to pay more attention to the Bible and to a tendency of Episcopal worship to be over-formalized.

Development of the National Presbyterian Center was advanced and construction of a new church building by the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., was authorized recently by the 175th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The assembly approved a \$400,000 allocation to hire a director and continue development of the national center.

The United Presbyterians also took concrete action to "back their pronouncements on racial equality with action" as they allocated \$500,000 to fight discrimination and authorized organization of a special commission on religion and race. The resolution, which was adopted unanimously, stated that there had been "little evidence of concerted and serious efforts to close the gap between profession of intent and performance on duty."

More than 3,000 representatives of six major Protestant denominations were called on recently in Des Moines by the president of the National Council of churches to recognize the formidable obstacles to Christian unity "within each of us." J. Irwin Miller, Columbus, Ind., was addressing an ecumenical worship service held in conjunction with the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

Adlai E. Stevenson, accepting the American Jewish Committee's American Liberties Medal in New York, warned that bigotry and intolerance are challenging this country's future "as much as or more" than Communist advances overseas.

Presidents of 20 small private colleges, most of them church related, have urged Congress to consider income tax deductions and credits for college expenses rather than direct government subsidies which, they said, would threaten the independence of their institutions.

Congress is nearing a decision on President Kennedy's controversial proposal to establish a 5 per cent "floor" on deductible contributions to religious, educational and charitable institutions. From all indications, according to Religious News Service, the decision will be adverse.

The Roman Catholic Church recently made the financial pages in Toronto, Ont., when the Sisters of St. Joseph floated a \$12 million bond issue - one of the largest money-raising ventures of its type ever reported in Canada for a religious organization. The sisters backed up their bonds with 34 per cent of the order's assets in the Toronto archdiocese.



Mrs. Dillon

The Rev. Luman Douglas writes that when he recently went to the Athens Charge he discovered that Mrs. Floyd Dillon had served as recording steward for the Quarterly Conference of this charge for 35 years.

In addition, she has held these other positions of responsibility in her church: President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, three times; and Sunday School teacher in the Junior Department for 17 years.

She has also served two years as president of the P.T.A. and has been Worthy Matron for the Order of Eastern Star for 2 years.

She has worked for forty-five years as a dressmaker in her community.

She has two sons, R. E. Dillon of Homer, and J. R. Dillon of Monroe; and one daughter, Mrs. K. C. Williams of Columbia, Ky., the wife of a Methodist preacher and teacher in a Methodist Junior College.

DR. GOODRICH ON AIR

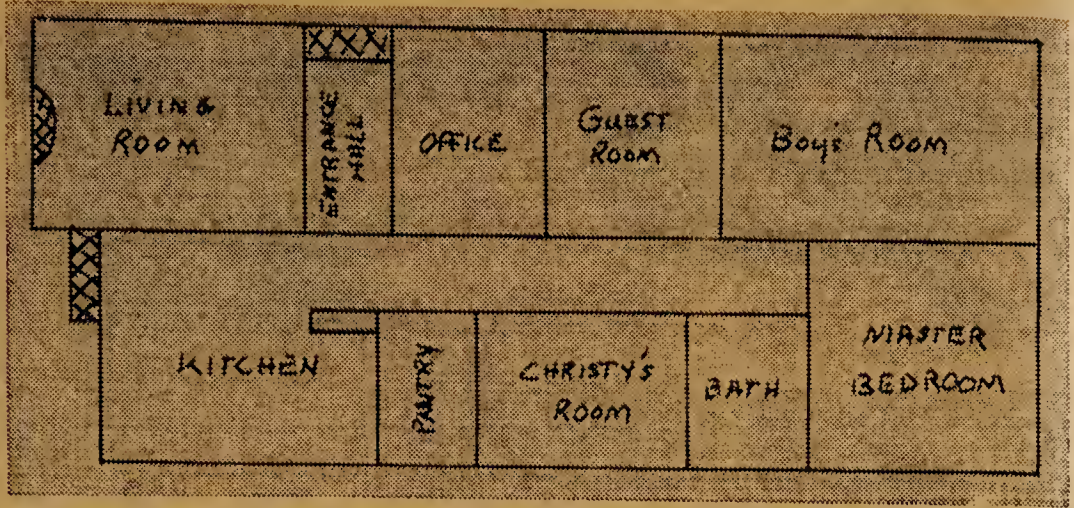
The 1963 Methodist Series of "The Methodist Hour" is scheduled for June 23 to Sept. 8. The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker for the twelve 30-minute radio worship programs. Music will be by the choir of Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

The programs are usually broadcast on Sundays," said the Rev. Dr. Gene W. Carter, Nashville, "but listeners should check their local radio listings for station and time of broadcast." Dr. Carter is head of the radio-TV section of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO).

The Methodist Series is presented by the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions in cooperation with TRAFICO. About 450 stations in 44 states are expected to broadcast the series, Dr. Carter said.



KENNETH GRIFFITH is seen as he received Local Preacher's License recently from Dr. Jolly B. Harper, district superintendent of Shreveport District. He is a member of Caddo Heights Church and an associate district lay leader.



From Carl and Julia Williams

Carabuco, Bolivia
May 6, 1963

(Mailing address: Cajon 9
La Paz, Bolivia)

Dear Friends

We want you all to see a plan to give you an idea about what "the house that love built" is like. And again we want to thank you for the part you played in making it a reality. The house is very large and comfortable, and is not built for elegance but for the rustic life we lead out here on Lake Titicaca with Aymara Indians. As you can imagine, it is far above what they have and our constant prayer is that they will always feel welcome wherever we live.

The house was planned to meet the needs of whatever family might live here. There is plenty of storage space since we buy supplies in such large quantities, and plenty of sleeping space since we are the only "hotel." The children's rooms have built-in desks because they must have school at home. The house is heated by sky-lights in nearly every room and the hall to make use of the intense Altiplano sun. Also there is a metal fireplace in the living room; and the kitchen stove helps heat the house, too.

There are other buildings here at the Agriculture Center: a dormitory for boys which houses 18 boys; carpentry shop; chapel; clinic room for weekly visit of nurse; a room and bath for a helper; and a large storage and wash room.

The Agriculture Center will be dedicated on June 23, 1963. We wish that many of you might be here for the joyous occasion, but since you can't, we wanted you to have at least a glimpse of what you helped build. Our next letter will include the overall plan of the Center and a report on the Dedication activities.

Love,
Carl and Julia Williams

Youth Assembly Registration Blank

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June 24-28, 1963
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Mail with \$20 to MYF Assembly, Box 4156,
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WOMAN'S PAGE



Honor Comes to Iowa Student

Miss Carolyn Ann Denison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Denison of Iowa, La., and a senior at Texas Christian University, has been selected to attend a work camp during August of this year in Gabon, a newly formed independent equatorial African country. Working in Libreville, the capitol, Miss Denison will associate with students, junior status in college or above, from the various countries of the world.

Miss Denison is being sent by the Ecumenical Voluntary Service Commission of the National Student Christian Federation. Her work will consist of rehabilitation of the Evangelical Church site at Barak. Included will be reconstruction of a girl's dormitory, plastering of rooms and rebuilding of the road to Barak.

Carolyn said that work camps have a two-fold purpose: "To try to do something which is needed and to get to know people with different cultures and interests by working with them."

To those who know Miss Denison, her selection for this honor came as

no surprise. While at home she was a very active member of the First Methodist Church in Iowa. She was active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship on the local, sub-district, district and conference levels. She was president of the Lake Charles District M.Y.F. and later treasurer and then vice-president of the Louisiana Conference MYF.



During her first two years of college at Centenary in Shreveport, she was very active in The Methodist Student Movement and represented that group in many national

meetings. For the past year she has been president of the Wesley Foundation at Texas Christian University.

Prior to her month of service in Gabon, she plans to spend a month touring points of interest in Europe.

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Spotlight on Deaconess Work

"75 in '63"

By Allene Ford

(Editor's Note: Miss Ford, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, was guest speaker at the spring meeting of the Louisiana Woman's Society and at the Youth banquet).

"I put my foot in the service of the Lord!"

So says a woman after years of service as a deaconess in The Methodist Church. Retired now (as much as a Methodist deaconess ever retires) this woman reflects the mind and spirit of deaconesses who have served in and through The Methodist Church for years. During this



deaconess anniversary year the Church hopes to recruit 75 women to help extend the ministries of the Church.

A Methodist deaconess is a woman who has been "led by the Holy Spirit" to devote herself to Christlike service under the direction of the Church, and who having met the requirements prescribed by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, included a period of not less than one year of probation, has been duly licensed, consecrated and commissioned by a bishop.

Christians believe that the Church, as the Body of Christ, must continue His ministry of teaching, healing and preaching. To fulfill this mission, individuals must embody the world-wide concern of Christians one for another and must demonstrate in their daily relationships God's redeeming love.

People who want an education need deaconess - teachers. Superintendents, deans, principals, and teachers of all

grades and subjects are needed in church-related schools. People affected by industrial strikes, closed mines, and unemployment because of automation need deaconesses to help give them a sense of community especially in rural areas.

People in cities need deaconesses because they are trained to minister where distrust, unrest and loneliness are so much a part of life; where children of employed mothers need care; where older adults feel useless and teenagers need the concern of understanding adults.

Children in children's homes need deaconesses to help them regain their dignity, security and sense of responsibility.

People in changing neighborhoods need deaconesses to serve them as directors of Christian education, parish workers, secretaries, workers with children youth and adults.

Women accepted for deaconess service are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and they witness to this in every area of life. They have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college plus specialized training in Bible and religious education; they are in good health and emotionally stable; they have a sense of humor and love for people, along with the ability to work happily with them. Most deaconesses are between the ages of 23-35. Occasionally the age requirement is waived in exceptional cases.

Those accepted through a carefully planned process of application as deaconess candidates are eligible for study aid provided by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. For further information write to: Office of Missionary Personnel 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1466, New York 27, N.Y.

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Asbury Church Kindergartners, Lafayette



ASBURY METHODIST kindergartners in Lafayette dance around the May Pole for the Pre-School Directors and Teachers Meeting recently. Mrs. H.E. Williams is director of the self-supporting nursery and kindergarten. The Rev. C.R. McCammon is pastor at Asbury.

MacDonell Center Advisory Board Meets



PICTURED at the May 23 Annual Meeting of the MacDonell Methodist Center of Houma are, from left: John Howe, superintendent, Mrs. Lee Tidwell of Shreveport, president of the Advisory Board, and Miss Mono Kewish, Executive Secretary for Social Welfare of the Woman's Division. In the new staff cottage at MacDonell Center grouped Robert Reed (left), Property Consultant for the Woman's Division, Miss Emma Burris, Associate General Secretary of the Woman's Division, Mrs. Tidwell, and Dr. Henry Rickey, pastor of Houma First Methodist Church. Other officers of the Advisory Board include: J. B. Mouton, Sr. of Sulphur, vice-president, Mrs. M.A. Porche of Houma, secretary, and Miss Nettie Brunette of Houma, treasurer. These three are not pictured.

Pharr Chapel Honors Seniors

The Senior Department of the Sunday School was entertained with a banquet at Pharr Chapel, Morgan City. The High School graduates of the church were guests of honor at the gala affair sponsored by the Commission on Education.

Mrs. E. I. Dreher, Jr., was the overall chairman. Refreshments were served by the Adult Woman's S. S. Class. The entertainment was planned by the Older Youth group and featured Mr. A. K. Brizzard, a local magician.

Gift Bibles were presented to the graduates. They are: Kay Sewell, Jesse Reynaud, Agnes Price, Linda Hardaway, Roger Liner, Linda Billiot, Audrey Beadle, Clarence Beadle, Wayne Guillette, D'Ann Dial.

Rev. J. H. Sewell is the pastor.

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HERE AND THERE---

'The burden of the total message of the total gospel is that we shall die--unless!----p.73

St. Luke's, N.O., Installs Officers

THE REV. J. PHILLIP WOODLAND, pastor, installed the officers of the Woman's Society in the St. Luke's Methodist Church in New Orleans on Sunday, May 26. They are: Mrs. R. W. Harkess—president, Mrs. Sam J. Muery—vice-president, Mrs. G. Y. Blaize—recording secretary, Mrs. Earl K. Moore—treasurer; secretaries are: Mrs. Truman Ward—children, Mrs. Allen H. Genes—Christian social relations, Mrs. E. L. Dunbar—literature, Mrs. Carl Gallagher—missionary education, Mrs. Earl Cobb—promotion, Mrs. Edward V. Frayle—spiritual life, Mrs. J. M. Kinabrew—student, Mrs. W. J. Merwin—supply, Mrs. H. A. Teigan—youth, Mrs. D. A. Mardis—local church, Mrs. Edward W. Jones—publicity. Also installed were: Mrs. Perry S. McClure—flowers, Mrs. R. F. Matson—cards, Mrs. Austin Mason—rep. to St. Marks, Mrs. J. W. Pittman—rep. to Methodist Home Hospital. Circle chairmen are: Mrs. W. J. deArmas, Mrs. John Nash, George Dausch, Robert L. Huffman, Dewitt L. Morris.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

What Constitutes 'More Than Conqueror'?

MORE THAN CONQUERORS -- A person is called a conqueror when he so masters a situation that others recognize his victory. But what is it to be "more than conqueror?" That is the expression which Saint Paul used in describing his struggle with "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and sword." And he says he achieved this conquest "through Him who loved us."

For one thing, Christ makes His followers more than conquerors because He imparts a surplus strength.

At the Battle of the Nile in 1798 the victory of the British over the French fleet was so complete that only two French ships escaped. Speaking of the Battle Lord Nelson said, "Victory is not a name strong enough for such a scene."

In a far greater sense when we view the triumph of Christ over His foes and of Paul over his tribulations and persecution, we can say, "Victory is not a name strong enough for such scenes."

Sometimes our spiritual struggles are like that of the Greek general Pyrrhus at the Battle of Asculum. He won over the Romans by the use of his elephants, but with such heavy losses that he said, "Another such victory and Pyrrhus is destroyed." His experience gave rise to the expression, "a Pyrrhic victory." Sometimes we come through a moral battle with a victory over a particular temptation, but we are so exhausted that our system falls prey to the germs of some other temptation. For example, a man may win his fight against drink but in the struggle he loses his sympathy and charity for those weaker than himself. Thus he comes out dry and hard. When Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses," He followed with the petition, "Lead us not into temptation." When we have been forgiven for a sin, we should let God lead us away from the place where we fell into sin.

To be more than conqueror is to come through our testings with a vitality of spirit ready to tackle the next temptation or hardship. It is to have the strength to carry our virtues with an easy grace which makes goodness attractive to others. It is to possess the vigorous athletic spirit of Paul who could say: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call in Christ Jesus."

A second way in which Christ helps his followers to be more than conquerors is to encourage them to follow up their victories.

To survive defeats is a real achievement. It calls for courage, faith, pluck, perseverance. But to survive victories is even harder. We have a common saying, "Nothing succeeds like success." That seems true in the short view. Business begets business, crowds draw crowds, prosperity attracts friends. But when we survey the things of this world in the long perspective of history, we see that success so often contains the seeds of future failure. Worldly men and worldly things cannot stand success. Only godly men and godly things can survive victories.

To be more than conqueror is to follow our victories with new insight and new strategy. There are those who still think that wars can be fought in the 1960's as they were in the 1940's. A global war in this nuclear age would mean the end of civilization as we know it. There simply must be found some alternative to war if we are to live.

Or turn to the church. The church has been quite a success by worldly standards. Starting with that little cavalcade on Palm Sunday, it now belts the globe. Its members number over 600 million; its property is valued in billions. But the conventional church with all its beautiful buildings has lost that creative passion of the early church. The early church was a little company of friends, sharing their experiences of Jesus, and having experienced something from Jesus, they had an infectious faith.

And what was that contagious faith which made them "more than conquerors?" Paul tells the secret: "Through Him who loves us." That feeling of being loved by someone is what can keep a person radiant and strong and not bitter in conflict, peril sword. The man who is having a hard time of it in business can keep his nerve if he knows that there is someone waiting for him at home, whose heart will beat faster when his step is heard on the stair. That boy in school who has not made the team and perhaps has lost his girl, he gets a new heart when he receives a letter from his parents who are still plugging for him. Even that poor fellow in prison, when he looks through the bars of his cell, gets a new light of hope when he thinks of his mother who is still praying for him and believing in him.

Paul was cut off from family. He had not marital love. His friends of early years turned against him. But there was one whose love nothing could take from him. That was God as revealed in Christ.

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THE FRIENDLINESS of Pope John XXIII caused centuries-old barriers between Churches to fall. Typical of his reign are these scenes at Vatican City. At top left he greets a Buddhist monk from Ceylon. Top right, he listens as Augustin Cardinal Bea, addresses 39 observers at the Second Vatican Council. At left, center row, he is shown at an audience with the observers. At right, center, he is introduced to American Protestant observers by Cardinal Bea. At lower left, Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, then Archbishop of Canterbury, is shown in 1960 following the Anglican leader's meeting with the Pope. At bottom center, Dr. Archibald Craig, right, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is pictured in St. Peter's Square following an audience with Pope John. At bottom right, the Pope chats with Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, president of the World Methodist Council; an interpreter is at the left.

A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"PLEASE LEAVE, MISTER JESUS!"

That's what a group of business men said to Christ one day. Jesus had healed a crazy man. The evil spirits in the man's mind were transferred to a drove of hogs. The hogs went crazy and ran into the sea and were drowned. Then the hog owners came out from town and asked the Master to leave. "You're a good man, Sir," they must have said. "We know that you make a lot of sick people well. You're helping this community. So why don't you stick to your preaching. Go and find some more poor people to preach to, but please don't bother us. Please leave us alone."

Why was Jesus run off so easily? Why didn't He show His power right then and make the hog raisers sorry for what they had said? Is God as powerful as some people say He is? Is Jesus able to do so many things? A man recently asked, "If Christ is such a great man, why doesn't He come down here and clean things up?" That's a good question. Let's look at it for a few minutes.

Yes, Christ is a great man. The greatest man who ever walked on this earth. He can do nearly anything He wants to do. He could have had an army of angels to protect him from the crucifixion. But He allowed men to crucify Him to show He was willing to die for our evil deeds. Sure, Christ could come down here today and

straighten things up in a hurry, if He wanted to. He could destroy all the evil people if He chose to do it. The trouble is, some of us who are shouting the loudest might be the first to be destroyed. Because if He came down to straighten things up, as the man said, His first job of straightening up would be to destroy all unbelievers. Then the believers, however weak they might be would have a chance to help Him clean things up.

The hog raisers did not want Jesus around. If Jesus should come to earth this morning, would you want Him around? Or would you prefer to stay a long way from Him? You can stay away from Him for a time, but He will finally catch up with you. He really is coming to earth some day. That is the time He is going to "clean up things," as my friend said. And we better be ready to meet Him, not just getting ready. Running Him out of our lives now will be terribly hard to explain some day when we are called before God.

Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock. If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." Instead of trying to run Jesus out of your life, why don't we try to bring Him into our lives? He can't make you accept Him. But He can make your life new if you accept Him willingly.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

'When God Pronounces Acquittal'

The second of Four Devotional Articles Based on Paul's Letter to the Romans

by John S. Workman, pastor
The Methodist Church
Berryville, Arkansas

"I felt that I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." John Wesley's heart-warming experience was kindled at the flame of the Apostle Paul's faith. In Romans Paul declares that God's Grace, know through faith and apart from any of man's works, alone effects our salvation. Our faith, he declared, is counted in God's eyes as the righteousness which pleases God.

Someone has said that all the world's major religious revivals found their basic inspiration in Romans. There is good reason for this. For Romans proclaims what God has done for man. It declares that all that man would labor for on behalf of his soul, God has freely granted him through faith in Christ.

MAN CANNOT FORGIVE HIS OWN SIN

In a former time when boots were the common footwear, the expression arose that "you can't lift yourself by your own bootstraps." This in a sense was what the earnest Jewish-oriented Christian addressed in Romans was trying to do. He was trying to win the favor of God by his works. But, says Paul, man's predicament - Sin - is of such a nature that all his works, his Law, his ancestral preference, his circumcision, cannot free him from sins bondage. But what man by works cannot do, what the Law cannot achieve, God's grace, through the Second Adam, has achieved. Man's faith is the only condition. "The whole thing then, is a matter of faith on man's part and of generosity on God's (4:16 Phillips)."

"THE FIRST REALLY FREE MAN"

The Christian, then, is one who has been acquitted by the Judge who presides at the last court of appeals. "It is God who pronounced acquittal; then who can condemn? (8:33 NEB)." It was Martin Luther I believe, who called Paul "the world's first really free man." Romans, as the great statement of his understanding of what Christ meant to the world, has been called the greatest "declaration of independence" that the world has ever heard. Man is free in God.

Man's new liberty, however, is not license. Chapters 12-15 are a noble statement of free man's moral

and ethical responsibilities to his brother. Christian man, though free, is a willing slave. He will do nothing in his freedom that causes a weaker brother to stumble.

SIN AND GRACE

Romans is an eternal book because it deals with two eternal realities: Sin and Grace. "Sin pays a wage, and the wage is death (6:23 NEB)," but God's redeeming act through Jesus Christ on behalf of man, has, through man's faith, effected his justification and salvation.

"Since it is by faith that we are justified (God Himself has pronounced acquittal!) let us grasp the fact that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (5:1 NEB)." It is no wonder that in response to such news John Wesley should say "I felt my heart strangely warmed!" It is no wonder that Romans is the greatest interpretation of what God in Christ has done for man.

Let us "center down" on the Letter to the Romans. Prayerful study of this great Letter could mean continuing spiritual renewal and authentic revival in Methodism.



Build A Devotional

"PLAYING GOD"

"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God - -" Deuteronomy 8:11

In NEWSWEEK magazine (May 13, 1963) there was an article in the section on science entitled, "Exploring the Secrets of Life". The report has this leading sentence: "The first time man changed the destiny of a living organism by implanting it with the genetic material from another, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist called the achievement, 'playing God for real'"

(P. 63) The achievements of science as pointed out in this article are astounding and disturbing.

One can already hear all sorts of charges made against these men of science. The tempo will increase as their research continues and their findings put in popular language. What arrogance! what depth of atheism! and more will no doubt be leveled at these scientific explorers.

But one cannot help wondering if this is not another case of the "pot calling the kettle black"? The open road to the exploration of the secrets of life may not be as obnoxious as the way some have fashioned God to man-size. These are not the scientist who stand in wonder and awe at what they have discovered but the religionist who cramp God into one narrow mould of their own thinking.

Carl Petty in EVENING ALTAR, tells of a Hindu student who was asked what his impressions were during a recent visit to America, answered, "I take it from what I heard that God is a Caucasian, an American, A Baptist and a Republican." There are those who would resent God being a Baptist or a Republican! In the pride of our hearts we make God in our own image and after our likeness.

This idea of "Playing God" has always been intriguing. In laying the stones for the Tower of Babel the age-long desire was expressed. Strutting dictators always have the fantasy of their standing in the place of deity.

Albert Day has said it well, "What we want, too much of the time, is a divine echo of ourselves, a god who will not disturb our little ideals, our easy ways, our prim pieties, our closed circles - a God who will not ask us to open our purses, or our minds or our hands - a God who will approve us as we are, or at most will offer slight and agreeable amendments only - a God who will insure the fulfillment of our dreams, keep the dust off our cherished hopes, applaud our associates, and not suggest anything that will demand of us either courage or patience." Which do you choose; the scientist with the courage to explore for God's secrets of life, or this bigoted, complacent attitude of self-righteousness? The issue may not be that simple but it is fairly clear.

This article points out that a "detailed understanding of the mechanisms of heredity could lead to the end of genetic diseases". This within itself would be a great blessing and lay the human race under everlasting obligation. However, there is that need above every need which is pointed up in the healthy and the sick - the need for meaning, for fulfillment, thus far only

Let The Children Come

It is time for Vacation School again! Children of all ages will meet their friends at church. Who are these people? Perhaps the first person you will see is the caretaker. All week he has worked to clean and polish and straighten each room. Now he is here to see that the church is warm and that everything is in order for Vacation School and the church services. He is a friendly man and speaks and smiles at everyone. He makes the children feel glad.

Sometimes the minister and his helpers are there to exchange greetings. He is interested in each and every person. He knows the names of the children and something about each family.

Older friends pass by in the halls on the way to their classes. Some are neighbors and friends; some are aunts uncles, cousins and grandparents. They, too, make the children feel at home in the church.

At the door of the room the teacher is waiting to greet each one. She knows the names, the families and the things that each is especially interested in. She has made good plans so that all may be interested in the day's activities.

Then there are the members of the class. Many of the children are playmates and school friends, but there are some whom you see only at church because they go to a different school or live in a different part of town. They may need a special smile or word so that they will feel a part of the group.

All of these people are glad to be at Vacation Church School. It is a part of God's plan that we love our friends and that we meet them at church. These two Bible verses tell us that:

"... A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

.....Aunt Feather

God has been able to supply that need. Celia, in T.S. Eliott's THE COCKTAIL PARTY, talks to the psychiatrist about a sense of sin. She sums it up this way, "It's not the feeling of anything I've ever done which I might get rid of - but of emptiness, of failure towards someone, or something outside myself." This feeling cannot be cured with a pill! Still the warning of the Deuteronomic Writer speaks, "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God."

R.B.

HEAVENWARD

From the top of the rock-torn mountain
I looked down on a dwarfed earth,
A topsy-turvy scattering of toys,
That seemed of meager worth.
The distance made pigmys of cattle
And fungroid growth of tall trees---
How could my heart be so eager
To own trifles as shrinking as these?
Then I went down into the valley,
Looked up toward the high mountain view,
The fingers of stone pointed heavenward,
As the spires of a cathedral do.



The Rev. Ed Beck

To Have Mission at Lake Providence

Rev. Ed. Beck, evangelist of the General Board of Evangelism, will be the preacher for the Revival beginning Sunday, June 9 at First Methodist Church, Lake Providence.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism, under the leadership of H. I. Townsend, is sponsoring the meeting, according to the pastor, Rev. Alvin P. Smith. Committees have been appointed and are now at work preparing for this evangelistic crusade. Rev. William Sirman, pastor of the Delhi Methodist Church, will be the song director.

The opening service of the Revival will afford the first use of the Moller pipe organ which has been installed this week in the newly completed sanctuary. Mrs. Jack L. Holt, who was instrumental in securing the funds for the organ, will be at the console for the first service beginning at 11 A. M. of June 9.

Rev. Beck is well known as All-American Basketball player with University of Kentucky, he was selected as the "out-standing preacher in the senior class" at Emory University School of Theology, and later toured seven countries in the Orient with the Christian basketball team known as the "Venture for Victory." Members of the team preached during half-time of games to 340,000 people and saw 10,000 commitments to Christ.

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Cultural and Musical Program at Broadmoor

In commemoration of the opening of the two new buildings at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, this church has had a most enriching program of cultural and musical events.

Spanning a period of three weeks, they have ranged from drama to music, to art, including painting, sculpture and flower arrangement.

The first in the series was the presentation of "Job" by the Centenary Players, under the direction of Orlin R. Corey, who is also the author of this play.

The Oklahoma University Players, under the direction of Ashley Alexander, visited the church and presented a program of entertainment and inspira-

tion.

The series continued on May 29 when the LSU Faculty Woodwind Quartet presented a program of sacred music. Dr. Everett Timm, dean of music at LSU, is director of this group, which also includes Richard Norem, John Patterson, and Paul Darksmeier.

An art show of religious paintings and other art forms was a highlight of the church observance on Sunday, June 2 on the broad sidewalk of the new building. Mrs. Thomas Rhodes, a member of the church, served as director of this exhibit.

A show of flowers under the supervision of Ronnie Merrill will be featured on Sunday, June 9. The theme for this program will be "The Religious Symbolism of Flowers."

Flower arrangements will be shown that are intended for use in the home, school or narthex of the church to teach and convey the fact and the meaning of the great events of the church year. Included are days and seasons celebrated under the church calendar.

Preceding the flower show, Merrill



THE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD was presented to Michael Scammahorn at Elizabeth Methodist Church, May 26, in the evening service. Shown pinning the award on her son is Mrs. W.R. Scammahorn. Others in the picture are (l. to r.) the Rev. Ira M. Robinson, the pastor, W.R. Scammahorn, and George Pollard, scoutmaster.

conducted a lecture and demonstration on the liturgical use of flowers on May 21 under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The administration building and sanctuary of Broadmoor Church were recently completed with the first service being held May 5. The pastor is the Rev. Barry Bailey.

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METHODIST BRIEFS

One hundred new congregations should be organized in the church's Western Jurisdiction in the next two years, according to a survey just released by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia. The survey shows that 13 new congregations were organized in the jurisdiction in 1962. The survey did not include the home mission areas of Hawaii and Alaska.

The Birmingham racial situation "has gone far beyond the denial of civil rights," Methodist Negro ministers in the Washington, D. C., vicinity have protested to President Kennedy.

An outstanding Mexican Methodist layman, Senor Jose de la Luz Marroquin, a school teacher for 50 years, has been honored by the President of Mexico with a national medal that pays tribute to his many years of faithful service.

Seventeen Methodists have been among the 97 honor students who have



SUNDAY, MAY 26, marked the completion of twenty-five years which Mr. J.C. Love, Jr. has served as General Superintendent of the Church School of Trinity Church, Ruston. In an assembly of the entire Church School a plaque of appreciation was presented Mr. Love. The picture above shows the pastor, the Rev. D.L. McGuire, right, presenting the plaque to Mr. Love, and Mrs. Love looks on.

passed the 1,200 mark. The milestone was announced at the 147th annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York recently.

The 1,200th language was the Rincno dialect of Zapotec, which is spoken by about twelve to fourteen thousands Indians in the northern part of Oaxaca, Mexico.

The total number of languages into which at least one book of the Bible has been translated and published stood at 1,202 on Dec. 31. Of this number, the whole Bible has been printed in 228, a whole Testament in 285 and at least a complete gospel or other book in 689.

REPORT ON BLANKET APPEAL

Last November when Algerian refugees were literally dying from the cold, Methodists responded to an emergency appeal, chartered a plane, and sped 10,000 blankets to the shivering Algerians.

But this was only the beginning. Blankets began pouring into the clothing centers across the U. S. By the end of February, at least 170,730 had been received from Methodists alone, it was recently reported by officials of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, New York.

Every person is either degenerating or growing up.

BIBLE SOCIETY SETS NEW MARK

The number of languages and dialects in which at least one book of the Bible has been published has now



SHOWN AT a recent service at the Dubach Methodist Church at which the Rev. and Mrs. Luman Douglas were honored were: the Rev. Jerry Means, pastor, Bishop Walton, and the Rev. Luman Douglas.

Louisiana Methodist News in Pictures

Senior Banquet at Eliz. Sullivan Mem.



SPEAKERS at the Annual Junior-Senior Banquet of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, include from left to right: Cheryl Henderson, who gave the Senior Response; Deidra Easterling, Toastmistress; Rob Crichlow, who gave the Welcome; and Mrs. J.H. Verdel, WSCS President, who presented New Testaments to the twelve seniors.



MISS LINDA CHATMAN, pianist of the First Methodist Church of Oak Grove, Louisiana, recently was winner in the West Carroll Parish Farm Bureau Queen and Talent Contest. Linda has been an active member of her church and served as vice-president and president of the MYF and at present



MRS. GLEN LOE received the first "Special Membership pin ever presented by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Olla Methodist Church. Making the presentation is Mrs. Bobby Babcock, Secretary of promotion.

sent is treasurer of Sub-district MYF. She is graduating fourth in the senior class of Oak Grove High School with a 3.65 average, in spite of her varied extra-curricula activities. She was voted the "Most Talented Girl" by her classmates. While being a member of the outstanding Oak Grove High Band, she has earned five superior medals.

Seasonal Activities at Cotton Valley



REV. W.O. LYNCH, JR. presents New Testaments to the graduating Seniors of the Cotton Valley Church. (left to right) Judy Warner (Salutatorian), Mary Bradshaw (Valedictorian), Jan Stephenson, and Betty Whitesides. Loyal Hortaon is not shown.



COTTON VALLEY Methodist Men challenged the Unity Baptist Men for an evening of baseball. Above, David Riddle hits for the Methodists.



THE METHODIST BENCH is held down by R.J. Pryor (spectator), and players Harry Baker, David Riddle, Evan Harvey, and Scooter Pryor (coach).

Candid Camera at the Zachary Dedication



WHEN THE ZACHARY Methodist Church held the dedication of the educational building, those pictured above were snapped at the reception: (above, left) Dist. Supt. and Mrs. Willie Poole; top, center) Harold Babin and Family;

(top, right) Mrs. and Mrs. J.H. Rhodes; (bottom, left) Mrs. H.L. Sappington; Mrs. F.M. Lovett, Mrs. J.A. Jacobs; (bottom, center) Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Pope and grandson, Cliff; (bottom, right) Mrs. Sappington, Mrs. R.O. McCraire, Mrs. James Jones, and Mrs. B.B. Lane. James S. Jones is pastor.

Report Tells of Advance in Methodist Work in Bolivia

A recent report to the Methodist Board of Missions from Bolivia reviews the remarkable growth of The Methodist Church there in the last six years. It reveals that since 1956 membership has almost doubled, as has the number of ministers, and that the number of congregations has increased almost four times.

The membership of the Bolivia Annual Conference stands at 1,871, as compared with 956 in 1956. Though the Methodists constitute only a tiny fraction of Bolivia's population, the increase of almost 100 per cent in membership represents a real evangelistic breakthrough, mission leaders say. Statistics for the number of ministers are 15 in 1956 and 28 today.

The phenomenal figure, however, is the increase in the number of congregations. In 1956 there were only seven Methodist churches in Bolivia; today there are 26. The missionary force has increased from 33 to 46 in the last six years.

Much of the increase was achieved between 1956 and 1960, when Bolivia was a Methodist "Land of Decision" and received extra resources in funds and personnel from Methodism in the United States. Strong efforts in Bolivia have continued in the present quadrennium (1960-64) however, and advances continue to be registered.

One of the major efforts is being made through the work of Methodist laymen in a program called "Operation Murray Dickson," which was launched as a memorial to the noted Methodist missionary who was killed in an automobile accident in December, 1961. The majority of laymen are in churches in Texas, which was Dr. Dickson's home state, but laymen in other states are becoming interested.

The continuing importance of Bolivia was emphasized by Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, who heads Methodist work in Argentina, Bolivia and Uruguay. Writing in *Highland Echoes* a paper published by Methodist workers in Bolivia, Bishop Barbieri said:

From 1956 to 1960, Bolivia was declared by our Church one of four lands of Decision. For four years the attention of the whole Church was focused on her, as a land where a major effort should be devoted so as to extend our work as much as possible.

"And, indeed, much was done. It is amazing how our work has grown in every way. An extraordinary number of people both ministerial and laymen are dedicating themselves to Christian witnessing and institutions and churches are spreading themselves throughout the land.

"Has Bolivia ceased, therefore, to be a Land of Decision? By no means. Why? Because the needs and the possibilities for services are limitless! Bolivia will continue for many years to come to be a Land of Decision. We need to consolidate now the advances made. We need more missionaries and national workers, both ministers and laymen. We need more doctors and nurses and teachers and social workers. We need more churches and parsonages and other buildings for schools, social centers, hostels . . . We need scholarships for training in every level and field of our work.

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Board of Education Staff Member to Theological Faculty



Mr. Moore

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

June 9—Sunday	Acts 4:13-22
June 10	Acts 4:23-34
June 11	Acts 5:1-11
June 12	Acts 5:12-21
June 13	Acts 5:27-42
June 14	Acts 6:1-7
June 15	Acts 8:26-40
June 16—Sunday	Acts 9:1-9

Methodist Briefs

ALABAMA WOMEN SPEAK OUT

Two Alabama Methodist women's groups have urged that if desegregation comes in the state's public schools it will be met with understanding, not violence.

"There is no place in the Christian way of life for hatred and violence toward another race," it was asserted in a statement issued by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the North Alabama Conference. The groups, representing some 24,000 Methodist women, adopted the plea at a meeting near Gadsden.

"We ask the women of the church to strive to create a climate of understanding and goodwill in the communities in which they live," the statement said.

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There is a very great need that our children shall be taught to revere the house of God.

"All that I am my mother made me".

—John Quincy Adams

Begin Program of Lay Mission Service in Inner City Areas

A new avenue for personal participation by a very limited number of Methodist laymen in the mission of the church, with particular reference to the inner city, has been opened through an action of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Division, through its Committee on Home Missions, has authorized a program of mission service in inner city areas by Methodist lay volunteers, who are willing to give a year of such service on a full-time basis. The program calls for trained and experienced lay volunteers to work in such fields as Christian education, social work, youth work, parish visiting, counseling, church building and repair, rehabilitation and medical clinics.

During the 12 months beginning on June 1, the lay volunteer program will begin on an experimental and very restricted basis. Limited funds and other circumstances mean that not more than eight persons can be accepted for the program between June 1 and May 31, 1964.

The Rev. Dr. Philip C. Edwards, director of the National Division's Department of City Work, said of the new program: "The Methodist Church has a tremendous concern for the inner city and is seeking to manifest this concern in many ways. This new program of lay volunteer service offers an opportunity for trained and experienced laymen to participate in mission service in the inner city in a personal way on a full-time basis.

Under the terms of the program, lay volunteers will give a minimum of 40 hours a week for 50 weeks and will work under the supervision of a pastor, a district superintendent, an annual conference board of missions or a city missionary society executive. The volunteers may be men or women, and couples will be accepted. All applicants should be willing to serve in one or more cities.

The compensation for the lay volunteer from the National Division will include \$1,200 salary a year, insurance and the cost of travel to and from the place of service. Housing and meal allowance is to be provided by local agencies, such as a local church or a conference board of Missions. Those applying for the program should have enough financial independence so that they will be able to live on the small compensation offered.

The Rev. Allen J. Moore, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, will join the faculty of Southern California School of Theology Claremont, Sept. 1.

Mr. Moore has been serving the last five years in the Department of Christian Education of Adults of the board's Division of the Local Church.

He will be assistant professor of religious education at Southern California School of Theology, a Methodist institution.

Mr. Moore has been giving leadership in The Methodist Church's ministry to young adults and for the past 18 months has been on a special assignment in an older youth/young adult research project.

He is chairman of the Young Adult Committee of the National Council of Churches.

A native of Waco, Texas, Mr. Moore has degrees from three Texas institutions—Southwestern University, bachelor of arts; Baylor University, master of arts; and Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, bachelor of divinity. He is scheduled to receive in June a doctor of philosophy degree in religious education and sociology from Boston University.

He is a ministerial member of the Central Texas Methodist Conference and has served as pastor of Methodist churches in Texas. Before coming to the Methodist Board of Education, he was director of the Denton, Texas, Wesley Foundation, which serves North Texas State College and Texas Woman's University.



THIS IS A PICTURE OF the Ministerial Students who were in Attendance at Lydia Patterson Institute during the school year just closing. Hailed as the largest enrollment of ministerial students in a decade, the group represents various countries, including Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica and the United States. Among them are five young ladies going into the ministry as deaconesses or missionaries.



Dr. Vernon

Honorary Degree Received By Walter Vernon

The honorary degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred on the Rev. Walter N. Vernon of Nashville, Tennessee by West Virginia Wesleyan College at commencement services held in Buckhannon, West Virginia, on Sunday afternoon, June 2. Dr. Vernon is administrative associate and editor of general publications in the Editorial Division, Methodist Board of Education.

Most of Dr. Vernon's ministry has been given to writing and editing. He began writing for Methodist publications while still in seminary and went to the editorial staff of the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville in 1938, following a seven year pastorate in Dallas. He is a member of the North Texas Conference.

Dr. Vernon has served as speaker and leader at numerous educational conferences and meetings at Mt. Sequoyah and other places in Arkansas.

He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, and served as one of the judges this year for the national Sigma Delta Chi Awards for distinguished service in journalism. He has served as special correspondent for several newspapers at the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Vernon is a native of Oklahoma and grew up in Texas where his father the late Rev. W. N. Vernon, was pastor for many years. His mother is now a resident of Dallas, Texas. He holds the bachelor of arts, master of arts, and bachelor of divinity degrees from Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

He serves three church-wide agencies as recording secretary, the Curriculum Committee, the Television, Radio and Film Commission, and the Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

He is the author of numerous articles for the church press, including The Christian Advocate, The Christian Century, and The Christian Home.

He has edited the Daily Christian Advocate for the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960, and has been named as editor for 1964.

He is the author of Methodist Profile, a study elective, and the compiler of Living With Your Children, an anthology for parents made up of selections from The Christian Home. He is currently writing a history of the North

Texas Conference at the request of the Conference.

He is the author of a hymn, "God of All, Who Art Our Father," which was chosen for publication in 1961 by the Hymn Society of America. He has written an article on The Methodist Church for use in a forthcoming publication, The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Education.

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Claude Hines, Elder from the Texas Conference

Carl Beard, Elder from the Texas Conference

Ben G. Hines, Elder from the North Texas Conference

Morgan P. Groves, Member on Trial from the North Texas Conference

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Rufus Sorrells, Elder to the North Arkansas Conference

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Bill Bates Hedges, Deacon on Trial to the Texas Conference

J. Ralph Hillis, Elder to the North Arkansas Conference

Wayne C. Omstead, Elder to the Michigan Conference

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Rev. H. M. Law

The poet has well said,

"Full many a gem of purest ray

In ocean's deep unfathomed cave for-
bear,

Full many a flower is born to blush
unseen

And waste its sweetness on the desert
air"

While the Bible speaks of,

"It rained in the Desert when no
man was there".

This describes Brother H. M. Law better than anyone I know. I do not know any man who had such a vast storehouse of knowledge, but had such poor opportunities to share it, who had so much to say, but so few people to hear.

He passed away in the P. and S. Hospital in Shreveport, May 2, 1963, as he had lived, quietly and sweetly. His family and very close friends were present where they had been for weeks of agonizing waiting for the inevitable.

Born in Appelon City, Missouri, February 23, 1884, he moved with his

family very early to the Pan Handle of Texas

He attended Clarendon College near Amarillo, Texas, where he became a local preacher. He continued his education at Southwestern University. For a period of his life he taught Geology at S. M. U. where I remember him as a beloved teacher and lecturer on "God in Nature".

"He was married to Miss Mary Frances Tweed September 27, 1909 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Mary Evans of San Antonio, Texas, John E. Law, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mrs. Johnnye Clary, of Deming, New Mexico. He also had eight grand children and four great grandchildren."

His ministry covers the west. He was admitted on trial and went to his first appointment in the Old Northwest Conference to the Oregon and Washington. He was delegate from that Conference to the 1918 Session of Georgia. He also served churches in Texas, New Mexico, and finally in Louisiana.

I assisted his pastor, Rev. James Jones in the Memorial Services in Oil City where among his wonderful friends, favorite hymns and scriptures were recalled. He was laid to rest in Dallas beside his son Candler whom he

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DR. JOE J. MICKLE, right, president of Centenary College, and Dean Bond Fleming, Center, join in the ceremony in which the LL.D. degree was conferred on Bishop Walton at the Tuesday morning session of the Annual Conference.

Centenary Confers Honorary Degree on Bishop Walton

At the opening session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was presented the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Centenary College in Shreveport. Three members of the college administration made the presentation. Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of the school, read the citation and presented President Joe J. Mickle and Dean Bond Fleming, who conferred the degree on the Bishop.

Bishop Walton was unable to attend the commencement activities at the College June 2 because of pre-conference meetings with his Cabinet in New Orleans. The College felt it fitting that the Bishop receive the degree in his home city, on this the first occasion since he has been bishop of the Area, that New Orleans has been host to the Annual Conference.

The citation, read to the conference by Dr. Taylor, said in part: "Aubrey Gray Walton was educated in the schools of Mississippi and Arkansas. He received his B.A. degree from Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, and his B.D. degree from Duke University Divinity School. Both of these schools have conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

"After finishing Seminary, Aubrey G. Walton returned to Arkansas and served five appointments before going on to First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, where he stayed for 16 years. On

June 26, 1960, he was consecrated a Bishop in the Methodist Church and assigned to the Louisiana Area with residence in New Orleans.

"Bishop Walton has traveled extensively in Europe and the Holy Land and has also visited our mission work in Central and South America. He is the Official Visitor to Methodist work in eight Latin American countries.

"Since coming to Louisiana, the first Bishop to serve the Area, Bishop Walton has made an enviable place for himself, both among the ministers and laymen. He is an efficient executive, a wise counselor, a devoted supporter of higher education and a noble minister in the Church of Jesus Christ.

"In the light of the above facts, it is fitting that Centenary College, our own Methodist Institution, should recognize his leadership by giving him an honorary degree.

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Annual Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana
June 8, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

We have had a good session of the Annual Conference. May I express my personal appreciation to all who helped to make it such a satisfying and inspiring experience.

As we begin this new conference year I pray God's richest blessings upon all of you and yours. When this year shall come to a close may we look back upon it as one of the best that we have known.

Mrs. Walton and I want to thank you for all your kindness and cooperation. We count it a privilege to serve with you and we look forward to this new year of fellowship and ministry in the Master's name. Blessings upon you all.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

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Sloane and Rickey Named D. S.; Rorie Appointed to Area Staff

The Louisiana Annual Conference, meeting at First Methodist Church, New Orleans, June 4-7, under the presidency of Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, took action fully implementing the new Area Council and voted to incorporate its Board of Missions. The conference preacher, Dr. W. R. Cannon of the Candler School of Theology, delivered a special Aldersgate message on Thursday morning when the Board of Evangelism led in the hour which commemorated the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley.

Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education for 15 years, was named the new district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, succeeding D. W. Poole, who was appointed to Sulphur. Dr. Henry A. Rickey, pastor at Houma, was appointed district superintendent of the Ruston District, succeeding Luman Douglas, who was appointed to Houma. K. G. Rorie, pastor of First Methodist Church, Haynesville, was appointed associate director of the Area Council.

Elected delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences were: GENERAL CONFERENCE: Clerical: W. E. Trice, Carl Lueg, Sr., Douglas Jackson, Ben R. Oliphint and D. W. Poole; Lay: W. D. Cotton, Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., Mrs. G. W. Dameron, V. M. Mouser and Robert P. Lay; JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE: Clerical: R. Leonard Cooke, Ed Haug, Luman E. Douglas, Bentley Sloane, Jolly B. Harper, Henry Bowdon, Sr., and Fred Flurry; Lay: J. A. Dixon, Jr., Thos. A. Pitt, Robert J. O'Neal, J. G. Kava-

naugh, J. C. Love, Jr., Dudley Snow, and Tom Matheny. RESERVES: Clerical: B. A. Galloway, G. W. Pomeroy and A. Jerome Cain; Lay: Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Keith Mason and Sam White. TUESDAY MORNING:

Opening: The Louisiana Annual Conference met in 118th session at First Methodist Church, New Orleans, Tuesday, June 4, with Bishop Aubrey G. Walton presiding. Dr. W. L. Duren led in the opening prayer.

Secretarial Staff: On nomination of the secretary, Jack H. Midyett, George F. Pearce, Jr. and W. Ralph Cain were elected assistant secretaries.

Welcome: Words of welcome were received from the host pastor, the Rev. Clyde S. Clark and Ed Saunder, chairman of the Official Board.

Expression of Sympathy: The conference adopted a resolution presented by Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr., expressing sympathy to Archbishop John P. Cody of the New Orleans Archdiocese, and to the Catholic people in the death of Pope John XXIII.

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Dr. Rickey



Dr. Sloane

Editorials

Our Delegates

THE three Annual Conferences of Arkansas and Louisiana have completed their sessions and in each we saw significant actions indicating a forward-looking approach to the work of the church. Perhaps the most important action taken in the conferences was the naming of the delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

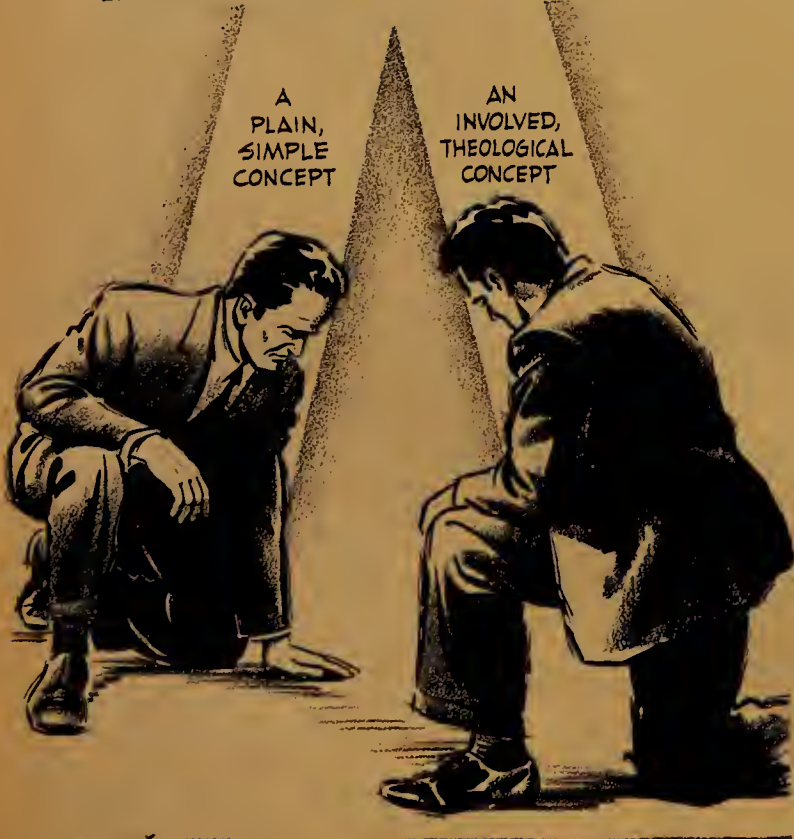
These delegates now become significant leaders in each of the conferences and throughout the whole church. They will be spending a very busy year in studying the proposals for changes in the program and structure of Methodism. Unless they begin very soon to do their "home work" they will not be able to keep up with the pace at which matters come before them for consideration at the conferences. As soon as their names and addresses are distributed throughout the church they will be bombarded with proposals and counter-proposals relating to almost every section of the Discipline and every phase of the church's program.

The nature of the process by which your church has chosen to operate the careful consideration of these materials is an obligation the delegates have accepted with their election. There are some who may call these materials "propaganda" and the process of their study and implementation "politics," and there should really be no reluctance to use these words. They are a part of the vocabulary of the democratic process and can be given spiritual content by prayerful consideration of the issues involved. No one who blindly agrees that all "propaganda" and all "politics" are bad is in a position to fulfill his obligation to serve as a delegate. None who thinks he can go to Pittsburgh and Dallas and decide all the issues that come before those bodies on impulse and snap judgment merits the honor that has come in his election.

In many instances the election of an individual is in the nature of an honor from the Annual Conference for outstanding service during the past

IN BOTH, ACCESS TO GOD

"WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WE SHALL BE SAVED" - ACTS 15:11



quadrennium—in the nature of a kind of honorary degree. When the election has come it calls on the delegate to prepare himself for future service in representing his fellow conference members in a way that shows the honor was deserved. We are sure that every one of our delegates will be entering his duties with such a sense of responsibility.

This Is Where We Came In

IN the old days when we went more regularly to the movies we used an expression "this is where we came in," and usually we would not think of wasting a minute by sitting through any portion of the film which we had previously seen. With the coming of television and the viewing of some of these same movies again and again we have grown immune to that idea and have just about quit using the expression "this is where we came in." Many of the movies which once inspired us with their novelty of plot and innovation in filming now flash before us with such regularity that we not only know the plot and the ending, but we have heard our children repeat the lines before the actors used them. It's all a rather futile use of time and yet we are all caught up in it.

We cannot take quite so casually the reruns of some of the movies in the contemporary social scene. All this last week we have been prepared by every kind of "trailer" and newspaper announcement for the showing "of an old movie" in Alabama. We have heard many people, some of whom are not in sympathy with any aspect of integration, admit that nothings can be accomplished by the playing of this same old plot at Tuscaloosa.

We are fully aware of differing opinions concerning the admission of Negro students to any additional schools, and yet it seems that the issue has long since been decided in the earlier runs of this same plot. It seems that human effort and the resources of state and national government could be better utilized than to call the same old plays again in Alabama with the same inevitable results in the last scene and the same tragic heart-break in every episode.

The film-makers in Hollywood would not be so wasteful of human and economic resources as to continue to make the same old movies again and again. Why is it that leaders of state governments cannot be as wise? Even for one who differs with their point of view, there might be some bit of understanding if a single new thing could be contributed even to traditional obstructionism by this latest gesture. Surely it is obvious that nothing can be gained for either side and there is so much more that can be lost.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

When one is caught up in the mechanics of Annual Conference it is not easy to give an objective evaluation of the action taken. However, it is our feeling that the three sessions in which we have recently participated represent an imaginative and aggressive Methodism on the march and on the alert to the challenges of the day in Arkansas and Louisiana.

We have an understanding on our staff that during the sessions Bill Leavitt will devote all his time to the responsibilities of Methodist Information, channeling the news to the papers and to radio and television stations, while your editor takes the full responsibility for seeing two issues of the paper to the printers. This sometimes conflicts with some of the more exciting sessions of the conferences, as for example, missing the most exciting debate on pensions in the North Arkansas Conference.

Another complication comes from the fact that the North Arkansas and the Louisiana Conferences meet the same week. The latter does run a day longer than the former, so this year we were able to attend almost all of the North Arkansas Conference and still get to New Orleans in time for the last day and a half of the conference there.

In each of the conferences there has been intense interest in the election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences and in each quite a number of new faces will be seen in the delegations.

Another thing we noticed in attending the conferences - three of them in two weeks - is that each is unique in its method of transacting business and yet each is determined to keep Methodism a live and vibrant force in the section for which it is responsible.

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Marksville, (John D. Bell), 3

Marthaville, (W. R. Akin), 1

Montgomery-Compte, Robert A. Shirley, 2

Mt. Zion, (Larry Elliott), St. S., 1

Natchitoches, College Avenue, (Dell S. Durand), 2

First, George F. Pearce, Jr., 8

Oak Grove, (J. C. Zerangue, Sr.), 2

Oakdale, W. J. Reid, 1

Olla, Ted J. Smith, 2

Palestine, C. R. Hoffpauir, 2

Pineville, K. G. McDowell, 4

Pollack, (M. L. Davis), 4

Trout, E. W. Sandel, 3

Winnfield, George W. Ross, 1

Student, Candler School of Theology, Harry W. Cannon, Jr.

Student, Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist, Marvin O. Hockenhull

Student, Saint Paul School of Theology, Methodist, W. Odell Simmons

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District Secretary, Worship, Roy L. Garrett

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Baker, Lael S. Jones, 4.

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Associate, Hugh L. Baker, Jr., 9.

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Minister of Education, James H. Humphreys, 1.

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Istrouma, Ira W. Flowers, 4.

Associate, John R. Jones, 1.

Jefferson, Stone W. Caraway, 6.

No. Baton Rouge, Roy E. Mouser, 5.

St. John's, T. M. Babington, III, 3.

St. Luke's, John P. McCullough, 3.

St. Paul, J. M. Winn, Jr. 6.

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Associate, E. E. Sylvest, Jr., 2.

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Winbourne, Tom Lancaster, 2.

Bethel, George Holcombe, 2.

Blackwater, A. L. Carruth, 5.

Bluff Creek, (J. M. Wilkes), 4.

Bogalusa, R. B. Crichlow, 7.

Carpenter's Chapel-Grand River, (Rose P. Carithers) 2.

Clinton-Clear Creek, W. C. Barham, 1.

Concord-New Hope, T. B. S.

Day's Center-Darlington, (P. W. Sibley, Sr.), 5.

Deerford, W. Douglas McLean, 2.

Denham Springs, Ted T. Howes, 3.

Donaldsonville, (Marshall Paine) 1.

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Fisher-Mt. Harmony-Sunny Hill, (J. C. Bonds) 2.

Franklinton, Fred W. Schwendimann, 1.

Gonzales, E. C. Dufresne, 1.

Greensburg-Wesley, (John H. Casey), 2.

Hammond, E. R. Thomas, 10.

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Kentwood, Robert M. Collie, 2.

Live Oak, William I. Eubanks, 1.

Livingston-James Chapel, (Robert Townsend), 2.

Loranger-Cooper's Chapel, A. E. Wingfield, 1.

Lottie-Rosedale, Stephen F. Wendt, 1.

Magnolia, W. M. Jacocks, 2.

Pine Grove-Montpelier -Independence, John F. Kellogg, 1.

Plaquemine, J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., 1.

Ponchatoula, Eldred Blakeley, 5.

Port Allen, E. W. Day, RS, 1.

Saint Francisville-Tunica, Byrd Lee Terry, 3.

Slaughter-New Roads, A. D. St. Amant, Jr., 2.

Springfield-Maurepas - Huff's Chapel, (John Sayes), 1.

Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge, S. P. Emmanuel, 2.

Tickfaw, A. D. George RS, 3.

Walker-Mangum-Friendship, Lon H. Gowan, 1.

Wesley-Lee's Landing, Cary A. Martin, 7.

Zachary, James S. Jones, 3.

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Student, Graduate School, Louisiana State University, Wayne T. Perrott.

Student, Perkins School of Theology, Gilbert H. Wade, Jr.

Student, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University, Russell William Pregeant.

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Chaplain, Greenwell Springs Hospital, William M. Jacobs.

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Superintendent, Istrouma Methodist Camp, (James M. Wilkes).

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District Superintendent, A. Jerome Cain, 4.

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Crowley, First, W. D. Boddie, 4.

Associate, Ray Holt, 3.

Wesley-Pine Prairie, E. L. McKay, 3.

Ebenezer-Estherwood, (Etienne Brouillette), 6.

Franklin, James E. Christle, 1.

Golden Meadow-Grand Isle, Robert R. Miller, 1.

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Houma Heights, W. W. Beville, 1.

Iota-Maxie, Calvin Lapouyade, 3.

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Jeanerette, (H. P. Cansler) 2.

Lafayette, Asbury, C. R. McCammon, 2.

Davidson-Ivanhoe, Harold Hine, 4.

First, R. R. Branton, 4.

Associate, Ron Devillier, 2.

Lockport-Raceland, (Carl Lipe) 2.

Melville-Palmetto, (George Burlew) 2.

Morgan City, John Sewell, 4.

New Iberia, Luther L. Booth, 2.

Associate, Tommy Ray Bergeron, 1.

Opelousas, Henry Blount, 4.

Patterson-Bayou Vista, L. B. Robertson, 1.

Port Barre, (Cecil Mims) 4.

Rayne, Karl Wood, 2.

Thibodeaux, Rupert Coles, 4.

Student, Perkins School of Theology; Clarence G. Fuller, Jr.

Chaplain, Houma Hospitals, W. W. Beville

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District Secretary, Stewardship, Luman E. Douglas.

District Secretary, Town and Country Work, John Sewell.

District Secretary, Worship, James Christie.

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District Superintendent, R. Leonard Cooke, 2.

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DeRidder, First, R. H. Jamieson, 7.

Associate, Spiller Milton, 1.

Wesley-Holly Grove, Raymond M. Crofoot, 2.



DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, SR., director of the Area Council, and his two associate directors, the Rev. K.G. Rorie, left, and Mr. Thomas A. Pitt, right, were presented to the conference following the announcement by Bishop Walton of Mr. Rorie's appointment.

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Conference Proceedings

Bishop Awarded Honorary Degree: Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president, of Centenary College, and Dr. Bond F. Fleming, dean of the college, conferred upon Bishop Walton the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Ballot: The following were elected tellers for the election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences: Clerical: Byrl Moreland, Lael Jones, R. H. Jamieson, Harold Hines, Fred Schwendimann, Don W. Alverson, Terrell T. Lowe and Lawrence L. Gilbert; Lay: G. A. McCartney, Sr., Coburn Hood, Ed Cloutman, C. D. Jones, Jim Davis, Roy D. Simons, L. D. McGehee and Dudley Snow. R. H. Jamieson was named chairman of the clerical tellers and Dudley Snow was named chairman of the lay tellers.

Conference Relations: J. Henry Bowdon, Sr. for the Committee on Conference Relations, reported there was nothing against any of the ministers of the conference.

The conference voted to receive the following into full connection and elected them to Elders' Orders: Tommy Ray Bergeron, Lillard R. Beville, Jack Skinner Blakeman, Jr., John David Corley, Donald James Hall, Charles B. Humphreys, James H. Humphreys, John Ridgely Johns, James P. McCullough, Jr., Joe Wayne McClain, William Douglas McLean, Edward O. Pickens, Franklin Parker Poole, William Russell Pregeant, Harold Lee Price, Watten Lee Livingston, Walter

G. Worthy (already an elder).

Balloting for Delegates: Balloting for delegates began after it was announced to the conference that it was entitled to five clerical and lay delegates to General Conference, and an additional seven lay and clerical delegates to Jurisdictional Conference. The conference voted to elect three clerical and three reserve delegates for the Jurisdictional Conference.

Board of Education: B. C. Taylor, chairman, presented the report of the Board of Education. Joe J. Mickle and Delton Pickering spoke to the report. Dr. Taylor presented a resolution which provided that in the campaign for Centenary College and Wesley Foundations that 12½% of all money raised outside the Shreveport District go to the Wesley Foundations of the LSU system. Bishop Walton asked the conference to take the campaign with great earnestness, stressing the need for Christian higher education.

Statisticians and Treasurer's Report: The conference adopted the report of J. E. Hearn, conference statistician and treasurer.

Publishing Interests: George F. Pearce, Jr. presented the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests. W. F. Wright of the Publishing House was introduced and presented the conference a check for \$5,737.86, being its share of the proceeds of the publishing house for the pension fund.

TRAFICO: The report of TRAFICO was presented by J. C. Love, Jr. and adopted by the conference.

Jurisdictional Secretary: Virgil D. Morris, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, and a member of the Louisiana Conference, presented the report of the Jurisdiction.



NEW OFFICERS OF the Conference Board of Lay Activities elected at conference are (l. to r.) John Trotter, New Iberia, secretary-treasurer; Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., New Orleans, Conference Lay Leader; and Tom Matheny, Hammond, Associate Conference Lay Leader.

Conference Trustees: Judge Robert J. O'Neal presented the report of the Conference Board of Trustees and the Legal Conference.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

Service of Commemoration: The Service of Commemoration was conducted by George W. Harbuck. The Record of Remembrance was read by the conference secretary, including the following names: E. V. Duplantis, B. F. Griffin, Henry M. Law, L. P. Moreland, F. Lyman Shows, George P. Goodwin, Mrs. C. B. Powell, Mrs. James E. Selfe, Mrs. S. A. Steel, Mrs. J. M. Alford, Mrs. W. L. Duren, Mrs. W. H. Bengston and Mrs. William C. Blakely. The commemoration sermon was delivered by B. A. Galloway.

WEDNESDAY MORNING:

Devotional: Bishop Aubrey G. Walton conducted the morning devotional on the theme, "Pilgrims After Perfection."

Sympathy: The conference expressed sympathy to the family of Mr. Dan M. Haas, a prominent member of the host church, who died during the night.

WSCS Report: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, conference president of the WSCS, reported to the conference for this organization.

Board of Missions Report No. 1: A. M. Brown, secretary, guided the presentation of Report No. 1 of the Board of Missions. Speaking to the report were: Roy E. Mouser, Jerome Cain, Kenneth W. Paul, Virgil D. Morris, and A. D. St Amant, Jr.

Admission on Trial: The conference voted to receive the following members on trial and elected them to Deacons' Orders: Jack Hinton Tinnin, William Odell Simmons, George Cunningham Purvis, Jr., Frederick William Schwen-

dimann III, William Martin Finnin (already an ordained elder), Frederick Richard Kellogg, Henry Arthur Harrington, Jr., James Walter Jones, Michael Kay Lewis, Kenneth Dale Norton.

Board of Hospitals and Homes: Earl B. Emmerich presented the report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. Speaking concerning the new Methodist Hospital of New Orleans were Mr. Kenneth Schor, Mr. Pendleton Lehde, Mr. Elmo S. Koschel, and Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr. Mr. J. Earl Debord of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes was presented to the conference. Mr. Ewell Singleton, administrator of Glenwood Hospital, West Monroe, spoke for that institution. Others speaking to the report were L. D. Houghton, superintendent of the Methodist Home, Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, and James B. Grambling for the Retired Ministers' Homes Association.

Pensions: Merlin W. Merrill presented the report of the Board of Pensions. Speaking to the report was the Rev. Lyle Weed of the General Board of Pensions, and Judge V. M. Mouser, a Louisiana layman, who is a member of the General Board of Pensions.

Lay Activities: Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., conference Lay Leader presented the report of the Board of Lay Activities. On behalf of the board he presented the "Outstanding Layman of the Year" Award to Mr. Thomas A. Pitt. On nomination of the board, Mr. Daughenbaugh was re-elected Conference Lay Leader.

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LAY DELEGATES elected to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.



THE CLERICAL DELEGATION to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

FOUR SENIORS IN MUNHOLLAND Church, Metairie, listed in "Who's Who in High School" are: Robert Akenhead, Mary Gray, Lynne Robertson, and C.M. Van Zandt, Jr.

THE WORK OF DEACONESSES in New Orleans and in Louisiana was the subject of a feature article printed in the NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM on May 25, along with pictures.

MISS JANET RUTH DUTCHER of Pineville and the Rev. Richard Hoffpauir, pastor of the Palestine Methodist Church are being united in marriage on Saturday, June 15, at the Pineville Methodist Church.

THE LAFAYETTE FIRST CHURCH Wesleyan Service Guild presented Life Membership Pins and certificates to Mrs. R.R. Branton and to Miss Julia Taylor. The Rev. R.R. Branton is pastor.

"LETTER TO LIZ" was the subject of the Baccalaureate sermon preached by Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of Baton Rouge's First Methodist Church, to the Senior Class of Baton Rouge High School, on Sunday morning, May 26.

DR. WILLIAM F. TRICE, pastor of the Reily Memorial Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, preached the Baccalaureate sermon for Northeast Louisiana State College in Monroe, Saturday, June 8.

LAKE CHARLES FIRST CHURCH held the annual church-wide picnic on Saturday, June 8, at Gregory Park in Westlake. Ministers are the Rev. George W. Pomeroy and the Rev. Harold E. Price is the new associate.

A SHRIMP SUPPER will be the setting for installation of Methodist Men officers in Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, on June 18. Wives of the members will be special guests. The Rev. James T. Harris is pastor.

THE REV. L.D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital, preached at both morning worship services of Napoleon Avenue Church in New Orleans on June 9. The pastor is the Rev. Don W. Alverson.

NEW ORLEANS FIRST METHODIST CHURCH installed the following officers to be in charge of the Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Rolin S. Oyer - president; Mrs. Harry Miller - vice president; Mrs. Norman F. Sauls - recording secretary; Mrs. Allen C. Porter - treasurer.

IN THE ISTROUMA METHODIST CHURCH, all members of the Junior High, Senior High, and Older Youth departments and their parents had a picnic on Saturday, June 1, at Bluff Creek. Pastors are the Rev. Ira W. Flowers and the Rev. John R. Johns is the new associate.

REILY MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY METHODIST Church's Woman's Society of Christian Service devoted the June program to the work of the International Hospitality Foundation on the LSU campus. Mrs. Perry Lucas was in charge of the program. The Rev. William Trice is the pastor.

THE CARROLLTON METHODIST CHURCH in New Orleans was host for two nights to a group from the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Pine Bluff, Missouri.

The young people were on a tour by chartered bus the first week in June visiting various mission work in several states. Pastor at Carrollton is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

THE REV. MARVIN MCFARLAND, associate pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston, is leading the Tech Church School Class on a series of lessons pertaining to "The Ministry of the Laity" during June. The Tech Class membership is focusing attention on the recent high school graduates. The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is their pastor.

THE FARMERVILLE SENIOR METHODIST Youth Fellowship had as a special guest speaker on Sunday, May 19, Father Cassion from the Catholic Rectory in Ruston. This was in connection with the group's study of the Roundtable unit "Roman Catholic - Protestant Quiz". Mrs. Bobby G. Miller is the MYF counselor and the Rev. John D. Corley is the pastor.



SIX BOYS received their God and Country Awards at services Sunday, May 26th, at the Southside Methodist Church in Monroe. This makes a total of 21 boys receiving the God and Country Award since the organization of our Scout Troop. The boys receiving the awards Sunday night were: (From left to right) Jerry Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Fuller; Kyle Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Solomon; Bobby and Don Ross, sons of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Ross; Mike Cleary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cleary; and Bruce McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. McPherson. Present in the picture in addition to the boys and their parents are: H.L. Adams, Institutional Representative; Rev. Lea Joyner; Bob Trent, Former Scoutmaster and now Neighborhood Commissioner; Jack Pankey, Scout Executive; and James Smith, Scoutmaster.

LEESVILLE MYF OFFICERS for the senior-high department are: J.J. Fertitta, Jr., president; Reba Small, vice-president; Mary Ann Stevens, secretary; Connie Erwin, treasurer. Program area chairman are Alison Gormley, Ann Sartor, Margaret Anderson, Charles Self, and Jeri Cohen. The Rev. Kirby Vining is pastor.

THE DOWNSVILLE CIRCUIT had the privilege of hearing the Rev. Roy Davis, a missionary from India, and Bishop Aubrey Walton on various Sundays in May. In addition the members heard a recent recording of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Davis, missionaries to Congo, Africa. Charge pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman, beginning his fifth year there.

ON STUDENT SUNDAY, June 9, the First Methodist Church of Crowley honored the following college graduates: Lana Baron Gildersleeve, Denny Earles, Lane Sarver, Charles King, Ray Allen Williamson, Thomas Davies, and Charles Jenkins. Pastors at Crowley are the Rev. W.D. Boddie and the Rev. Ray Holt.

SERVING IN OFFICIAL capacity in the Crowley First Methodist Church are: A. Byron Core - president of Methodist Men; Mrs. Billie Welch - president of WSCS; Glenn Taylor - MYF president; Mrs. Judy Jukes - WSG president; commission chairman are Dr. A.E. Stanton, Mrs. Frank Bazerque, M.W. Muller, Ralph Cowen, and Mrs. Robert Finley. Ministers are the Rev. W.D. Boddie and the Rev. Ray Holt.

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM JEFFERSON Methodist Church in New Orleans who have been recently honored are: Jeannette Nolan, elected vice-president of the New Orleans District Methodist Youth Fellowship; Aleen Austin, Sandy Coco, and Freddy Brown were chosen to the National Junior Honor Society from the East Jefferson Junior High School. The Rev. Albert A. Collins is beginning the sixth year as their pastor.

ALFRED L. NORRIS of New Orleans, student in the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, was one of four students recently inducted into the International Theological Honor Society of Theta Phi on the basis of high scholarship. This honorary society for religious leaders was established in 1960 by Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo.

GRADUATES WERE HONORED in the Slidell Methodist Church at Sunday Services, May 19. Members graduating from high school were: Gethryn Rugan, Peggy Schneider, Gary Haaga, Eddie Bowden, Brent Powell, Martha McMahon, Jean Broom, and Ronnie Panks. College graduates were: L.V. McGinty, Jr., Tulane; Jean Baker, Beverly Pichon and Pat Embree, LSU. Their pastor is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

THE GIBSLAND MYF held installation of officers on Sunday, June 2. Officers for the coming year are: Sharon Shaffer, president; Raymond Palmer, vice-president; Kay Bennett, secretary-treasurer; Pat Hyatt, reporter; Marsha Johnson, program chairman; and Jimmy Outz, recreation chairman. Mr. E.O. Rogers was installed as MYF counselor for the ninth consecutive year. Pastor at Gibsland is the Rev. J. A. Jones.

WINBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH in Baton Rouge honored the high school graduates with a buffet luncheon on Sunday afternoon, May 19. The graduates are: Kathy Anthony, Carolyn Edwards, Lynn Guitreau, Barbara Grimes, Gloria Kelsey, Guy Comeaux, Butch Hayes, David Carpenter, Jerry McLaurin, Jimmy Moore, Bill Rose, Frank Rose, and Ernie Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey O'Mire and the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Lancaster were honored guests.

MEMBERS OF THE ELYSIAN FIELDS Junior and Senior High MYF attended a spiritual retreat at Camp Bena-Lea near Covington on May 17, 18, and 19. While somewhat marred by rain, the retreat presented an opportunity for study and meditation on the theme "Living With a Christian Conscience". The groups held 5 study sessions, a personal dedication period, morning watch and communion, plus several planned recreational activities. The Rev. Ned L. Stout is pastor.

OFFICERS OF THE BLACKWATER Woman's Society of Christian Service are: Mrs. A.S. Robinson, president; Mrs. J.R. Hausey, Jr., vice president; Mrs. F.G. Carpenter, secretary; Mrs. A.H. Starkey, treasurer. Secretaries of lines of work are: Mrs. G.R. Lee, Miss Anna May Morgan, Mrs. T.H. Montgomery, Mrs. Ray Pearce, Mrs. Leland Stockwell, Mrs. Leslie Brice, Mrs. A.L. Carruth, Mrs. R.E. McKnight, Miss Hallie Smith, and Mrs. J.W. Wunstel. Circle leaders are Mrs. C.D. Morgan, Mrs. R.H. Starkey, Mrs. H.B. Bliss. Pastor at Blackwater is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth, beginning his fifth year there.

LAKE VISTA CHURCH in New Orleans installed the following officers for the Woman's Society: Mrs. William J. Everitt, president; Mrs. E.E. Ragan, vice president; Mrs. William D. Clift, secretary; Mrs. Philip W. Nungesser, treasurer. Secretaries of lines of work are: Mrs. R.F. Krejcu, Mrs. Gregory Palmer, Mrs. Leroy King, Mrs. J.D. Williamson, Mrs. L.B. Cochran, Mrs. Ray Booth, Mrs. David Gross, Mrs. Ralph Garrard, and Mrs. M.O. Pattison. Circle leaders are: Mrs. Paul Light, Mrs. Jack Styron, Mrs. R.C. Wolf, Mrs. Max Pleasant, and Mrs. C.C. Babylon, Jr. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. is beginning his thirteenth year as pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR JUNE 23, 1963: GOD IN HIS WORLD



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 19:1-6; 95:1-7; 148.

MEMORY SELECTION: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalms 19:1.

AIM OF LESSON: To call attention to the many voices all about us that speak of the fact of "God in His World," and to show how important it is that we worship him in sincerity and in humility.

According to titles of the head of the 19th Psalm, it was written by David. We can understand how David, with his poetic nature, could write a Psalm like this. He tended his father's sheep in the open fields, sometimes by day and sometimes by night. He had time and opportunity to study the heavens above that spoke so plainly of a great Creator.

This Psalm is divided into two parts. Verses 1-6, the first part of our lesson text, declares the glory of God in nature as revealed by the heavens. The rest of the Psalm is a discussion of the wonders of the moral law.

Usually Psalms of worship begin with a call to sing praises to God. It is not so in this Psalm. Here the hymn had already been sung in the beginning of time and had been repeated day and night since the dawn of creation, and is still being sung daily until now.

THE HEAVENS SPEAK OF GOD

The psalmist is saying here that the heavens speak of God. The sun, moon and stars tell of the glory of God.

We understand, of course, that the voice which was speaking to the psalmist out of the heavens was not the voice of a man or of angels or even the voice of God. It was the voice of the creations of God. It was the voice of the creations of God - the sun, the moon and the stars bearing witness to the might and majesty and the glory of their Maker.

If these heavenly bodies do not speak to us of God, what message do they have for mankind? The 1st verse of the 1st chapter of the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." To try to account for these heavenly bodies and the earth any other way and discover how unsatisfactory any other explanation can be. Some power brought them into existence and established laws by which their movements are governed across the centuries to the fraction of a second. The Christian calls that power God.

NATURE SPEAKS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

There are many races and almost a countless number of languages and dialects among the two and a half billion people on earth. The message nature gives to the multitudes of earth is not put into words. If it were, it would be understood by a very limited number of earth's people.

The Revised Standard Version gives the following translation for verses 3-4, "There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

Nature must speak a universal language if man-

kind is to understand its message. Hence, as we understand the terms, nature does not use words in speech or a voice to carry its message. There is something in the very existence of the earth and the universe about us that speaks in unmistakable terms to all mankind of the fact of the existence of God. For this reason mankind, in all places and in all conditions of development across the ages past, have been found to practice some form of worship.

The message of nature, above and beyond words, as spoken through the heavens above us and the earth beneath us, has been so impressive that it has resulted in some form of worship by people in all lands and climes.

It is the special mission of the Christian church, in the Great Commission, to interpret that message, as revealed through the Bible to the multitudes who have become aware of the fact of God but who do not understand the nature of God as revealed through Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP A JOYOUS EXPERIENCE

Psalm 95, like Psalm 19, consists of two parts. Verses 1-7, which is the second part of our lesson text, contains a hymn for worship and a call to worship. The rest of the Psalm contains a prophetic admonition.

In verses 1-2 the psalmist describes worship as a joyful experience. Twice in these two verses we are exhorted to "Make a joyful noise," in our expressions of worship. In Proverbs 17:22 we are told that "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." A happy, joyous, winsome religion will win more people for Christ than a "long-faced" religion will ever be able to do.

Not only is the Psalm itself divided into two parts, the first seven verses, which are part of our lesson text, are also divided into two parts. Verses 1-5 carry a call to sing praises to God with joy and thanksgiving. Verses 6-7 constitute a call to worship in the spirit of humility.

While the first part of our lesson text, taken from Psalm 19, describes a hymn sung by nature which is heard to the ends of the earth, in this Psalm it is not nature singing God's praise. People are called to sing the praises of God and to kneel before him in worship.

When Jesus said, "Let your light so shine" it is our feeling that he was picturing the Christian religion as an attractive, winsome way of life. Seldom will we interest young people with any other type of religion.

Some time ago I picked up a young man in my car who was about 18 or 20 years old. So far as I know I never saw him before or since. We talked about a number of matters. Finally, knowing that I was a minister, our conversation turned to the matter of religion. The young man said, "Brother Wayland, I have never been a Christian, I know that I should be. But" he said, "The Christian life is such a hard life to live." I said, "My friend, somebody is badly mixed up about this. The Bible says 'The way of the transgressor is hard! you say it is the Christian way of life.'"

JEHOVAH GREATER THAN ALL GODS

In verses 3-4 the psalmist says, "For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods." God is great enough the writer says to hold the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains

in his hand. This statement reminds us of the line in the Negro spiritual, "He holds the whole wide world in his hand."

The Jews grew in Egypt from a family of a few people to a race of thousands of people. In Egypt, as they grew into a great race, they were under the influence of the Egyptians who worshiped a multiplicity of gods. In their wilderness wanderings of forty years, they were in constant touch with races and tribes that worshiped idol gods. When they settled in Palestine, they were surrounded by races and nations that had their special gods which they worshiped.

While the Jews believed that Jehovah was "a great God and great King above all gods," it was a difficult matter for them to conceive of the fact that Jehovah was the only God. While they believed that Jehovah was stronger than any other god and possibly stronger than any combination of gods, they were still willing to concede that gods of other races and people did exist.

GOD THE CREATOR

Verse 5 tells us that God made the sea and that his hand formed the dry land.

The Jews believed that the Jehovah God created the world and every living thing it contains. They never tired in song or prayer of exalting God as the great creator.

Just how they could believe so firmly in God as the Creator of all things and still believe that the world was filled with lesser gods is hard to understand. However, their's was a primitive faith and they were not too much concerned about the logic of that faith. Their faith was based on a personal experience of God in the life of the Jewish race. Knowing what God had done for them, it was easy for them to believe in God as the Creator of all things.

HUMILITY IN WORSHIP

In verse 6 the writer not only gives a clear call to worship, he describes something of the manner and posture of the worshiper. He says that we should "bow down" and "kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Whatever the posture, it should be said that only the humble truly worship. If anyone comes before the Lord to worship in any attitude but humility, it is right good evidence that he is not in a spirit of worship. If he is the great Creator, the Lord of all creation, who am I that I should stand before him in anything but deep humility.

Posture in prayer was once stressed more than it is today. In younger years I attended a revival meeting in which the evangelist would not begin a prayer until every person in the audience had knelt for the prayer. If anyone hesitated he would go back into the audience and stand by them until they did kneel. After such maneuvers it is doubtful if he was in the spirit of prayer when the time came.

We knew a Methodist preacher who thought it was important to kneel for prayer. I heard him say on one occasion that, in view of what people did, he thought instead of saying, "Let us kneel for prayer" that the proper announcement would be "Let us hump over and pray."

May we say here that the spirit in which we worship is much more important than the place we worship or the posture we assume while worshiping.

WHY WORSHIP GOD?

We should worship God because he is God. He is the one, only true and living God. He is the Creator of all things and the sustainer of all things, including our lives.

We should worship God because "we are the people of his pasture." We are "the sheep of his hand."

We should worship God because he alone is worthy of our worship. We should worship God because we love him and because he loves us. We should worship God because we need him so much in the testing times of life.

There are times when human hands seem to be able to minister to our needs. We will all find, if we live long enough, that there are times when our only source of real help is from God.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Mrs. Stanley S. Kresge, wife of the vice-chairman of the S.S. Kresge Co., objected recently in a stockholders' meeting in Detroit to the firm's policy of keeping some of its stores open on Sunday. The meeting was almost over when Mr. Kresge asked if there were any further questions from the 300 shareholders present. His wife took the floor and said, "I would like to protest very strongly the opening of any of our stores on Sunday."

We don't know for sure, but we have a feeling that some of Kresge's stores that have remained open on Sundays will soon be closing.

The whereabouts of some 28,500 missing persons was determined in the past year through the efforts of the German Churches' Tracing Service, it has been disclosed by the agency's headquarters in Munich. The service, which is operated jointly by the Roman Catholic Caritas organization and Hilfswerk, welfare arm of the Evangelical Church, has located more than 6,400,000 persons since World War II.

Some pastors we know would like to subscribe to this service to locate some persons missing from their places in their churches.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev, a professed atheist, has invoked, and not for the first time, the name of God in public. In the course of a speech made at a reception for Fidel Castro, Mr. Khrushchev said, "The bourgeois press says Khrushchev will resign or be made to resign, that Khrushchev is in a difficult situation. The fact is that the position of our party is good and my position is good also. May God grant that it shall be so to the very end of my days."

When a man like Khrushchev resorts to such language it must mean that he is truly in a difficult situation with his Party.

The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. went on record at its recent General Assembly in Des Moines as opposed to Bible reading and prayers in public schools when they are devotional acts. It also objected to any religious observances conducted under the auspices of the public school system.

It is our feeling that this was an unwise position by this great denomination. There are probably going to be enough adverse moves in this direction when the Supreme Court makes its expected pronouncements outlawing prayer and Bible reading. We had hoped the major denominations could stand shoulder-to-shoulder to hold their ground against some of these tides.

A Catholic spokesman told a House committee studying proposed federal aid to education that Roman Catholic parochial schools annually save the taxpayers \$2.6 billion in public school expenses by educating 5.5 million elementary and high school pupils. Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, made this point before the House Subcommittee on Education and Labor.

We can't see that this proves anything. The Catholics have long since elected to maintain their own educational system, not for reasons of saving the taxpayer's money, but because they didn't trust their Catholic children to follow the teachings of their church when in-

tegrated with other children in a system of public Schools.

Domingo, a Roman Catholic weekly in Madrid, has been fined the equivalent of \$840 by the Spanish government for publishing a caricature of Generalissimo Francisco Franco. This is said to be the first cartoon of the dictator published in that country since the end of the Civil War (1936-39).

Maybe this is a visual sign that some crack is developing in the wall that has cemented Franco to the church for such a long time.

R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps, has been named to receive the Layman of the Year Award by Religious Heritage of America, Inc. The first Roman Catholic to receive the award in its 12-year history, Mr. Shriver will accept the citation at a dinner in Washington, June 22.

The Rev. Thomas Payne, pastor of First University Methodist Church in Minneapolis and director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Minnesota, has received the Pope John Ecumenical Award from the Newman Mother's Guild for having made the greatest contribution to ecumenism on the University campus.



DR. WILLIAM F. UNSOELD, a Methodist minister now with the Peace Corps, smiles after scaling the 29,028-foot summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. Dr. Unsoeld, on leave from his position as assistant professor of philosophy and religion at Oregon State University, was one of four climbers who reached the peak.

Dr. Joost de Blank, Anglican Archbishop of Cape-town, South Africa, has charged that the South African government is impeding missionary work in Southwest Africa. He accused them specifically of "delaying visas and permits for Anglican laymen and clergy needed in the mission field of Ovambo-land in the northern part of Southwest Africa."

A 44-year-old African minister from Southern Rhodesia was recently elected moderator of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland at its General Assembly at Inverness. He is the Rev. Petros Mzamo of the church's recently-formed Southern Rhodesia Presbytery.

Pope John XXIII's call for a different approach to communism in this recent encyclical has had no

public endorsement from a major American Catholic spokesman, it was recently asserted in Commonweal, Catholic weekly magazine published by laymen. In the lead editorial of its May 24 issue, the publication observed that a "general paralysis" had gripped American Catholics in the face of the encyclical's implicit opening to the left."

The Russian government has agreed to participate in West Baden Springs, Ind. in a Roman Catholic sponsored institute which will discuss the moral issues involved in nuclear warfare. Victor Karpov, first secretary of the Washington embassy of the Soviet Union will confer with U.S. officials, and Protestant, Catholic and Jewish theologians in the unprecedented three-day session at West Baden College.

Anglican Canon John D. Peach-Higgins recently created a stir during his installation as Canon and vice Povost of Southwark Cathedral in London by publicly protesting against the "duty and necessity" of having to assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles as a condition for assuming office.

Roman Catholic Coadjutor Archbishop Philip Rocock of Toronto recently gave permission for an Anglican priest to hold the first Communion service for graduating Anglican nurses ever held at St. Joseph's Hospital. Traditionally, Catholic nurses attend mass and receive Holy Communion on their graduation.

The first and only active-duty father and son combination in the U.S. military chaplaincy ended on May 31 with the reiteration of the father, a Lutheran Chaplain with 21 years of service. He is Chaplain (Col.) James F. Patterson of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. His son is Chaplain (Lt.) James F. Patterson III of Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

Gov Nelson Rockefeller of New York can no longer "be seriously considered as a candidate for the presidency "because of his divorce and remarriage, The Living Church, unofficial Protestant Episcopal weekly declared recently. In its editorial in the May 19 issue, it said that the issue involved is the "clear-cut moral principle enshrined in the Ten Commandments: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife."

Forty-five Protestant Churches were recently honored in New York for sponsoring Boy Scout troops for 52 consecutive years. Representatives of the churches, ranging from the east coast to Missouri, received plaques in recognition of their achievement at the 40th anniversary dinner of the Protestant Committee on Scouting.

The "Ten Commandments" award of the Fraternal order of Eagles was recently presented in Salt Lake City to David O. McKay, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Presented by Carl Thacker of Milwaukee, president of the Eagles, the award honored Mr. McKay for "strengthening the moral fiber and spiritual values of the society."

Study of Scriptural sections pertinent to Christian unity, race relations, technology and peace is being urged by the nation's Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in advance of the triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. Special study books have been prepared and are now being distributed for use by local congregations. The triennial meeting scheduled for Philadelphia, Dec. 1-7, will be held under the theme "Servants of the Eternal Christ."

The 71-year-old Walther League Messenger, youth monthly of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, will have a new name, Arena, beginning with the September issue. In announcing the name change, the Rev. Alfred P. Klausler, editor, explained that "Arena" is "symbolic of the fact that the 20th century Christian must abandon his role as an observer of events."

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A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockanum

Individual's Highest Duty: To Develop Mind, Talents

THE SIN OF SMALLNESS -- During and since the last national election, we have heard a lot about "growthmanship." The health of a nation's economy is measured by its rate of growth. Unless a country business grows, it is losing out in the world's economic advance.

When anything serves to stunt or block our growing process, it means loss to the individual and to the group. Charles S. Stratton was a very prominent American of a former generation. His name was a box-office attraction. But his was the prominence of notoriety rather than fame, for he was known as Tom Thumb and was exhibited by P.T. Barnum for years. However much curiosity may be aroused by a midget, the sight of a stunted body evokes pity, for it possesses an element of tragedy.

And if a life is hindered in its growth by causes which could have been prevented, then such retarding is a sin. But the sin of failure to grow may be so subtle and painless that it does not disturb as much at the time. When a body stops growing, there is no pain such as attends a broken limb.

Now consider the mind. It differs from the body. A person's body may reach its fulness of stature and then stop growing. A college classmate of mine prides himself that he weighs the same as when he graduated --- he can wear the same size dress suit. (In fact, when I saw him I thought it was the same suit). But a mind cannot stop growing and hold the same weight. It is either growing or deteriorating.

The Greek word for sin means "missing the mark." And if we let our minds fail to grow and thus fall short of the mark for which God created them, we are sinning against God.

Consider the sin of being small in mind. Smallness of mind may take various forms. For one thing, a mind may be stunted through being uninformed. If I let my mind be unused, it is a sin. Others may not be sufficiently conscious of my mental emptiness to condemn me for it. I may not even know what I am missing. But even in the eyes of our statute law, ignorance does not quite excuse me, does it? If I run my business in a way that violates the tax regulations, I am not exonerated by pleading that I did not know the law. If I unintentionally kill my friend with a gun which I did not know was loaded, I may not be charged with murder, but I cannot forgive myself. And in the eyes of Christ, ignorance does not quite excuse us.

Recall Jesus' description of the Last Judgment. He said to the condemned: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, and I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they will also answer, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirst or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?" Then the Lord will answer them, "Truly, as you did not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me." Theirs was the sin of not seeing and knowing what they should.

Jesus came to set our minds on the trail of truth, saying, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." He came to make us alive to the world around us, its people, its beauty, its needs. And not to be alive to what we should be aware of is a form of sin. Others may not denounce us. But we cannot get away with it in the eyes of Christ.

Perhaps the most pervasive form of small-mindedness is that of being narrowed by self-interest. Edward Arlington Robinson once described one of his characters as having "eyes like dollars in the dark." Themiser thus pictured had allowed his vision to become clouded by his own mercenary concerns. We measured everything by the dollar sign. He viewed every situation according to the way it affected his own interests. When a man thus stands in his own light, he darkens and dwarfs his mind.

God has given us these minds, noble in reason, infinite in faculty. He holds us accountable for their use. Are we investing our mental talents so that they grow? Or like the man in Our Lord's parable who wrapped his talent in a napkin and buried it, are we allowing our minds to be buried in ignorance? Yes, it is a sin to be small in mind.

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Today's world needs strong, well-trained Christian Leaders.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist
THE PASTOR AND HIS CHURCH

when local business men plead that they are too busy.

By now all of the ministers have taken charge of their jobs for the new conference year. Those who were returning will begin where they left off. Those who were moved will look for the ends that were left by their preceding brothers.

Of course there will be some adjustments to make. Because no minister is perfect, as some lay people seem to think. And no two persons think alike. One good feature of the Methodist itinerant system is that the changes of pastorates bring changes of emphasis. One man dwells heavily on the youth program. Another pushes Methodist Men. One is more evangelistic. One seeks a more active and vital Woman's Society. After a reasonable time the congregation has received a full round of emphasis on the total program of the church.

One mistake that many lay people make is to look on the pastor as a sort of errand boy. Just because he is paid to be the pastor of the congregation, some people seem to regard him as responsible for nearly all that is done by the church. Some men tell the preacher, "Now don't do anything but preach to us, Preacher. We'll do the rest." But it does not work out that way. They end up expecting him to fill in at the luncheon club when their program goes off. Or sweep out the church house when the janitor is sick. Or head up the community charity drive

The basic function of the pastor is to lead his flock to a closer knowledge of and experience with Christ. Of course he must be a "good fellow". But he also must stand for his Christian ideals when social questions are raised. And the person who is offended because the pastor speaks out on a controversial issue, should pause to think what the church would be worth if it had no spiritual leadership.

This is not a plea to support the pastor just to keep from hurting his feeling. After all, a pastor must have the hide of an elephant, the tact of an angel, the energy of a railroad locomotive, and the vision of an Old Testament prophet. Usually he does not have the time to let his feelings be wounded. But you can't be sensitive to the spiritual needs of men without being sensitive about other things. He will seldom tell you, but he will feel it nevertheless.

Supporting the pastor is not doing a favor to him. After all, if he does a good job he will always have a place to work. But if a congregation of Christian believers is going to meet the challenge of our times it must have two qualities. It must have dedicated, energetic, brave leadership from the pulpit. And it must have a solid, fervent, sympathetic support from the pew. The church that has these two qualities will meet the world on its own ground and still represent Christ in a way that the world will be drawn to Him.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

'Wild Olive Shoots'

The Third of Four Devotional Articles Based on Paul's Letter to the Romans

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"Let any man who thinks that he stand take heed lest he fall." These words of Paul's to the Christians in Corinth can well be applied to the church. There is always danger in over-confidence or complacency - in individuals, in a nation, or in an institution. We Methodists are now the "second largest" non-Roman church in America. Whatever difference it may make that we who for so many years have taken secret pride in being "the largest church in America," the fact is that we are such no longer. This could be good for us.

But Christian churches are not to be in competition with one another. The point of Paul's admonition was much more basic. He makes a similar admonition to the church in Rome when he compares the position of the Gentile Christians with that of the Jewish Christians.

GOD'S REBELLIOUS CHOSEN ONES

Though the Jews were His Chosen people, they had often rebelled against God. Paul felt a profound remorse for his people. He himself "wished to be cut off from Christ if it meant that they would be won for God." (9:3 Phillips). He looked upon the Christian Church as the "true Judaism."

Yet - and this is Paul's point to his Gentile readers - the unfaithfulness of the Jews was not to be used as an indication that the Gentiles had greater favor in the eyes of God. The Gentiles - for whose spiritual benefit Paul had been set aside - should take heed lest they, too, fall.

OPPORTUNITY MEANS RESPONSIBILITY

Paul compares the rebellious Jews as branched which have been broken from a tree. The Gentiles he sees as "shoots of wild olive" which "have been grafted in, and share like a natural branch the rich nourishment of the root." But the grafted-in "should not feel superior to those former branches." The word of warning to the Gentiles is this: the Jews lost their position because they failed to believe; "you only maintain yours because you do believe."

STANDARDS OF DEVOTION AND LOYALTY

What then are the standards by which the church maintains its relation-

ship with God? Certainly we should reach larger numbers for the Kingdom. It should gravely concern us that we have not evangelized as have others. It could be that our failure in this regard is the judgment of God upon us. How far do we reach out beyond class structures? How far beyond other human barriers? How relevant and effective are we as instruments of God's saving Spirit in the midst of crying human needs?

There are other measures of devotion. We must examine our heart. We must deepen our faith, which means harder labor, more prayer, service from different motives than we have often had. This will not win our salvation, but it will express it; for Romans' great message is that this is not won, but is rather received. Our works we do to express our faith. Our faith is not complete until expressed in word and deed and prayer.

A GROWING THING

A wild olive shoot is a growing thing. You and I can let Methodism grow, nourished by firm roots in God. Then as a wild olive shoot, it may grow large in faith, in love, in service, and if God wills, in numbers.

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Build A Devotional

"THE LAW OF THE MARGIN"

Read Luke 6:38.

When I was a child, I spent my summers on the farm with my grandfather and grandmother. It was a high time for me to get to go in the wagon with my grandfather to "peddle produce." I recall what my grandmother would say, "Give good measure, shaken down, and running over." She like to call

this "Methodist Measure". I have heard good Baptists, Presbyterians and others use this same expression. Doing just enough to get by is not Christian.

Jesus makes this clear in forgiveness. The question comes, "How many times must I forgive my brother, seven times?" Then with a breathtaking sweep Jesus declares, "Seven times? Seventy times seven!" What an insight into acute problems we face today.

There are those who carry an adding machine with them all the time. Have you ever heard someone say "I'll not invite them to my house again. I've had them over five times and they have only asked us three times!" To make it even worse this dwarfed spirit gets into religion and into the church. Cold chills run up and down your spine when someone blurts out, "Pray for them! Can you imagine them praying for me?" The other day a preacher said, "I'll not turn my hand to open the way for my successor; no one has ever cleared the way for me. He can make it on his own or not at all!" What a place to drop the word Jesus spoke urging His followers to pray for those who despitfully use you.

A Christian is always on the spot with Jesus' question, "What do ye more---?" To merely stop with custom or convention when there is more to be done leaves a feeling of guilt as we face the "law of the margin."

Thing of this in relation to the international situation; or within your own church; or even closer in your own home. The Jewish law could content itself with the first mile, but the Christian must always be ready to assume the second mile.

R. B.

Let The Children Come

(I want to introduce you to some of my special friends among the children that I know. The first in this series is about Sara Jane, and I have asked her mother, Mrs. W.J. Lester, Jr., Camden, Ark. to tell you about her. . . . Aunt Feather)

Sara Jane is a twelve year old friend who lives with her mother, daddy and three year old brother in a home she calls "Happy House." When she was in the second grade in Sunday School she learned a song which said "Every morning seems to say there's something on the way, and God sends love to you." This must be "her song" because several mornings a week she says, "I feel lucky today," and seven nights a week she's likely to say, "This was one of the best days I ever had."

Probably this is because of her friends. When a newcomer asks why she rolls herself in a wheel chair, walks in parallel bars, stands at an erector table or takes therapy she says "I have cerebral palsy, but don't worry. It isn't catching." After they see it doesn't bother her, they don't worry about it either. They join her and her best friends Sue and Gail for weiner roasts; record sessions; for playing office, disc jockey, hospital or teenager; for baby-sitting at the health unit with smaller c.p. children, visiting her grandparents, have slumber parties at her granddaddy's lake house, splashing in her plastic pool, or just visiting.

Maybe she's usually happy because she's in the habit of saying, "Well, that's all right" when there are things that can't be changed to suit her. She wishes she could walk. She works hard to make her wish come true, but while she's waiting to see if her muscles are too badly affected to make this wish come true she just enjoys what she can do.

She likes the Bible verse "The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord." Friends, she thinks, are part of His lovingkindness.

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No man ever makes a more important decision than that one he makes when he decides what his attitude toward money is to be.

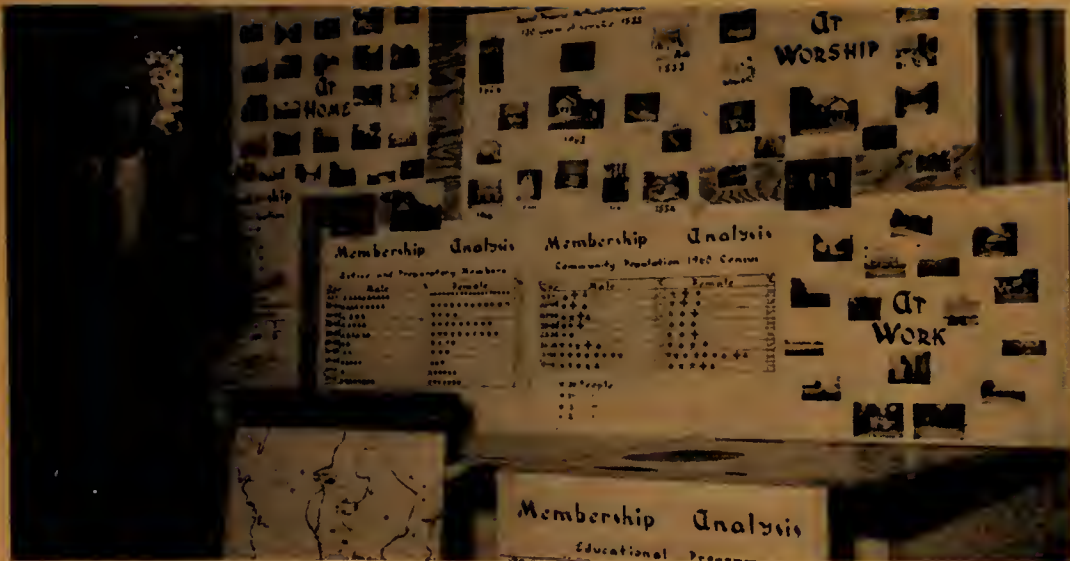
Poem For The Week

HE ONLY WITHHOLDS HIS HAND

We often wonder why God permits
Such suffering among mankind,
From Genesis to Revelation
The cause is clearly defined.
He made us free moral agents,
Gave us the privilege of making a choice
A conscience through which He guides us,
If we will listen to the still small voice.

He is a God of love, not a tyrant
Because he allows these things,
I am sure it hurts Him deeply
For the suffering disobedience brings.
"What-so-ever Ye sow, that shall Ye also reap"
When will we ever understand?
God doesn't send these judgements on us,
He only withholds His hand.

by Clara K. Rhodes



THE REV. THERON MCKISSON, pastor of the Boeuf Prairie Church Monroe District is shown with the display of this "Town and Country Church of Year" at conference.



BISHOP WALTON receives the Class In Full Connection during the opening session of the conference.

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Conference Proceedings

THURSDAY:

Devotional: Bishop Walton conducted the devotional on the theme, "Might in Meekness."

The Louisiana Methodist: R. Leonard Cooke moved the adoption of the report and presented Alfred A. Knox, who reported on the work of The Louisiana Methodist. He in turn introduced Ewing T. Wayland, who represented the Methodist Publishing House.

Public Relations and Methodist Information: Lael S. Jones, chairman, presented the report of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information. Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, director, made a visual presentation of her work.

Deaconess Board: Miss Sheila Nuttall gave the report of the Deaconess Board and the following deaconesses stood before the conference for recognition: Miss Faye Daves, Miss Norma Garlington, Mrs. Helen G. Harris, Miss Evelyn Murphree, Miss Wilma Snare and Miss Sophai Kuntz.

Insurance: R. M. Bentley and A. D. St. Amant, Jr., presented the insurance committee report.

Worship: James E. Christie made the report for the Commission on Worship.

Christian Vocations: Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, chairman, of the Committee on Christian Vocations reported for this group.

One Thousand Club: Mr. Howard

L. Daughenbaugh, Sr. gave the report of the One Thousand Club Committee.

Town and Country Commission: Garland C. Dean and Richard K. Friedrich reported for the Town and Country Commission. Included in their report was recognition of the following outstanding rural churches of the year: Hopewell, on the Elizabeth Charge, Ira Robinson, pastor; Lee's Landing, Pontchatoula Charges, Carey Martin, pastor; Church Point, Charles H. Giesen, pastor; Raymond, Dan M. Tohline, pastor; Boueuf Prairie, Theron McKisson, pastor; and Belcher-Gilliam, C. B. Krumnow, pastor.

Retirement: The following ministers were voted the retired relationship: Clyde T. Shaw, W. O. Lynch, Sr., J. A. Knight, R. L. Clayton, Sr., W. R. Wendt and R. H. Staples. The men present, with their wives, were presented to the conference for proper recognition. Certificates and pins were presented by the Board of Pensions.

Evangelism Hour: James T. Harris, conference secretary of evangelism, presided during the hour given to the report of the Board of Evangelism and the Commemoration of Aldersgate. Loyd Williams read the report. Dr. William R. Cannon, the conference preacher, delivered a message on Aldersgate.

Board of Missions Charter: The conference took proper action to adopt the charter by which the conference Board of Missions will be incorporated.

Episcopal Residence: The Rev. Benedict A. Galloway presented the report of the Episcopal Residence Committee.

Board of Education Report No. 2: Bentley Sloane, made his report as executive secretary of the Board of

Education. Following this report, B. C. Taylor, chairman of the board, presented him with a plaque in recognition of fifteen years of "distinguished service" in that position.

Area Council: Bentley Sloane presented the constitution of the Area Council, which was adopted by the conference.

Bishop Walton announced to the conference the appointment of K. G. Rorie as associate director of the Area Council, and the entire staff was introduced.

Christian Social Concerns: Douglas E. Jackson, chairman, guided the presentation of the report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. Speaking to the report were Beverly E. Bond, J. P. Woodland and Spencer Wren.

Sympathy: The conference expressed sympathy for the death of the father of Dr. T. R. Weber, and for the death of Mr. J. C. Love's daughter's father-in-law.

Resolutions: Mr. Sam White directed the presentation of report of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials.

Consecration and Recognition: Being presented by Lars Broadus, Bishop Walton consecrated Miss Joe Marie Ellett a Director of Christian Education, and Carl F. Lueg, Jr. a minister of music.

Student Center Buildings: Jack S. Winegeart and Spencer Wren presented the report of the Commission on Student Center Buildings.

Minimum Salary: J. J. Caraway moved the adoption of the report of the Commission on Minimum Salary.

Historical Commission: R. L. Clayton Sr. read the report of the Historical Commission.

Ordination Service: Dr. William R. Cannon preached the Ordination Service, after which Bishop Walton ordained those who had previously been elected to Deacons and Elders Orders.

FRIDAY:

Devotional: Bishop Walton led in the morning devotional.

Presentation of Delegates: Bishop Walton presented to the conference the lay and clerical delegates elected to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

Board of Missions Report No. 2: A. M. Brown led in the presentation of Report No. 2 of the Board of Missions, which presented the emphasis on "Our Mission Today." Speaking to the report were Henry A. Rickey, Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and Douglas McGuire.

Conference Study Committee: W. E. Trice made the report for the Conference Study Committee and the conference moved to continue the committee for another year.

Urban Work: B. A. Galloway and Thomas Madron made the report for the Committee on Urban Work.

World Service and Finance: Guy M. Hicks, chairman, and John Koelemay, secretary, made the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

Courtesies: Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. made the report of the Committee on Courtesies.

The conference voted to hold its next session at Centenary College, Shreveport.

Appointments: Bishop Walton read the appointments and the conference adjourned following the singing of the traditional hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have."



MINISTERS WHO RETIRED at conference are shown with their wives: the Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Clayton, the Rev. and Mrs. W.R. Wendt, and the Rev. and Mrs. R.H. Staples and the Rev. and Mrs. James A. Knight.



THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION of Thursday evening was one of the high moments of the conference. This shows Bishop Walton as he ordained the elders.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Officers Installed Ingleside, Baton Rouge



NEW OFFICERS of the Ingleside Woman's Society in Baton Rouge are, from left: Mrs. W.W. Mills, recording secretary; Mrs. Don Olney, outgoing president; Mrs. Rodney Rippel, president; Mrs. Ralph Phillips, treasurer; Mrs. Stan Routh, vice-president; and Mrs. T. Luster James, district president.

Mrs. T. Luster James, president of the Baton Rouge district Woman's Society of Christian Service, conducted a WSCS Pledge Service and Installation at Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, as the evening of May 28.

Mrs. Rodney Rippel was installed as president during the sanctuary ceremony, which followed a dinner held in the church annex. After the installation Mrs. Rippel made an acceptance speech of dedication for herself and her officers.

Mrs. James pointed out that the Woman's Society members were there not only to install officers but to "pledge our prayers, our services, and out gifts to God."

She stressed that Christian service had been far-reaching because of Woman's Society funds contributed toward three investments. The well-spent money in these categories had caused "more doors to be opened than our fathers dreamed of," Mrs. James said.

Missions Project for Primaries at Wesley Church, DeRidder

The Primary Class of Wesley Methodist Church in DeRidder recently completed a study-project of Korean missionary work.

Under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Parrish, teacher, each pupil built a hut (of cardboard and pine needles). After assembling the village of huts, the children enacted the role of Korean children who learned about Jesus in the forbidden missionary's tent outside the village. The Korean children persuaded their parents to build a church in the center of the village, so the Wesley primaries erected a church in their village.

Not content with "play-acting", the primaries then decided to help a real Korean church, and pennies were brought to buy books for one. These were presented to their pastor, the Rev. Raymond Crofoot, to be forwarded to Korea.

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Representing these investments on the program were Mrs. Don Olney, United States investments; Mrs. W. W. Mills, overseas investments in 32 countries; and Mrs. W. W. Hyde, Christian social relations. Following Mrs. James' talk members of the group placed pledge cards on the altar railing.

David Camp sang the hymn of dedication, which was "My Task," and was accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Lee Toney.

Secretaries installed were the following: Christian social relations, Mrs. J. F. Pierson; promotion, Mrs. Harvey G. Williamson; missionary education and service, Mrs. Don Olney and Mrs. Thurman Bailey; student work, Mrs. H. A. Trouard; youth, Mrs. E. B. Townsend; children's work, Mrs. Keith Williams; spiritual life, Mrs. Sharp Stafford; literature, Mrs. E. R. Nilson; supply work, Mrs. Carl Turnley; and local church activities, Mrs. H. P. Bash-ear.

Parsonage co-ordinators for the year are Mrs. W. W. Hyde and Mrs. Don Olney. Mrs. P. C. Robert, Jr. is in charge of publicity.

New leaders of Ingleside's circle groups are: Mrs. H. P. Brashear, Circle No. 1; Mrs. John Washington, Suzanna Wesley Circle; Mrs. Sharp Stafford, Dot Routh Circle; Mrs. Henry Crouch, Rosemary Cady Circle; and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Lydia Circle.



MRS. DON OLNEY receives a past-president's pin from Mrs. Harvey G. Williamson, wife of Ingleside's minister.

Asbury, Lafayette

Officers for the Asbury Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service, Lafayette, were installed during the Sunday Worship Service.

Serving as president is Mrs. Bryan W. Yates; vice president, Mrs. W. R. McClelland; secretary, Mrs. Trevor Beecham; treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Bryan. Secretaries are as follows: children's work, Mrs. J. E. Siegmund; literature, Mrs. W. E. Parker; missionary education, Mrs. Robert McCammon; promotion, Mrs. R. C. Croom; spiritual life, Mrs. George Sutton; student work, Mrs. Otis Solomon; supply work, Mrs. Ben Falconer; youth work, Mrs. P. L. Gillis; Christian social relations, Mrs. R. L. Slingerland; local church activities, Mrs. C. O. Childress. The Circle leaders are Mrs. W. J. Ainsworth, Mrs. R. G. Bryan, Mrs. C. O. Childress and Mrs. A. R. Riley.

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Spotlight on Deaconess Work

The Need Continues

By Richard H. Bauer

(Editor's Note: Dr. Bauer is executive secretary of the Methodist Church's Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations. The Committee has the responsibility for seeing that the philosophy of Christian vocation and the opportunities and the challenge of church vocations are regularly presented to the youths and adults of the Church.)

The Methodist Church has been the richer because of the deaconesses. Beginning as a movement in the United States in 1888 these women have transformed the lives of countless numbers of people, have organized institutions to care for the needs of humanity and have borne a Christian witness in all conditions of society.

To know a Methodist deaconess is to be in association with "a woman who has been led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christlike service under the direction of the church." To work with a deaconess is to experience the outward glow of a "warmed heart" which knows no barrier of service in its desire to make Jesus Christ known to people.

Across Methodism today there are hospitals, community centers, and affiliated agencies which came into being because of the work of Methodist deaconesses. There are inner city ministries being performed because a Methodist deaconess walked the lonely streets, climbed tenement stairwells, and ministered to the sicknesses of society. There are rural parish programs of Christian education moving forward because a Methodist deaconess, trained in educational procedures, travelled the country lanes and visited the farm houses to witness for the Christian gospel. There are suburban churches with an increased number of families in their fellowship because a deaconess parish visitor persistently called to share with them the mission of the church.

Golden Meadow

The Golden Meadow Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met May 16 to install their new officers, following a short business meeting. Installed were: Mrs. Mary Coles, president; Kitty Byers, vice president; Irene Nichols, secretary; Rosa Roberts, treasurer; Alice Williams, promotion; Margaret Parrish, spiritual life; Lillian Guidry, supply; Mary Bernard, missionary education; Esther Toups, literature; Hazel Hunter, children; Marion Charpentier, Christian Social relations.

The new president, Mary Coles, presented Mrs. Herrin a gold past President pin in shape of the W.S.C.S. emblem for her years of devoted service.

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To say a Methodist deaconess has sacrificed is to belittle the essence of her commitment and devotion. Working as she often has on limited material resources, she has nonetheless found joy in her deep concern for people. Happily the church has improved her salary standards and she currently benefits from the placement service offered by the Commission on Deaconess Work.

For 75 years these women have been and are continuing faithfully to serve through The Methodist Church. It is with every hope that their number will significantly increase in the next 75 years. The services they have rendered have in no way decreased, rather have the needs grown.

The relationship of the Methodist deaconess signifies an office in the church through which an unordained, commissioned woman may use her Christian vocation in a variety of ways. Because a deaconess is not a "kind of work" but a "kind of person" she has opportunity to serve in many different fields. Though altered in degree and specific application the same basic needs are current today to challenge women to consider becoming a deaconess in The Methodist Church.

Deaconesses are needed in rural church and community work where rapid social change calls for understanding, evaluation, and creative planning.

Deaconesses are needed in inner city situations where fear and unrest undermine thousands of families, where employment of mothers leaves many children without adequate care, where older people develop a sense of loneliness, and where juvenile delinquency takes on new dimensions.

Deaconesses are needed in educational work where young people are struggling with new ideas, where decisions are being made regarding the investment of life, and where institutions can and should become strong agencies for reconciliation.

Deaconesses are needed in social welfare work where qualified directors of religious and social activities, case workers, and houseparents are in great demand.

Deaconesses are needed in local churches where neighborhoods are changing new communities arising, and where expanding services require directors of Christian education, parish workers, secretaries and other trained workers.

Deaconesses are needed for health services in hospitals, in children's homes, in homes for older people, and in schools.

Who can qualify? A committed Christian woman preferably 25 to 35 years of age with good health, and emotional stability a love for people and ability to work with them, and an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college plus additional specialized training. Adequately prepared women continue to be needed to develop programs which have qualities and values essential to the evolvement of a Christian community.

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APPOINTMENTS

Student, Saint Paul School of Theology
Methodist, Kenneth Norton
District Director, Church School Administration, George Harkins
District Director, Youth Work, John Hassler
District Director, Adult Work, W. R. Irving
District Director, Christian Vocations, Oscar Cloyd
District Director, Christian Social Concerns, Robert Holladay
District Director, Evangelism, Lonnie M. Sibley
District Director, The Louisiana Methodist, J. Vernon Fairley
District Missionary Secretary, Arthur M. Baker
District Secretary, Stewardship, J. Woodrow Hearn
District Secretary, Town and Country Work, C. B. Krumnow
District Secretary, Worship, Warren Blakeman

NORTH ARKANSAS

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District Superintendent,
Elmo A. Thompson, 3
Antioch-Rosebud, (Marvin Thompson), 2.
Associate, (Owen Washburn), 2.
Bald Knob-Russell, Sam Teague, 1.
Batesville, Asbury, Calvin Mitchell, 1.
Central, Dewey Dark, 2.
First, J. Albert Gatlin, 1.
Beebe, Gerald Hammett, 1.
Cabot, Gail Anderson, 5.
Calico Rock, (Lee Anderson), 1.
Associate, (Mrs. Lee Anderson), 1.
Cave City, (Gerald Martin), 4.
Clinton Larger Parish, Clyde Crozier, 3.
Associate, Woodrow Woods, 1.
Assistant, (Jack Blume), 1.
Clebourn County, (Cecil Harrison), 1.
Associate, (Ramsey Woodall), 1.
Associate, (Thomas Cowan), 1.
Cotton-Bull Shoals, W. Roy Moyers, 1.
Desha, (Lowell Eaton), 1.
Evening Shade, (Lindsey Rowland), 1.
Griffithville, Everne Hunter, 3.
Heber Springs, Bill Wilder, 5.
Izard County, (Fred Thompson), 2.
Associate, (Mrs. Fred Thompson), 2.
Judsonia, (C. L. Martin), 3.
Kensett, (Leon Gilliam), 4.
Marshall-Leslie, (Carl Strayhorn), 3.
McRae, (Orvil Stahl), 1.
Melbourne, Harold Bailey, 2.
Moorefield, (Oliver Logan), 3.
Mt. Home, Maurice Lanier, 5.
Mt. View, (John Sandage), 4.
Newark, Rolland Darrow, 2.
Pleasant Plains, (Eugene Miser), 2.
Associate, (Claud Masters), 1.
Salem, Kenneth Renfro, 2.
Searcy, First, Archie N. Boyd, 1.
Searcy, Grace, Arvest Lawson, 5.
Deaconess, First Methodist Church, Searcy, Leota Kruger, 3.
Chaplain, U. S. Army, Robert B. Howerton, 4.
Student, Garrett School of Theology, Harold Wells, 3.
Student, Candler School of Theology, C. Waymon Hollis.
Bridwell Library, Page Thomas, 3.

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District Superintendent,
J. Ralph Hillis, 1.
Adona-Biglow-Houston, TBS.
Atkins-Pottsville, B. Vernon Dennis, 1.
Belleville Circuit, (J. T. Holland), 2.
Conway First Church, Myers B. Curtis, 3.
Faulkner County Parish, J. Hillman-Byram, 2.
Student Assistant, (Jerry Nichols), 1.
Student Assistant, (Carl Crider), 1.
Danville-Waltreak, C. H. Farmer, 4.
Dardanelle Parish, Brady Cook, 4.
Student Assistant, (Charles Chastain), 1.
Jacksonville, Clyde Parsons, 1.
Morrilton Parish, G. B. Ames, 3.
Student Assistant, (James Brooks), 1.

North Little Rock:
Amboy-Bethel, Dois Kennedy, 2.
First Church, Rufus Sorrells, 1.
Gardner Memorial, W. O. Scroggin, Jr., 1.

1. Lakewood, Worth W. Gibson, 2.
Levy, A. C. Brannon, 4.
Rose City-Beacon, Virgil Bell, 2.
Sylvan Hills, Hubert Pierce, 2.
Washington Avenue, Aaron Barling, 2.
Ola-Plainview, Jim Pollard, 1.
Perryville-Oppello-Perry, L. F. Lafeyers, 2.
Plumerville-Morrilton-2nd Church, Lewis V. Chesser, Jr., 1.
Russellville First Church, John B. Hays, 1.
Wesley-Doer Parish, Clint W. Good, 1.
Student Assistant, (Von Dell Mooney), 1.
Extension Churches:
Vilonia, (E. B. Williams), 4.
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Director, Wesley Foundation, ASTC, Conway, Vernon Anderson, 4.
Director, Wesley Foundation, Ark. Tech., Russellville, Travis Williams, 1.
Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Ira A. Brumley, 33.
Associate Secretary, Board of Education, Bob Edwards, 3.
Area Executive Secretary, Town & Country, Elmer J. Hollifield, 4.
Professor, Hendrix College, Robert W. Goodloe, Jr.
Professor, Hendrix College, James S. Upton, 21.
Editor, Christian Advocate, Ewing T. Wayland, 3.
Editor, Arkansas Methodist, Alfred A. Knox, 3.
Editor, Music Ministry, V. Earl Copes, 5.
Chaplain, Methodist Hospital, Memphis, George E. Stewart, 4.
Chaplain, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, James Clemons, 1.

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Brightwater, (Rayburn S. Jackson), 2.
Centerton, Joe A. Hutto, 1.
Decatur, Aubra O. Hays, 5.
Elm Springs, (Wilbert R. Freagan), 1.
Eureka Springs, Luther K. Wilson, 3.
Farmington, (Desmond Heyliger), 3.
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Central, Harold O. Eggenesperger, 4.
Associate, Terrell Voss, 1.
Trinity, Joseph E. Taylor, 5.
Wiggins, Earl Hughes, 5.
Gentry, M. L. Kaylor, 2.
Goshen, (James R. Tripp), 2.
Gravette, M. L. Edgington, 3.
Green Forest, Farrell Hatch, 1.
Harrison
First, J. Clarence Wilcox, 5.
St Paul Parish, Raymond Hawkins, 4.
Associate, (Victor Phillips), 3.
Associate, J. Clarence Wilcox, 1.
Asst., TBS.
Lincoln, Wayne C. Jarvis, 2.
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Morrow, (S. O. Patty), 2.
Newton County, Vann Hooker, 1.
Pea Ridge, (Charles P. Reed), 3.
Prairie Grove, Harvey Habelwood, 3.
Rogers
Central, Dan R. Robinson, 1.
Siloam Springs, Floyd Villines, Jr., 3.
Springdale
First, Ethan W. Dodgen, 2.
Associate, J. Leon Wilson, 2.
Wesley, (Britt Cordell), 3.
Springtown, (David Halls), 2.
Sulphur Springs, (Kenneth Nesbitt), 3.
Yellville, Ray Edwards, 2.
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Bland Chapel, TBS
Shiloh, John S. Workman, 5.
Wedington, TBS
Winslow, Joseph E. Taylor, 3.
Deaconess
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Ministers to Students
Wesley Foundation, Fayetteville,
James E. Loudermilk, Director. A. W. Martin, Asso. Director.
Superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly, E. G. Kaetzell.
Chaplain, U. S. Air Force, Willie L. Walker, J. Rudolph Woodruff.
Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Marvest Lawson,
General Board of Pensions, Samuel P. Auslam.
Student, St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Lawrence Dodgen, Daniel H.

Evans.

Student, Houston Institute of Religion,
James T. Randle.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT, 4

District Superintendent, Virgil D. Keeley, 4.
Aubrey Charge, (James Robnolt), 2.
Augusta-Fitzhugh, Leonard Byers, 4.
Brinkley-Brasfield, Charles Lewis, 2.
Cherry Valley, Lon Brewer, 5.
Clarendon-Shiloh, H. L. Robison, 5.
Colt Charge, Lester Nance, 3.
Cotton Plant-Hunter, W. T. Longo, 2.
Crawfordsville, Uriah Smith, 2.
Earle, Willis Harl, 1.
Elaine Charge, Wendell Dorman, 4.
Forrest City, S. B. Wilford, 8.
Helena, David P. Conyers, 1.
Holly Grove, John Chapman, 5.
Hughes, Raymond Dorman, 2.
Marianna-Haynes, W. A. Stewart, Jr., 4.
Marion, Harold Womack, 2.
Marvell-Turner, (Willis Le Grand) 1.
McCrary-Fakes Chapel, Pharis Holifield, 5.
Parkin, J. J. Vlack, 1.
Turrell, (E. E. Stcxenson), 5.
Vandale Charge, (Kern Johnson), 4.
West Helena, James M. Meadors, 5.
West Memphis
First, Alf Eason, 1.
Rosewood, James Beal, 3.
Wheatley, Bob Orr, 3.
Widener Charge, James Keith, 2.
Wynne, John McCormack, 1.
Whitehall-Devew, (Edgar Henderson), 5.

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District Superintendent, J. Cammel English, 2.
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Alma, (W. T. Watson), 4.
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Booneville, William A. Cheyne, 2.
Branch, (Charles E. Reed), 1.
Cavanaugh, TBS.
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Clarksville, Henry Goodloe, 1.
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First Fred G. Roebuck, 20.
Goddard Memorial, J. E. Dunlap, 3.
Hendricks Hills, William C. Haltom, 1.
Midland Heights, James R. Chandler, 3.
Massard, (Felix Holland), 1.
St Mark, (Dave Smitherman), 1.
St Paul, Harold Spence, 1.
Wesley, Allen E. Hillard, 3.
Wyatt Memorial, (Bennie G. Ruth), 3.
Greenwood, J. E. Linam, 4.
Hartford Charge, (M. B. Short), 2.
Hartman Charge, Fern Cook, 6.
Kibler Charge, (A. Raymond Brooks), 2.
Lamar Charge, (Carl V. Matthews), 4.
Lavaca, J. M. Rogers, 4.
Magazine Charge, Frank Shell, 2.
Mansfield-Huntington, (Otha Strayhorn), 2.
Milltown-Washburn, (Jerry Eubanks), 1.

1. Mountain View, (M. C. Bevins), 5
Mulberry, (Olen R. Findley), 3.
New Hope, (J. C. Wright), 1.
Ozark, William C. Hightower, 2.
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In Memoriam



Miss Ella Dean

Funeral services for Miss Ella K. Dean, daughter of the late Horace Abbott and Elizabeth Dean, formerly of Camden, Arkansas, and granddaughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Dean, early missionaries to India were held February 23, at First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, by the Rev. Alvin C. Murray, Pastor.

Miss Dean at the time of her death was Home Economics Instructor at Clinton, Missouri High School and teacher-trainer for Central Missouri College at Warrensburg, Missouri. She was also superintendent of the senior department of the church school in the Clinton Methodist Church. She grew up and graduated from high school in Camden, Arkansas. She received her B.S. Degree from Texas Woman's University at Denton, and her Masters' degree from the University of Tennessee. She did graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Following in the footsteps of her missionary grandparents, when quite young she dedicated her life to Christian service. Later she decided her mission would be to help girls and boys learn to establish Christian homes, stressing right family relationships and sound management through her home economics classes, which became her life work. She began teaching in Magnolia in what is now Southern State College. She then taught in Little Rock at Pulaski Heights Junior High School and Central High School.

In 1937 she was sent by the Board of Education to Fayetteville as itinerant teacher-trainer of home economics education, located at the University of Arkansas. In 1940 she was made supervisor of home economics for northeast Arkansas district, where she served until the state setup was changed in 1955. In 1956 she accepted the position with the Clinton Senior High School, Clinton, Missouri.

Mr. Murray in his address stressed the point that through the thousands of pupils in her classes, student teachers under her training, teachers under her supervision, P.T.A. officers and members, her influence for good will lives on forever, and thus she will live on forever, immortal.

She is survived by two sisters Mrs. Curtis Belin, Sr., and Mrs. James H. McCulley, both of Helena, Arkansas; a brother, Mr. H. W. Dean, Russellville, Arkansas; and a large number of nieces and nephews.

—Beulah Smith



REVIVE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE

Radiating from his own City Road Chapel, London, to be the "utmost parts of the earth" fresh currents of the spiritual warmth that once filled John Wesley's heart were experienced on May 24 by Methodists throughout the world.

Observances were held on all continents and in more than 60 countries of the 225th anniversary of the experience in Aldersgate Street, London, that changed the life and mission of Methodism's founder.

JUNE 13, 1963

World Service Report

"We have a real possibility of reaching our World Service goal for the year," said the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of The Methodist Church's Council on World Service and Finance, as he announced receipts for 11 months of the current fiscal year.

His report for the period from June 1, 1962, through April 30, 1963, was released May 3. It showed gains in 10 of the 11 general benevolence and administrative funds. Only the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry was lagging, with a 3.73 per cent decrease from the 11-month period of last fiscal year.

World Service receipts for the 11 months of the current year totaled \$11,734,336.05. This was an increase of 1.68 per cent over the \$11,540,350.71 received during the first 11 months of last fiscal year. Goal for the year is \$15,000,000.

Dr. Cooke's report for the 11-month period, with comparisons for the same 11 months a year ago, follows:

World Service	\$11,734,336.05—up	1.68%
General Advance Specials		
World Missions	5,530,712.20—up	9.78%
National Missions	1,126,829.79—up	13.04%
Overseas Relief	910,529.20—up	49.53%
One Great Hour of Sharing	350,975.25—up	43.3 %
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	768,224.40—up	4.14%
Methodist Television-Radio Ministry	192,950.37—down	3.73%
World Service Specials	121,381.91—up	107.19%
Episcopal Fund	1,602,795.51—up	5.53%
General Administration Fund	678,498.24—up	2.1 %
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	409,385.18—up	1.81%

JUNE 17 - FOR OLDER YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Graduate Workshop

In cooperation with Perkins School of Theology, the Older Youth/Young Adult Project staff will hold a graduate workshop on The Church's Ministry to Older Youth/Young Adults, June 17-28, 1963, Dallas, Texas. It is significant that Dallas has the third highest percentage of young adults in the nation and furnishes a good clinical situation for study.

The leadership will be provided by Dr. Howard Grimes, professor of Christian education at Perkins School of Theology, Reverend Allen J. Moore and Reverend Charles E. Mowry, staff, Older Youth/Young Adult Project, General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, and other resource persons from Southern Methodist University and other agencies in Dallas.

The workshop is to be a graduate course in Perkins School of Theology summer session and is open only to graduates of recognized colleges or universities. Consideration will be given to non-graduates who are working professionally with persons in early adulthood. Specifically, it is an intensive two-week workshop for pastors, campus ministers, Christian education workers and others. Two hours of graduate academic credit is available to qualified persons.

The areas of concern include:

1. The knowledge of young adults and their social-cultural world.
2. The contemporary dilemma of the church and young adult work. This might include barriers to the church's work, social-cultural factors and an understanding of the situation as it now exists in many local churches.
3. The nature of ministry and the means by which ministry takes place.
4. Designing and implementing programs, including retreats, study groups, apartment ministries, etc.
5. Leadership development, or what kind of leadership is needed and how it can be developed with young adults in a local church.

The major themes are as follows:

1. A theological foundation for the

church's work with young adults.

2. A social-cultural analysis of urban society in which young adults live.
3. Religious and psychological development of persons in the early adult years.
4. Criteria for maturity.
5. New patterns for ministry, such as the laity.
6. Whole problem of communication.

The organizing concept for the workshop is to find the intersection between the church and its ministry and the world of early adulthood through theory sessions, work groups and practicums, fields and clinical experiences, reading and personal study, audio-visual reviews, and personal consultation with workshop leaders. Each participant will be asked to write a brief paper on some aspect of the workshop. The workshop will emphasize the involvement of participants in experiences typical of young adult life in order to secure new data or to test theories.

Applications are presently being received and registration procedures are underway through the direction of Mr. C. Wayne Banks, Director of Academic Procedures, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

The cost of the workshop including tuition, room and board is approximately \$110.00. Financial assistance is being made available to a limited number of participants on the basis of personal need and further potential in the older youth/young adult ministry. Additional information may be received by writing Allen J. Moore, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.



A religion that cannot cross the color line is hardly worth exporting.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

June 16—Sunday	Acts 9:1-9
June 17	Acts 9:10-22
June 18	Acts 9:23-31
June 19	Acts 20:17-38
June 20	I Cor. 3:1-7
June 21	2 Cor. 8:1-15
June 22	2 Cor. 8:16-24
June 23—Sunday	2 Cor. 9:1-15

John Q. Schisler Scholarships

The Board of Education of The Methodist Church has awarded five \$1,000 John Q. Schisler graduate scholarships for the 1963-64 school year to persons planning to be directors of Christian education.

The recipients are Miss Harriet L. Clendenin, formerly of Gallipolis, Ohio, and now a student at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.; Miss Joan G. Allen, formerly of Flemingsburg, Ky., now a student at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.; Miss Mary Louise Kesler, formerly of Atlanta and Winder, Ga., now a student at Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Miss Janice K. Kilmer, formerly of Hillsdale, Wisc., now a student at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; and Miss Nancy C. Newman, formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., now a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

The annual scholarships are named in honor of the Rev. Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, retired former executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church. They are for graduate study pointed primarily toward service in Christian education in the local church, and they may be awarded to either men or women.

Funds for the awards are contributed by Methodist churches through the annual Methodist Student Day offering. They are a part of the National Methodist Scholarship program.

JUNALUSKA ANNIVERSARY SET

In its 50th anniversary year, the Lake Junaluska (N.C.) Assembly will have this summer approximately 50 meetings and events and at least 100 principal speakers, including Billy Graham, who will speak July 7. Announcement of the 1963 Golden Anniversary program was made by the Rev. Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the assembly, which serves the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the church.

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Louisiana Annual Conference Pictures



BISHOP WALTON is seen as he led one of the morning devotional periods which meant so much to the delegates.



THOMAS A. PITT LEFT, is seen as he received from **Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr.**, the plaque designating him as the "layman of the Year" in the Louisiana Conference.



LAEL JONES, Baker, introduced **Dr. W.R. Cannon** at the Emory Dinner on Wednesday evening.



DR. B.C. TAYLOR, chairman of the Board of Education, presents **Dr. Bentley Sloan** with a plaque recognizing him for fifteen years service as executive secretary.



THIS TEAM WHICH presented the report on "Our Mission Today" will be leading in the training and presentation of this important study throughout the conference this year.



LAEL JONES, chairman of Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, assists **Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson** in a visual report of the work of her office.



THE TELLERS for election of delegates were the busiest group at conference. Here the clerical tellers are seen at work counting one of the ballots.



DR. W.E. TRICE leads in the report of the Committee on Memorials and Resolutions.



DR. DOUGLAS JACKSON presents the report of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns.



DR. KEITH MASON of Shreveport is shown as he delivers the message at the Board of Lay Activities Dinner.



BEING PRESENTED to the conference are the pastors and laymen from the district "rural churches of the year."



AMONG THOSE attending the recent banquet at Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation, honoring the June and August graduates were (l. to r.): Miss Nell Perryman, president of the foundation for last year; the Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr., director; Mrs. Luman E. Douglas; the Rev. Luman E. Douglas, district superintendent completing six years on this district; and Miss Edwina Whitman, president of the foundation for the new year.

Four Louisiana Methodists Will Attend NCC Assembly

Recent announcements of additional selections bring to four the number of Louisiana Methodists who will be members of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, which will meet in Philadelphia in December.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton announced recently that Judge Vinson M. Mouser of Columbia would be a delegate, following his election by the Council of Bishops. Also announced as a delegate is Dr. Douglas Jackson, who was named following his nomination by the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Previously announced as delegates were Mrs. Glen Laskey of Ruston and Dr. L. Keith Mason of Shreveport.

Judge Mouser made the following statement relative to his appointment:

"Generally, my present approach to my responsibility as a delegate to the General Assembly is in line with the recommendations of the Special Study Committee in its report to the 1962 Annual Conference. I believe that the National Council of Churches is a needed and effective agency of the constituent churches and that it has rendered valuable service in many areas in which effective work could not have been done by the individual churches.

"I do believe, however, certain apparent policies of the National Council of Churches require reconsideration and probably some change in direction, and that it is the duty of the Meth-

Bishop Has Surgery

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton is making excellent progress following major surgery at Foundation Hospital, New Orleans, Monday morning, June 17.

The word we have indicates that he will be in the hospital about ten days and will then be at home for some time thereafter for recuperation.

He is in Room 714, Foundation Hospital, New Orleans.

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One of the things that makes evangelism difficult is the multitude who prefers the darkness to the light.

odists to make their views on all matters dealt with by this organization effectively known, so that such views can be influential in shaping the policies and directing the activities of the organization."

Childrens Workers Conference

The Summer Conference for Children's Workers of Louisiana will be held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, July 2-3, according to Miss Shiela Nuttall, director of children's work for the Area Council.

The theme of the conference for this year will be "The Nature of the Church," and the resource leader for the two days will be the Rev. C. Ebb Munden III, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, New Orleans.

Housing headquarters will be at the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria, and persons planning to attend are requested to make their own reservations directly with the hotel.

The charge for the conference will be \$3.00 registration fee and twenty cents for insurance. Miss Nuttall an-

nounced that the following rates would prevail at the hotel: three or four persons to the room, \$3.00 per person; single (double bed, one person) \$5.00; double bed, 2 persons) \$7.00; twin (twin bed, 2 people) \$8.00.

The first session of the conference is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., July 2, and the meeting is to close at noon on July 3.

The announcement for the meeting indicated the following persons should plan to attend this important conference: teachers of children; superintendents of Children's Divisions; departmental superintendents; directors of children's choirs; pianists and song leaders working with children; secretaries who work with children; and parents of children up to twelve years of age.

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Full Program of Activities Announced for Mt Sequoyah

A full schedule of summer activities of The Methodist Church's South Central Jurisdiction will be held at Western Methodist Assembly on Mt Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. Dates for the conferences there have been announced by Dr Virgil D. Morris of Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the eight-state

Broadmoor Pastor And Wife Touring South America

Dr. and Mrs. James T. Harris of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, left Monday of last week on the first stage of a trip which will take them to the dedication of the new parsonage and agricultural center at Carabuco, Bolivia, where Carl and Julia Williams are the missionaries.

The Broadmoor Church has contributed a great deal of financial aid to the Williams since they have been in Bolivia, furnishing the funds with which the new parsonage has been built.

The center where the Williams work in an Indian town near Lake Titicaca, high in the Andes Mountains. The couple formerly operated a poultry farm near Ruston before going to the

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Jurisdictional Council, and the Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, superintendent of the Assembly.

The schedule opened with an interdenominational Southwest Missionary Conference June 8-14.

Other Methodist Jurisdictional meetings at Mt. Sequoyah follow:

June 21-23 — Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend.

June 24-29 — Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions.

July 5-7 — Laymen's Workshop

July 8-13 — Director's of Christian Education.

July 12-14 — Church School Administrators.

July 15-26 — Leadership and Laboratory School.

July 16-19 — Willson Lectures.

July 29-Aug. 1 — Christian Social Concerns Briefing Conference.

July 30 — M.Y.F. Regional Staff.

August 2-9 — M.Y.F. Regional Workshop.

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BOB PINEZADDLEBY, youth director of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, left, greets Miss Gayle Smith and the Rev. Loyd E. Williams, when the Senior Youth Department of Memorial Church, Monroe, attended that annual conference, May 31-June 2.

Editorials

The Supreme Court Decision

ALTHOUGH we have had plenty of warning, we were still shocked to hear on Monday of this week that the United States Supreme Court had voted 8 to 1 to outlaw Bible reading and the use of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools. The application of the principles enunciated in this opinion will eliminate every mention of the Christian religion from the atmosphere of public education. This can only have a negative influence on the character which we hope will be developed in our schools.

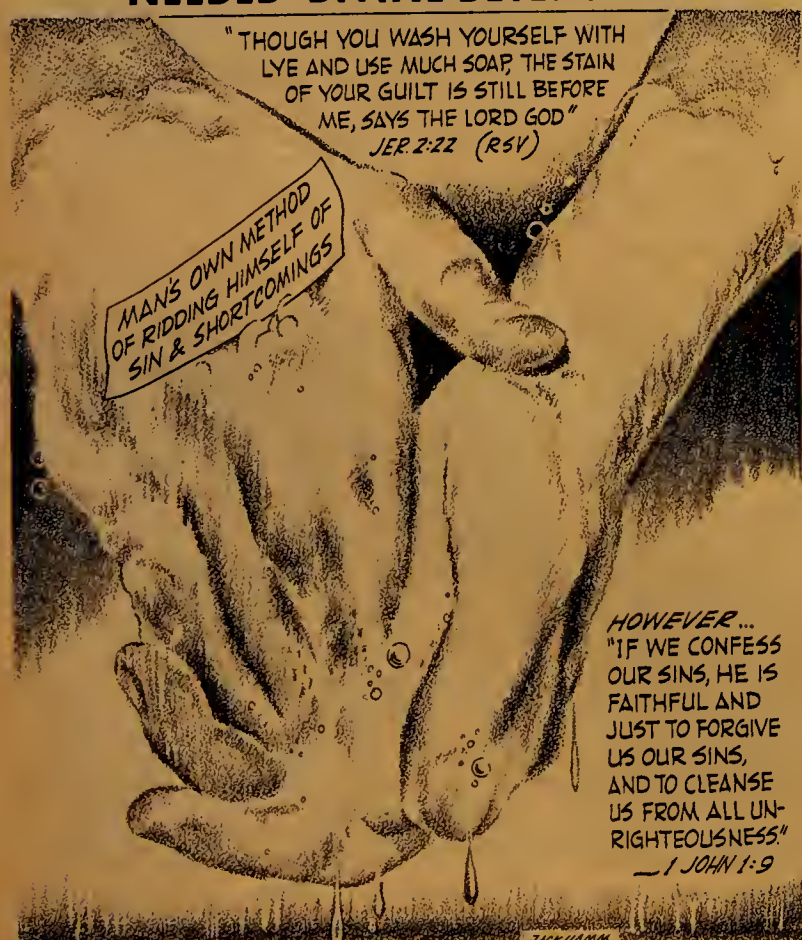
Although a number of denominational bodies have recently recommended such an opinion in what they consider an inevitable part of the separation of church and state, we can only see this opinion as a backward step. It means that a vast number of America's children will never be exposed to anything that resembles religion.

Mr. Justice Clark, in the majority opinion read Monday, said, "We have come to recognize through bitter experience that it is not within the power of government to invade the citadel of religion, whether its purpose of effect is to aid or oppose, to advance or retard." We are not versed in the fine points of constitutional law, but such a statement seems to us to be foreign to the provisions of the First Amendment which prohibits government assistance in the establishment of religion and bars any interference with the free exercise of religion.

What the Court seems to have done in this and several previous decisions is to give irreligion or anti-religion the same status as religion and rule that nothing should interfere with the free exercise of irreligion. We feel sure that the writers of the Constitution had no intention of providing such a guarantee.

Mr. Justice Stewart, who cast the lone vote against the decision, submitted a minority opinion in which he says that the records of the cases from Maryland and Pennsylvania on which the

NEEDED: DIVINE DETERGENT



opinion was rendered were "so fundamentally deficient as to make impossible an informal or responsible determination of the constitutional issue presented." He said, "Specifically, I cannot agree that on these records the establishment clause has necessarily been violated."

Even though this opinion applies only to schools that have been working under regulations which require Bible reading and the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, we feel that the trend in legal interpretation has been so established here that it will have the effect of practically eliminating such practices everywhere. This we feel will result in the creation of a background for education in which the forces of irreligion will be definitely aided. In substance we will be "establishing" irreligion as the official faith of the schools.

This opinion, when seen alongside the previous one concerning the Regents' Prayer in New York, seems to us to indicate a direction that we can only regret. Next we can expect actions which will bar the preacher as an assembly speaker, take all observances of Christmas and Easter from the schools, prohibit the singing of great anthems by school choral groups and mean the end of baccalaureate services for graduating classes, whether they be held inside or outside the school building.

We have come a long and sad way from the original purposes of our fathers who were primarily concerned that this nation be protected against the possibility of an official state church.

Needed Recognition

RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING of Boston has been most outspoken in his suggestions that something should be done about the position of the Roman Catholic Church toward mixed marriages. The Boston prelate said recently that there are "good reasons" why the non-Catholic partner in such a marriage should be relieved of the "famous promises" that have been required before such a ceremony.

Certainly this is the one thing that would do most to improve relationships between Protestants and Catholics. It has been here that we have found a major reason for feeling that the Protestant was denied his religious birthright by the Roman Catholic Church.

When the Cardinal was recently asked in an interview if he foresaw changes in that law through action of the Vatican Council, he replied, "Yes, if the Council is faithful to the pastoral approach that has been established, and which Pope John himself requested."

How the Protestant world would welcome such changes!



the EDITOR'S CORNER

FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

On of the most delightful experiences of recent weeks came last Saturday evening when our family joined with several others in a visit with a group of foreign students who are touring America under the program known as "Friendship Ambassadors."

Three fine young ladies, one from the Netherlands, one from Austria and one from Israel, completing one year of college training in this country, will spend the summer touring and then return to their homes. It is the purpose of the touring program to give them a more representative picture of the United States than a year on a college campus could do.

Miss Charlotte Bendsdorp of Holland, Miss Christine Grausam of Austria and Miss Smadar Eichanani of Israel were fine representatives of their countries and communicated to our families a warm sense of fellowship.

Many of you will have read in the current issue of Readers Digest of Harry Morgan, who is responsible for the "Friendship Ambassadors" program, which has its headquarters on the campus of MacAlester College, St. Paul, Minn. He is now developing a similar program which is bringing foreign journalists to this country to study, to work on American newspapers and to travel together.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis East were the hosts for the group, which is being guided by two very fine young ladies from St. Paul, Miss Kay Linde and Miss Judy Solum. We feel that they did an excellent job of giving them a picture of Little Rock. They went next to New Orleans and we know they added another jewel to their collection of memories in the "Crescent City."

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Conference Topic Ecumenical Age

LAKE JUNALUSKA N.C.—Methodists will examine their relationship to today's ecumenical movement at a conference here Aug. 4-7, sponsored by the World Methodist Council.

Both Catholics and Protestants will be heard concerning the Vatican Council, the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Conference and Methodism in many relationships to other churches.

The program for "Methodism in an Ecumenical Age" was announced by the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, American secretary of the World Methodist Council, who is at its headquarters at Lake Junaluska. Dr. Tuttle said that probably "no other denomination as yet has taken this close critical look at itself in the light of current ecumenical developments."

Keynote speaker Sunday evening will be Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Tex. He also will give the "Guidestones for the Future" address to close the conference Wednesday morning.

Interpretations of the Vatican Council will be given by Dr. Claud D. Nelson, retired international worker with students and in relief, who was a news reporter at the Rome meeting; Archbishop Paul A. Hallinan of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, and Bishop Fred P. Corson of the Philadelphia Area and president of the World Methodist Council. A round-table discussion also will include Dr. Outler, an observer at the council, and Miss Dorothy McConnell, New York, an editor of World Outlook magazine, who attended its sessions as a news reporter.

Relations to the World Council of Churches will be highlighted by Dr. Robert Bilheimer, Presbyterian, associate general secretary of WCC in Geneva, Switzerland. He will speak of the July World Faith and Order Conference at Montreal, Canada.



A MAJOR REPORT on Church-State relations was adopted by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at its 175th General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa. Among its statements was opposition to Bible reading and prayer in public schools when they are devotional acts. The document was introduced by Dr. Elwyn A. Smith, professor at Pittsburg (Pa.) Theological Seminary, left, chairman of the committee that worked three years on the study project. Other committee members, from left, Rev. David B. Watermulder of the Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Presbyterian church; Irvin W. Cobb, Jr., an attorney of Boston, Mass., and Prof. Benjamin Reist of the San Francisco (Calif.) Theological Seminary.

Oratorio Commemorating Wesley, His Transformation, Composed

A new contribution to Methodist music, an oratorio commemorating the religious transformation of John Wesley, has been composed by a University of Florida music professor.

The 45-voice oratorio, "Beyond Lies God," created by Russell L. Danburg, noted pianist and composer, was premiered May 26 at First Methodist Church here.

It commemorates the "heart-warming" religious experience of Wesley, founder of Methodism, at an Aldersgate Street prayer service in London on May 24, 1738.

Composer Danburg uses solos, narra-

tion, antiphonal voices and chorus to depict Wesley's religious awakening, beginning with the conflicts he faced before becoming a complete Christian and building to the revelation he experienced during the Aldersgate meeting.

The text, written by Mrs. Helen Jones, minister of music at Gainesville's First Church, is taken from the Bible, Wesley hymns and other writings of Wesley.

Danburg has composed more than 100 works, including 26 which have been published by major music companies.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

June 23 - Sun.	2 Cor. 9:1-15
June 24	1 Tim. 3:1-16
June 25	1 Tim. 4:1-16
June 26	2 John 1:1-13
June 27	3 John 1:1-15
June 28	Psalms 1:1-6
June 29	Psalms 2:1-11
June 30 - Sunday	Psalms 8:1-9

Communications Number One Problem Today

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"We need to fight for the right to communicate with others" because communication is the main problem in today's basic struggle, Harry Golden told an American University audience here (April 17).

Golden, editor, author and commentator on Jewish life and culture, said the Jewish contributions to culture have come about only after Jews have attained communication with other persons.

As part of the series of University Lectures on Religion, Golden said most Jews who came to the U.S. in the great immigration a half century ago "came for the same reason as the English came to Plymouth Rock—religious persecution" and not primarily because of poverty. This gave them an advantage in reaching middle class status within a generation, he added, plus the fact that "the immigrant doesn't think he is as good as the native, and this gives him extra vitality."

In other comments on the American scene, Golden noted:

Though not having a state church, "this is a Christian nation, in our habits and mores."

"Essentially Protestant pastors and rabbis have become invocation givers—the laymen make the speeches."

The lectures are sponsored by the Inter-Religious Club Council, led by Methodist student Charles Wilhelm of Libertyville, Ill., and the university chaplain's office.

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APPROVE TRANSFERS

The Delaware Annual Conference, meeting in Philadelphia recently, approved the transfer of eight of its churches in the New York metropolitan area to the predominantly white New York and New York East Conferences, which will be merged next year.

This is the most significant step so far in the denomination-wide effort to abolish the all-Negro Central Jurisdiction. The eight churches include some of the Delaware Conference's largest congregations. They are: Newman Memorial, John Wesley, and Redeemer Church in Brooklyn; Brooks Memorial, Jamaica; Butler Memorial, the Bronx; Trinity, White Plains; St. Matthew, Ossining; and St. Luke, New Rochelle. The vote was 150 to 74 for the transfer.



ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN American clergymen shown here will participate in an unprecedented international ministerial leadership program planned by The Methodist Church this summer. Beginning in mid-June they will serve as associate pastors to congregations, in the U.S. Their work will include preaching, teaching, pastoral calling, administration and counseling. Left to right, they are: The Rev. Dutta Kishore of India (who will preach in Pitman, N.J.); the Rev. Elijah Chimbanda, Southern Rhodesia (Guthrie Center, Iowa); the Rev. Alfred Katsande, Southern

Rhodesia (Lincoln, Neb.); the Rev. Samuel Jayakar, India (Geneva, Iowa); the Rev. Nason Madzinga, Southern Rhodesia (Mishawaka, Ind.); the Rev. Chang Ho Kim, Korea (Beaver, Pa.); the Rev. P. V. Isaac, India (Muncie, Ind.); the Rev. Inocencio Ayson, Philippines (St. Albans, W. Va.); the Rev. Francisco Pitty, Panama (Tampa, Fla.); the Rev. Tatsumasa Shirakawa, Japan (Roseburg, Ore.); the Rev. Samuel Muzulu, Southern Rhodesia (Cincinnati); the Rev. Hector Ocera, Philippines (Phoenix, Ariz.)

K. G. Rorie



Mr. Rorie

The Rev. K. G. Rorie, former pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church, was appointed to the new post of associate area director by Bishop Walton at conference.

On June 12 he assumed this new position along with the two other di-

rectors, Dr. J. Henry Bowden, Sr., Area Council Director, and Thomas A. Pitt, lay associate director.

Mr. Rorie has served as pastor of Morningsport Methodist Church, Wynn Memorial Church, Shreveport, and Haynesville. He is a native of Arkansas and attended public school in Texas. He graduated from Tarkio College, Tarkio, Mo.

He taught school in Missouri for two years and entered the Navy during World War II, serving four years of sea duty. He attained the rank of Lt. Commander and served as commanding officer of the USS Grainger.

On separation from the Navy he entered Perkins School of Theology and on graduation from that institution he came to the Louisiana Conference for appointment.

His father, a retired Methodist minister, and his mother, live in Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Rorie will live at 106 Ardmore, Shreveport. They have three sons, one of whom is a student at Louisiana Tech, Ruston.

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THE REV. JOHN HASSLER and Miss Sheila Nuttall are seen leading junior workers from New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts at Camp Istrouma. This was part of a training conference being held under the direction of the Rev. James Jones, Zachary, and the Rev. Robert Potter, New Orleans.

Tech Wesley Foundation Honors Graduates at Banquet

The Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation banquet honoring the June and August graduating seniors was held at

the Louisiana Tech Student Center on May 27. There were 76 present for the banquet including 55 graduating seniors and members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors. Miss Nell Perryman, Heflin, President of the Wesley Foundation for 1962-63, served as the mistress of ceremonies. The invocation was given by the Reverend Luman E. Douglas, Ruston District Superintendent.

After the delicious meal Miss Perryman gave a word of welcome to the guests and honored seniors. At this time she presented Miss Edwina Whitman, Hope, Arkansas, who will serve as the President of Wesley Foundation for 1962-1963. Miss Whitman spoke to those present regarding the work of the Council.

Miss Whitman and Miss Billie Vic Bozeman, Oil City, served as the Co-Chairmen for the banquet. Miss Whitman introduced "The Three Knights", James Pelton, Charles Dunlap, and Mike Waddey of the Sigma Nu fraternity who presented several vocal selections. Mrs. Fairy McBride, a member of the Louisiana Tech faculty who is retiring, was recognized for her several years as a member of the Board of Directors. After this Reverend M. Stokes, Jr., Director of the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation, Miss Whitman, and Miss Bozeman presented a gift to each senior with a personal statement of interest about each senior. Each senior was also presented with a diploma of recognition for the service rendered to the program and activities of Wesley Foundation.

Miss Whitman and Miss Bozeman escorted Reverend and Mrs. Luman E. Douglas to the speaker's stand. Reverend Stokes in behalf of all the members of Wesley Foundation presented to Reverend and Mrs. Douglas a silver vegetable dish in recognition of their outstanding leadership given to the Ruston District. Reverend Douglas is certainly to be commended for the splendid manner in which he has presented the program and activities of the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation to the churches of the Ruston District. Miss Perryman led the group in repeating the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation benediction.

Broadmoor Pastor

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Bolivian mission field, where their work is largely agricultural.

The travel plans of Dr. and Mrs. Harris called for them to fly from New Orleans to Guatamala City for a brief stay and then to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for three days. They will go from there to Cruz Alta in southern Brazil to visit with the Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Cady, missionaries from Louisiana who serve there.

Dr. and Mrs. Harris then will stop in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before going on to La Paz, Bolivia, where they will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Williams for the trip to Carabuco.

They will also stop in Lima, Peru, where they will take a side trip to visit Inca ruins in Peru's mountains. They will stop in Panama on their return trip. They plan to arrive home about July 4.

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Writes Article

Rev. John W. Hassler, minister of education at Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport, is the author of "The Director's Page" in the June issue of The Church School, a publication of The Methodist Church, published in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Church School is a monthly magazine. Its purpose is to help superintendents, pastors, commission on education chairmen, and other general officers in planning the total program of the local church school. It includes practical "how-to-do" articles, interpretations of the philosophy of Christian education, and offers help in long-range planning, in enlisting and training teachers, in training children and youth in church membership.

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THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of First Methodist Church, Many, recently visited the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston. They met with the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the home, in the chapel, and had the purposes and program of the home presented to them. Following this they toured the grounds and buildings. Accompanying the group were the Rev. W.H. Bengston, pastor, Mrs. Marion Tannehill, Mrs. Myra Lee McKaskle and Mrs. Glen Pares.

Mt. Sequoyah

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August 13-16 — Missionary Conference.

August 16-18 — Workshop on Missions for Local Church Commission.

August 19-22 — Conference on Evangelism.

Room assignments for these events are made through the administration office. Upon arrival, the individual should report to this office where he will pay the ground fee of \$1.00, purchase his meal tickets and get his room assignments.

Mt. Sequoyah is located within the city limits of Fayetteville. The mailing address is Western Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

A folder of each event can be obtained from Mr. Kaetzell.

In addition to the Mt. Sequoyah

meetings sponsored by the jurisdiction, there will be Supply Pastors Schools at Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas, which started June 10 and lasts until July 5, and another one starting July 15 continuing through August 9, and a Course of Study School at Saint Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, Mo., July 22 to Aug. 16.

Summer In England

Friends of the Reverend James C. Whitaker, formerly of the Louisiana Annual Conference, now serving as Minister of Evangelism of First Methodist Church, Westfield, New Jersey, will be interested to learn that Jim will participate in a summer study program for American clergy to be held at Mansfield College Oxford University, August 10-11.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE MEN'S CLUB OF Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, held their annual Fathers and Sons picnic at Kelly's Pond on June 12.

FATHER JAMES DOIRON, St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, spoke in the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, June 2 on the subject of "The Ecumenical Movement." The Rev. Henry Blount is the pastor.

THE SENIOR MYF of Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, went to Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, Saturday, June 8, for fellowship and recreation. Their pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

AT THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, May 19, at Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Mrs. E.W. Moore was presented a life membership pin by Mrs. Oren Kelsey, president of the WSCS. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

AT SLIDELL METHODIST CHURCH, a new Church School class has been organized for young adults and older youth. Mr. Bill Adams is the teacher and the name of the class is "The College and Career Class." The pastor is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

A RECENT ISSUE OF THE "NEWS" of Wisner Methodist Church recognized the following lay speakers who have assisted the pastor during the year: C. D. Coburn, Sr., J.C. Brewer, Jr., W.H. Roach and George Carroll. The pastor is the Rev. Paul Durbin.

MISS NORMA GARLINGTON, director of Education, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, has been selected to attend the National Workshop on Older Youth and Young Adult Work which is being held during June at Perkins School of Theology. The pastor of this church is Dr. Ben R. Oliphint.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored a potluck supper, June 12, in fellowship hall, welcoming the Rev. Reuel Allen and family, following his reappointment to this church for another year.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16, all the Methodist Churches of Lake Charles joined voices in a Hymn Festival in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church. The leader for the special occasion was the Rev. Alfred Haas of Drew University, Madison, N.J. The pastor of the host church is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

AT THE DOWNSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH the following new officers of the MYF were installed at the evening worship service, June 2: Carolyn McFarland, president; Frank McFarland and, vice-president; Fran Holman, secretary; Butch Farmer, treasurer; and Linda Merle Elliott, reporter.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS for the morning worship service at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, were given by the MYF of Pine Bluff, Mo., who recently used the Carrollton buildings during their visit in New Orleans. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

OFFICERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF First Methodist Church Natchitoches, for the new year are: W.A. Bradley, Jr., chairman; Sidney Evans, Jr., vice-chairman; Earl Breedlove, secretary; Mrs. Herschel Sandefur, financial secretary; A.J. Hargis,

treasurer; and Guy Nesom, charge lay leader. The pastor is the Rev. George Pearce, Jr.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC at First Methodist Church, Minden, was held Sunday afternoon, June 9 at Caney Lake Methodist Camp. Plans included a detailed tour of the camp for those members who had not previously visited it. The pastor is Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF Christian Service of Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, has elected the following officers for the new year: Mrs. William Van Santen, President; Mrs. Glen Taylor, vice-president; Mrs. G.E. Markland, treasurer; and Mrs. Q.C. Gilcrease, recording secretary. The Rev. Albert A. Collins is the pastor.

DOUGLAS HAYES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes, brought the message at the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Welsh, June 9, as Methodist Student Day was observed. Mrs. Henry Gillett worked with the students in the preparation of this program. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

MRS. D.V. LOFLIN has been serving as the director of the Vacation Church School at First Methodist Church, Monroe. Assisting her have been Mrs. Doug Byrd, Mrs. J.D. Montgomery, Mrs. Bill Kelly, Mrs. Pat Siudy, Mrs. A.E. Montgomery, Jr., and Mrs. C.W. Reppond. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

THE LOUISIANA MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Opelousas, in cooperation with the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in that city, was host to the graduating seniors of the Opelousas High School recently for an "all-night fellowship," following their graduation. The activities included games, weiner-roast, hay-ride, swimming and breakfast. The Rev. Henry Blount is the pastor.

THE MORNING CIRCLE OF the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Columbia Methodist Church and Mr. and Mrs. John J. McKeithen, Jr., have recently installed an air conditioner in the parsonage of this church. Mrs. McKeithen is chairman of this circle, and the family of the pastor, the Rev. Mims S. Robertson, are enjoying this improvement to their home.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, recently elected the following officers for the year: Edward McLellan, president; Rufus Alldredge, vice-president; and Francis Henry, secretary-treasurer. Special recognition and words of commendation were expressed to the retiring officers of the Board. The pastor is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

DR. THOMAS E. GLAZE, assistant to the director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, was the Layman's Day speaker at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, June 9. He spoke on the subject, "Lagging Laymen and Communism." He has served 27 years in the U.S. Army and at present is assistant Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army Reserve. The pastor of this church is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

THE SENIOR HIGH MYF of McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, held its installation for new officers on Sunday, May 29. The officers were presented by Dency Lewis, outgoing president, and Sylvia Smith. The new officers are: Gene Cheek, president; Joyce Bearden, first vice-president; Richard Morrow, second vice-president; Pam Kull, secretary; and Jerry Greene, treasurer.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS of Trinity Methodist Church Ruston, has announced plans to go to Petit Jean State Park, Arkansas, for a week of worship, study and fellowship, July 22-27. In addition to the normal schedule of events time is planned for the group to take advantage of the many recreational and scenic opportunities afforded by the park. Their pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS have been installed

for the Senior High MYF at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie: Jerry Frampton, president; Mike Thurber, vice-president; Diane Dunn, secretary; Donna Banks, treasurer; Troy Sumrall, MYFund treasurer; Carolyn Stone and Linda Rickson, publicity; Lee Wallace, faith; Roy Hollyfield, witness; Robert Watson, outreach; Howard Nobles, citizenship; and Doug Fyfe, fellowship. The pastor is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

MISS ALICE HERRINGTON has been employed by the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, as the organist for the morning worship services. She is a native of Wisner, La. and for the past four years has been a student in Centenary College, from which she recently graduated with a major in organ. Mr. William G. Koonce has assumed the responsibility as choir director for this church for the summer months. The pastor is the Rev. Don Alverson.

THE REV. AUGUST E. AAMODT, former minister to youth at First Methodist Church, Canton, has accepted the position as Youth Director for First Methodist Church, Shreveport. He served as minister of youth in the Canton church for nine years, and prior to that time had worked with young people in Fargo N.D. and in Chicago. His wife, Marie, is a certified teacher of blind children. He will be assuming his new duties about July 1. The pastor at First Church is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY was observed June 9 at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, with several young people participating. Presiding was Michael B. Seshul, SMU. Miss Mary Beth Williams, Louisiana Tech sang the offertory solo. Hostesses and ushers included John Brewer (Tech), Charles Weems, Jr. (LSU), Sonny Trammell (LSU), Albin Johnson (SMU), Charles Nelson (SMU), Jonathan Harris (LSU), Sandra Harris (Tech), Jimmie Beuhler (LSU), Patsy Gaspard (Northwestern) and Charlotte Brewer (SMU). The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE SENIORS OF Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently participated in a tour which carried them to the major Methodist institutions in the state of Louisiana. They visited the Methodist Home Hospital, St. Mark's Community Center, People Community Center, Dulac Indian Mission, McDonald Center and Sager Brown Center. At night they slept in Methodist churches in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Lafayette. They attended one night meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference. Their chaperones were Miss Marilyn Watson, Mrs. John Davis and Dallas King. Their pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

NEW WSCS OFFICERS recently installed at Rayne Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Karl Wood, include: Mrs. Fay C. Milligan, president; Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. John Pecot, secretary of student work; Mrs. Clara C. Boyd, vice-president and publicity chairman; Mrs. L.W. Windsor, secretary of literature and supply; Mrs. H.A. McDonald, treasurer; Mrs. W.O. Webb, recording secretary and secretary of promotion; Mrs. Pierre Stutes, secretary of supply work; Mrs. Abner C. Chappuis, chairman of the flower committee; Mrs. Dan Daboval, chairman of the WSCS circle; Mrs. Frank Bates, secretary of children's work; Mrs. Eddie Hoffpauir, secretary of missionary education and service; and Mrs. Allen Morgan, secretary of Christian social relations.



THE REV. OAKLEY LEE, pastor of the Welsh First Church, is shown presenting WSCS life memberships and youth pin to Charles Ray McCown, retiring president of the MYF, and to Mrs. James Epperly, Mrs. John Rudd, and Mrs. James L. Watkins.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR JUNE 30, 1963: PRAISE THE LORD

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 146; 147; 150. Printed Lesson Text, Psalms 146.

MEMORY SELECTION: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the LORD! Psalms 150:6

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the large place praise of God should have in the life of a child of God, and to stress the fact that our only source of dependable help is from God.

With today's lesson we come to the last of the series of eleven lessons under the general subject, "Inspiration From the Psalms." The lesson texts for all of these studies have been taken from the Book of Psalms.

As a result of these studies we should have a better understanding of the Book of Psalms as a book of poetry and as the Jewish hymn book. We should also have a better understanding of why the Book of Psalms has such a large place in the program and activities of the Christian church.

The last five chapters in the Book of Psalms are sometimes called the "Hallelujah Psalms." This is true because they all give special emphasis to the matter of praising God. Each of these Psalms, which includes our lesson text for today, begins and ends with the phrase, "Praise the Lord." It would appear that the compilers of the Psalms felt that these hymns of praise were an appropriate closing for this great book of Jewish Hymnody. We do not know who wrote any one of these five books but each is a masterpiece of praise to God.

A LIFELONG DEDICATION

In the opening verses of our lesson text the psalmist not only gives and exhortation to praise God, but he declares that for himself he will praise God as long as he lives.

Some one has said that these two verses, 1 and 2, give an expression of "praise and a promise." There is apparently the spontaneous exclamation, "Praise the Lord!" There is also the promise that it will continue a lifetime.

As we read these words of the psalmist, we feel that they are the result of a pent up feeling on his soul to which he felt forced to give expression.

In recent years, in our older, established churches, we do not give expression to our desire to praise God as freely as we once did or as frequently as we should. It is quite likely that this is the result of hearing the expression, "Praise the Lord," used by some Christian worshipers frequently and so meaninglessly that we have purposely avoided it. To glibly say, "Praise the Lord" in a shallow, superficial way robs the expression of its deeper, sacred meaning.

While this casual, common use of the term leaves much to be desired, Christian people will suffer a real loss if they allow the phrase, "Praise the Lord" to fall into disuse. Properly and sincerely used, it is an expression of reverence, gratitude and adoration, which should be a part of every Christian life. While we should not discredit this beautiful phrase by its misuse, we should all purpose to say with the psalmist, "I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." In view of all he is and all he has done we owe it to God to praise him.

A WORTHY CENTER FOR LIFE'S AFFECTIONS

Every life needs to have a center around which to revolve, an object worthy of the devotion a life can give.

It is just this the psalmist has done in the high resolve expressed in verse 2. The writer fixes God at the center of his life's affections. He declares that as long as he has a being, he will sing the praise of God.

The center around which life is built determines not only the kind of life we live, but the size and character of life we can build. To put ourselves at the center of our lives, or things, or pleasure, or position is to have a very small objective around which we are to spend the only life we have.

Life so lived uses up its opportunities in a futile effort to build something of permanent value out of temporal things. Such misguided efforts have been doomed to failure since the foundation of the world. We can be certain of the eternal values of what we do only when the eternal God and his way of life are at the center of what we do.

LIMITATIONS OF HUMAN HELP

In verses 3 and 4 the psalmist tells that he is unwilling to rely on human help, even the help of princes.

These words sound as though the psalmist had received the promise of some special favor by a prince. If so the promise was not fulfilled. For some reason the writer had come to realize how futile it was to depend on men, even men in positions of power.

It should be said that the writer's lack of faith in man was not caused by some man's unfaithfulness. It was not that he had been tricked or deceived by someone.

It was simply that man, even with the best of intentions and purposes, could not be relied upon for help because he is mortal. "His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." The psalmist is saying that, even at best, human powers to help are limited because human life is limited.

The writer discovered what every generation since has discovered. It is that there are needs in human life that cannot be met by men even the best or most powerful of men. Man is made in the image of God and only God can minister to man in a way that will keep that image intact.

GOD A SOURCE OF UNLIMITED POWER

In contrast with human help that is weak in its strongest hour and altogether powerless in death, the writer calls attention to the God of Jacob "who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them." His conclusion, as implied, is that if God is the creator of all things in heaven and on earth, he is able to meet the needs of any individual or all individuals everywhere.

Consequently the psalmist declares that the man is happy or fortunate "whose help is the God of Jacob."

Furthermore, God not only has the power to help him. When the psalmist says of God that he "keeps faith forever" he likely had in mind the covenant

God made with Abraham in which he promised to care for his descendants and make of them a great nation. The Jews were quite familiar with God's faithfulness in keeping that covenant. It is quite possible that this fact led the psalmist to speak of God as one "Who keeps faith forever."

We have this same assurance today that God is able and willing to undergird our lives with his everlasting arms. It was Paul who spoke of God as one who "is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think." It is to such a God that we may commit our lives.

THE GRACE OF GRATITUDE

Giving praise to God is not only an expression of an exalted opinion of him, it is also an expression of our inner sense of gratitude to God for the many blessings we receive at his hands.

One of the finest elements of character one can possess is the grace of gratitude. This is a sense of appreciation for favors one has received whether the favors are deserved or undeserved.

Conversely it may be stated that if anyone lacks the grace of gratitude, he is lacking in one of the essential elements of good character.

A Catholic priest once said that received confessions of practically every sin imaginable except one. He said no one had ever confessed to him the sin of ingratitude.

Of course this did not mean that none of his confessors had ever been guilty of ingratitude. Could it mean that they realized that this sin was so shameful and unbecoming that they were even ashamed to confess, even to their priest, that they were guilty of this especially unattractive sin.

When we sincerely praise God we give evidence of the fact that we possess the grace of gratitude.

WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE GOD?

The psalmist tells us here in verses 7 through 9 some of the things for which we should praise God. The list he recites is interesting not only for what it includes but for what it omits.

The writer does not include in the list the might, the majesty, the greatness or the holiness of God. Instead the list names activities of God which give evidence of his deep concern for the unfortunate of our earth. Following is the psalmist's list:

1. God "executes justice for the oppressed."
2. He "gives good to the hungry."
3. "The Lord sets the prisoner free." This may especially apply to those who are bound by sin.
4. "The Lord opens the eyes of the blind." In a gathering which was discussing happy experiences an optometrist friend asked if any one of the group had ever made a blind man see. He had done so and felt that in that service he had known genuine happiness.

5. "The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down."
6. "The Lord loves the righteous."
7. "The Lord watches over the sojourners."
8. "He upholds the widow and the fatherless."
9. The psalmist adds what all good Jews believed. "The way of the wicked he brings to ruin."

The above list of reasons for praising God is in no sense exhaustive. We add here a few of the numberless other reasons for giving God praise.

We should praise him for his mercy which we are told is from everlasting to everlasting. We should praise him for his love for mankind. We should praise him for his forgiving grace. We should praise him above all for the gift of his Son our Savior by whose death and resurrection we have the hope of eternal life. We should praise him for his promise to prepare for his children a better world than this.

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

In Psalms 90:2 the writer makes the statement, "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." In Isaiah, chapter 9, commonly considered a prophecy of the promised Messiah, the writer says, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

Our lesson text closes with a similar statement, "The Lord will reign for ever ... Praise the Lord." Our God lives and reigns forever.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Soviet Premier Khrushchev received a communication from the Vatican thanking him for "your kind message of sympathy on the occasion of that sad event - the blessed release of Pope John XXIII," Moscow Radio has reported. The station added that the message stressed that Premier Khrushchev's respect for "the efforts of Pope John for a just peace between nations was joined to the touching grief and deep respect of the whole world."

This illustrates the broad representation of men everywhere who felt that the pontiff's death was a great loss to men of every persuasion and political complexion.

Although it adopted a resolution asserting there is "no Scriptural warrant" for segregation, the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference of The Methodist Church elected three lay segregationists to represent them at the 1964 General Conference.

Among the lay delegates chosen was Gov. George Wallace of Alabama, a lay delegate to the Annual Conference from his home church in Clayton. He is reported to have taken an active part in the Annual Conference session.

A Mormon temple in Surrey, England has been denied tax exemption on a strange technicality in a vote taken in the House of Lords. Officials of the temple had appealed to the House from a judgment by the Court of Appeals. The ruling was that the temple did not qualify for exemption because "it was not a place of public worship, since the temple was barred to the general public and even to Mormons not in good standing."

Such a ruling could have far-reaching implications for denominations that take a narrowly exclusive position concerning participation in various acts of worship.

A recent warning against "missionary swindlers" issued by a National Association of Evangelical official has been endorsed by the executive secretary of the Board of World Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern.) Dr. T. Watson Street of Nashville stressed that churches and individuals should be wary of mission fund appeals by organizations not supported by recognized denominational and interdenominational groups.

We are sorry to say it but there are many individuals and groups exploiting the emotional appeals for missions when the money collected is used primarily to support the individuals who are touring this country to make the solicitation. Your denominational mission leaders are your best protection at this point.

Havana Radio has reported that "a leading figure of the Presbyterian Church in Cuba" was en route to Prague, Czechoslovakia, to take part in the Second Assembly of Christians for Peace. A broadcast said that the Rev. Paul Fernandez Ceballos would join clergymen from many countries of the world at the conference.

Knowing the history of so-called "peace conferences" held in Iron Curtain Countries, we would seriously doubt the purpose of such a meeting and would like to know just how much of a leader Mr. Ceballos is.

Amish dairy farmer in Lancaster County, Pa., whose austere religion bans use of electrical devices, have

been ordered to place electric lights in their barns for sanitary reasons. The farmers have been given until March 1 to conform to an ordinance requiring sufficient light in barns to permit quick inspection of cows and milking equipment.

Nearly 400 ex-smokers were recently "graduated" in Minneapolis from a Seventh-Day Adventist course designed to convert them from cigarettes to fresh air. At the concluding session of a five-day clinic, the Rev. E. J. Folkenberg warned them: "You are not over the craving yet. People are always mystified that four months after quitting, the urge can, sometime still hit them."

Boston's famous West End Church, forced by the British in 1776 to remove its towering steeple so it could not be used to send signals to Yankee troops, will become a church again after nearly two centuries. The abandoned building, which has been used as a branch public library since 1896, will be restored and utilized by the First Methodist Church Society, formed last April by the merger of First and Copley Methodist churches.



DR. OSWALD C.J. HOFFMANN, displaying his ready smile and hearty laughter, addressed a testimonial dinner in his honor at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N.Y. He is leaving his post as public relations director for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, held since 1948, to become full-time speaker on the Lutheran Hour radio program.

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, Judge Leon Benard has ruled that Roman Catholic parochial schools students have no right to obtain free textbooks by registering at public schools, and then making use of the books at a church school. The judge handed down his decision after the school board of suburban St. Vital used a bailiff to regain books issued to five pupils.

All but one of the 82 members of the Sacred College of Cardinals was expected to be on hand for the conclave which was scheduled to begin June 19 and remain in session until a successor is named to Pope John XXIII. The one expected to be absent is Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who enjoys asylum of the U.S. legation in Budapest. The average age of the cardinals is 71. Incidentally, Pope John was 78 when he was elected. He was 72 when he was named a cardinal.

East German leaders of the Evangelical Church have adopted a declaration in Berlin stressing that the church cannot remain silent if the state misuses its power, and calling on Christians to give their first allegiance to God. The churchmen's stand was contained in a ten-article statement outlining the church's position in relation to the Socialist state and Marxist ideology.

A bilingual ecumenical rally of unprecedented scope and importance will be staged in Montreal on Sunday, July 21, with top-ranking Protestant, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox leaders taking part. It will be held in conjunction with the World Council on Faith and Order which will open at McGill University on June 12 and continue through July 26.

Dr. R.H. Edwin Espy has been elected as general secretary of the National Council of Churches. He will succeed Dr. Roy G. Ross who is retiring after serving in the position since 1954. Elected unanimously by the NCC's General Board at its regular spring session, he becomes the first layman to hold the top executive post.

President John F. Kennedy has accepted an invitation to address the 1963 General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. His appearance next Dec. 3 in Philadelphia, Pa. will be the first time the nation's chief executive has spoken to a general meeting of the cooperative agency.

A significant increase has been reported in the number of German Evangelical missionaries overseas since the end of World War II - from 180 to 1,155. Among the lands in which they serve are Indonesia, Ethiopia, Egypt, Japan, South Africa and New Guinea.

Organic Union of the United and Anglican Churches is a "dead issue," according to Dr. H.W. Vaughan, secretary of the United Church of Canada's Board of Colleges and Secondary School, speaking at a meeting in Kitchener, Ontario. He said the 18-year-old conversations have broken down because there is no machinery to bring the organic union to pass.

The Conservative Baptist Association of America has expressed its opposition to the mandatory use of a unified curriculum in the Protestant Sunday Schools of the armed forces. It called the "mandatory use of the unified curriculum a breach of the Constitution in the matter of separation of church and state."

Christians should use television and magazine advertising to bolster standard methods of evangelism, the Rev. James R. Mutchmor, moderator of the United Church of Canada, said recently in Waterloo, Ontario. Addressing 350 delegates at the annual meeting of the denomination's Hamilton Conference, Dr. Mutchmor said a nationwide campaign of evangelism should be opened "with boldness in the street."

Former major league baseball pitcher Carl Erskine will be the opening keynote speaker Aug. 13 at the National Royal Ambassador Congress in Washington. The meeting will bring together 6,000 boys aged 12 to 17 of the Southern Baptist Convention, and their adult leaders.

Religion in American Life has selected Salt Lake City, Utah as the community of the Year for conducting the best worship attendance program in 1962 among 500 cities and towns. The citation was recently announced in New York by RIAL's Board of Directors.

Decison Magazine, a monthly publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will begin publishing in French and German with the May issue. The new foreign language copies will coincide with the beginning of Crusades to be conducted this Spring in France and Germany by Dr. Graham and his Team.

Centenary Faculty Members In Conference at Texas Wesleyan



Dr. Pate

Dean Bond Fleming and Dr. W. W. Pate, head of the Department of Economics and Business, headed up a Centenary College delegation of 14 faculty and staff members at the Southwest Faculty Conference held at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth June 14-16.

Dr. Pate participated in the lecture-discussion section on Faculty-Administration Relationships, giving a response to an opening paper on the subject by Dr. J. M. Moudy of TCU.

Other lecture-discussion sections dealt with Faculty-Faculty Relationships and Faculty-Student Relationships.

Others making the trip from Centenary were Wayne Hanson, the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, Howard Elder, Dr. Robert D. MacCurdy, Dr. W. F. Pledger, Dr. Lee Morgan, Malcolm M. Patterson, E. M. Parker, Dr. Jacob W. Nickel, John W. Gates, the Rev. Wm. Earl Nolan and Jack Fiser.

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Children's Home Alumni Meeting

The Alumni Association of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, held its annual reunion on Sunday, June 16.

There was a business session at 10:00 a.m., followed by a service of worship in the chapel of the home at 11:00 a.m. and dinner for all at noon.

Many former residents of the home brought their families to this annual reunion.

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Tooke Honored In Oklahoma

The Rev. Karl Tooke, member of the Louisiana Conference, now a Director of the General Board of Missions, was adopted by the Choctaw Tribe and the Inter-Tribal Council (46 Tribes) in the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference. Mr. Tooke was the keynote preacher for the opening session of the Conference. At the end of the service the Rev. Edgar E. Tims, pastor of the Columbus Memorial Indian Church at Ada, Oklahoma and a member of the Choctaw Tribe made the presentation. He gave Mr. Tooke the beautiful and colorful blanket and placed it around his shoulders and gave him the new name - "Tushsho Achukma" - which means "A good servant."

Mr. Tooke is working through the National Division and assigned to the South Central Jurisdiction and is helping in building Churches and Parsonages for the Indian Conference.

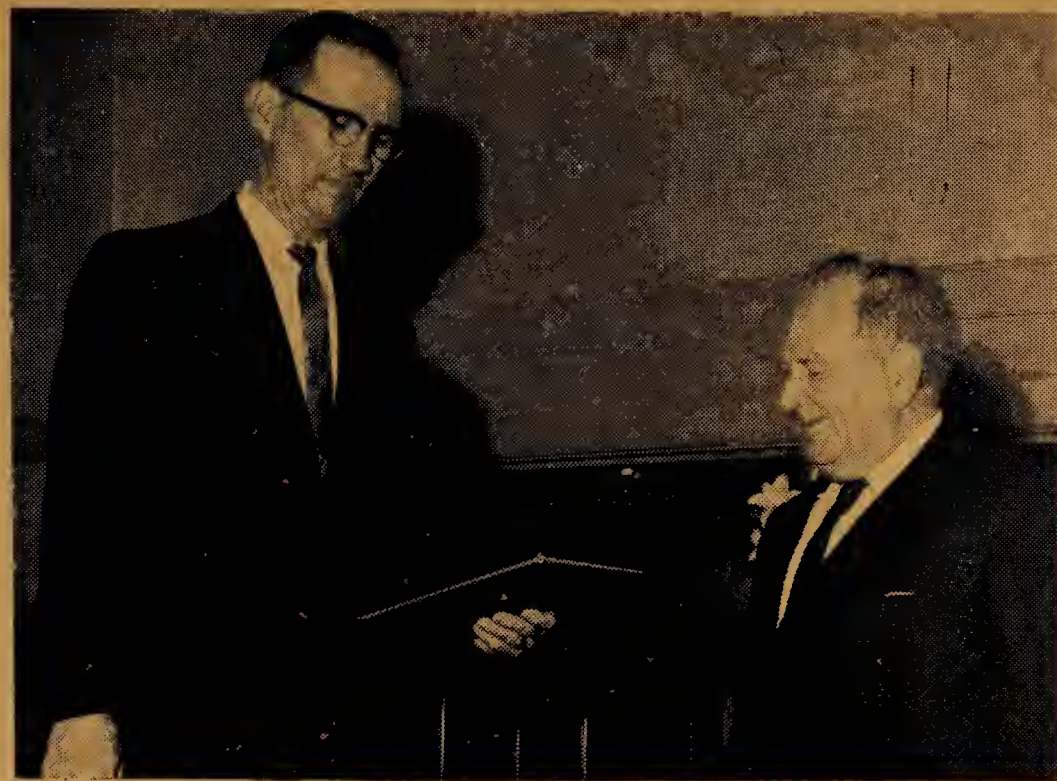
Bishop Angie Smith in presiding at the Conference pointed out that every single Indian Church reported at least one received on profession of faith for the past year.

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gene L. Smith, New York, general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Bishop Oxnam was president of the former Federal Council of Churches, was a member of the first praesidium of the World Council of Churches and had headed the Division of Christian Life and Work of the NCC.

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THE REV. ROBERT L. PEYTON, pastor, First Methodist Church, Bastrop, presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. O.W. Reily, May 26, at the morning worship service, in token of nearly 28 years service as Church School Superintendent of that church.

The Rev. Conrad Edwards Presented Plaque

At least twenty-five Royal Arch Masons and some of their wives attended evening services at the



THE REV. KARL TOOKE shown in Indian costume at ceremonies in which he was honored recently at the Indian Mission Conference.

First Methodist Church in Logansport Sunday. At the close of the worship service, John Ray Lee, High Priest of DeSoto Chapter No. 64 Royal Arch Masons, presented a plaque to the Rev. Conrad Edwards as DeSoto Parish's Minister of the Year.

People throughout the parish wrote letters nominating the minister of their choice. These letters told of the minister's work, not only in his own church and denomination, but in all phases of everyday life. The Masons, who sat in a body, read excerpts from the letters nominating the Rev. Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Lee formally presented the gold plaque mounted on a beautiful wood and it was graciously and humbly accepted by the minister.

Afterwards Price Calhoun invited the congregation to the church parlor, where a reception was held honoring the Rev. Mr. Edwards.

Mrs. C. Beasley, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. D. R. Hale presided at the crystal punch bowl. Assisting with the other serving courtesies were Mrs. Viola Caraway, Mrs. Tom Dodson, Mrs. Ronald McBride, Mrs. Don Edwards, Mrs. Hunter Price, Mrs. W. J. Garland and Mrs. Gordon Russell.

Directors Meet At New Orleans

The directors of Christian Education, educational assistants and ministers of education of the Louisiana Conference had a luncheon meeting in New Orleans on June 7, at which time the following officers were elected:

Chairman: Tennie V. Severtson, director of Christian Education, First Methodist Church, Monroe; Secretary: the Rev. John Hassler, minister of education, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport; and representative to the Board of Education: the Rev. Lars L. Broadus, minister of education, New Orleans.

This organization plans to hold its next meeting Sept. 23-24 in Alexandria.

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Louisiana Methodists Work in Vermont

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Kelley of Lake Charles are in Vermont where they are working for the summer as directors of Federated Council of Churches' Bible schools.

The training camp for the program, Camp Abnake, is located on the northern shores of Lake Champlain. Following their training, the young couple will direct Bible schools in churches throughout Vermont.

"Booty" Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kelley, is a graduate of Bolton High School and a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria. Both he and his wife, Val, have served as president of the Wesley Foundation at McNeese State College, Lake Charles.

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SAW BEYOND THE YEARS

Tribute to the late Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as an unerring prophet of ecumenical progress was paid in a commemorative service for him held in Riverside Church, New York, June 7 by members of the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

The eulogy was by the Rev. Dr. Eu-



CHILDREN FROM Pharr Chapel Methodist Church, Morgan City, are shown as they presented a program recently at the Dulac Sunday School. On May 26, 43 children and adults from this church visited the Dulac Mission. They shared a picnic lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bronson and the other workers and toured the buildings and grounds. The trip was sponsored by the Commissions on Missions and Christian Social Concerns of the Morgan City Church, of which the Rev. J.H. Sewell is the pastor.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Annual La. Parsonettes Luncheon



LOUISIANA PARSONETTES held the annual luncheon at the Munholland Memorial Church in Metairie on Thursday of Annual Conference. Following food and fellowship, Mrs. Clyde Frazier of New Orleans (left, in upper left picture) gave a book review. With Mrs. Frazier is Mrs. Woodrow Hearn, president of Shreveport District Parsonettes, the hostess group. Perhaps you recognize a face or a hat in the other snapshots of the affair.

- Every Methodist woman needs a WORLD OUTLOOK. (Missouri West Conference)
 - Read and learn for world concern. (Ohio Conference)
- A slogan submitted by the North Carolina Conference was second:
- THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK—Partners for Progress.
- Central Pennsylvania Conference won third place with the slogan:
- Literature expands the WORLD OUTLOOK of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Shreveport Dist. WSG at Camp Caney



SPEAKERS at the Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild Week End held at Camp Caney, May 4 and 6, pause for picture. They are, from left: Miss Jerry Beck, district Guild secretary; Mrs. Dana Dawson, speaker for the Quiet Breakfast; Mrs. G. W. Dameron, speaker for the 11 o'clock service; Miss Arline Tyler, conference secretary, director of the Sat. Conference Hour. Pictured at right are the girls who served as pages, sponsored by various Guilds in district. A program on youth and recruitment was a challenge to them when presented by Mrs. Francis Branette of the Broadmoor Church.

Lake Charles Dist. Parsonettes

On May 17 the Lake Charles District Parsonettes held their last meeting of the Conference year. The Meeting was held in the Wesley Foundation Building at McNeese State College in Lake Charles. The hostesses were Ann Davis, Gladys Dean, and Mabel Gibbs.

Eighteen Parsonettes were present and two special guests, Rosemary Cady who works with her husband M. C. Cady as a missionary in Brazil; and Julia Paxton, a retired missionary who spent many years in Cuba and later with the Spanish-Americans in San Antonio, Texas.

Fran Shirley, president, called the meeting to order. Following the Collect, Marie Risinger read an article from the Feb. 1959 "Together" magazine as the devotional. The article was "How I Listen to God," the personal testimony of a Methodist layman, Harris Bullis.

At the close of the business meeting Rosemary Cady told of her life in Brazil. The simplicity with which she accepted the lack of modern comforts and the frustrations she described when first learning to think and speak in another language made all feel an even greater respect for missionaries.

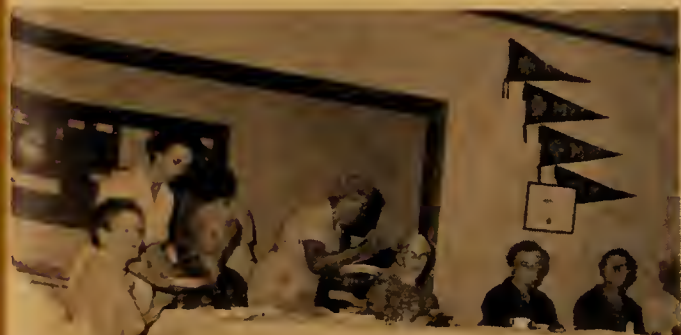
Julia Paxton brought the program on charm based on the book, *That Certain Something*, by Arlene Francis. Intwoven with the sagacious comments of Miss Francis were some of Mrs. Paxton's personal experiences. The combination made a most enjoyable program.

A delicious lunch was served banquet style after which the meeting adjourned.



LAKE CHARLES District Parsonettes honored at a coffee Hazel Bowden (left) whose husband was leaving the pastorate of Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur to assume a conference staff office. Shown with her are Grace Cook, wife of the district superintendent, and Fran Shirley, president of the Parsonettes. The affair was held in the home of Alice Stovall.

Claiborne Society Honors Senior Members



SENIOR MEMBERS of the Claiborne WSCS were honored at the May luncheon. Special guests were the Rev. T.A. Brown, pastor, and wife, Mrs. I.D.

Wallace was presented a corsage for being the oldest member present.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Hunger For Fame Starves Goodness

"I WANT TO BE A BIG SHOT." - So says the schoolboy as he looks ahead to desired leadership in business, politics, science, sport or stage. To see our names in headlines or in the blazing lights of Broadway! Our ago of publicity puts dreams of the spotlight into the ambitions of youth.

"I want to be a big shot," also says the lad in the street gang.

He too wants to be talked about. Even if he lands behind bars he likes to see his name in the papers. Capone and Dillinger--they were big names.

Both the evil and the good are caught in the current craze to be conspicuous. But they forget that Henry Van Dyke once said "Notoriety is to fame what loud noise is to a noble symphony."

To be a big shot or to be a big nature -- that is a basic question on which worthwhile living depends. A national news magazine reports - that Sir Laurence Olivier said to Richard Burton: "Make up your mind. Do you wish to be a household word or a great actor?"

I recall two brothers, both ministers of the gospel. One rose to a high post in the church. The last time I talked with him he was peeved and depressed. He had just spoken in a certain city. The crowd was small. He was complaining that he had not been sufficiently advertised. His pride was hurt. He was sore at his sponsors.

His brother was pastor of a small church. He was not known outside his community. He was cheerful and contented in his inconspicuous post. I remember something he said to me: "A minister cannot be effective and happy in his work unless he considers himself just a channel for service." He was not a big shot but he was a big nature.

How heartening to find big natures in obscure places. They are "the salt of the earth." How disillusioning and distressing to look up to a person as heroically big and then catch him being selfishly small.

Could we not all tell of the bigness and nobility we have come across in inconspicuous persons? I think of a teacher who never wrote a book himself because he had been so busy helping his students get degrees and write their books; of a book salesman who did not go to college because he looked after his family and sent to college his brothers, two of whom rose to distinction while he died unknown to the public.

Wherever God touches a person to bigness of nature, making him generous and magnanimous, sympathetic and noble, that place is holy ground, however small it is.

Some of us who may call ourselves Christians have to confess that we are not equally Christianized in all the compartments of our living. Some of us are big in some things, petty in others. Heinrich Heine, who was rated as the greatest lyric poet of modern Germany next to Goethe, was so emancipated from narrow nationalism that he retained his admiration for Napoleon even when his own country was fighting the French war lord. Heine deplored that his countrymen were ceasing to be citizens of the world and becoming narrowly German. Yet he once confessed that this dream of happiness was to have a cottage in the country surrounded by flowers and trees and then he added, "If the good God wants to make me supremely happy He would have a half-dozen of my enemies hanging from the trees!" Heine could be generously tolerant in his national outlook and yet narrowly jealous in some of his personal circles.

About 36 years ago the Thames River overflowed its banks. Hundreds of tenement dwellers awoke to find a torrent swirling around their beds. Hugh Redwood, the night editor of a London paper, was prompted to go out and see the devastation for himself. There among the flood victims he found the Salvation Army at work. After what he saw he was moved to write a book under the title, "God in the Slums." Writing from the viewpoint of the pressroom rather than the pulpit, Hugh Redwood told eloquently that the spirit of Christ was a factor which brought comfort into the midst of misery, cleanliness as the relief from dirt and sanity of hope as a cure for maddening remorse.

If you want to be looked at by the merely curious, then try to be a big shot.

If you want to live with those who care, then be a big nature.

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OLD SHIP CHURCH, reportedly the oldest wooden church in continuous use in the United States, has been dedicated as a Registered National Historic Landmark. Built in 1681 and modeled after Westminster Hall in London, the edifice at Hingham, Mass., received its name from the early belief that if immersed in water it would float. The roof rafters are shaped like the hull of a ship. The church is the only example of Elizabethan Gothic architecture made of wood still standing in the country.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

FORGOTTEN HEROES

A few weeks ago a military Chaplain filled the pulpit of my home church. He spoke in simple, dynamic words. After all, a man who talks to audiences of men needs to tell the Gospel in plain terms. And military personnel are little different from their brothers who wear civilian clothes. But it is not this part of a Chaplain's job that is so unusual. After all, any pastor interested in his total ministry will find a number of situations where the nice, well-turned phrases of the seminary classroom are of little use.

But the chaplain's office is unusual. The great English poet, Rudyard Kipling, caught the spirit of it in his poem, Tommy Atkins. He said,

"An' if sometimes our conduct isn't all your fancy paints:
Why single men in barracks don't grow into plaster saints."

Anyone knows that a large group of single men always has in it a few who live at a rather low level. And the job of ministering to these is not an easy one. But these are precious in God's sight too, even though they pay little honor to the God who loves them so much.

It is easy to think of the great work of military chaplains during a war. Young boys and middle-aged men always welcome the presence of the Chaplain when the fighting is bitter. And we have a number of heart-warming stories of Chaplains giving comfort to

the wounded or dying. This always makes us proud of the clergymen who are a part of an military forces.

The Chaplains don't leave their posts in peace time any more than the other military men do. They are still at work. Military men guard our homes and our lives at all hours. The Chaplains guard the souls of our loved ones in peace as well as in war. The soiled, tawdry forces of the devil are always showing their wares to our sons. The Chaplains are also there, meeting these sorry camp followers with the story of God's redeeming love and Jesus' call to discipleship.

This is not an easy ministry. In fact no truly dedicated minister has an easy job. But the Chaplain is a good deal like the missionary. He has many opportunities to be a missionary in the real sense of the word. The people of the country where he is quartered also need to hear the Word. The Chaplain often serves this need. I visited a little church on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines where a chaplain had given them help in both material and spiritual matters. They still speak lovingly of him.

When you pray for your pastor please remember to say a word also for the Chaplains who serve in the faraway places. Because sometimes distance is not measured in miles. It often is measured in the distance of the person from God.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Man We Were

The last of Four Devotional Articles Based on Paul's Letter to the Romans

by John S. Workman, Pastor
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Throughout his writings Paul is consumed with the glory of what Christ does for man. He become a new being, a new creation, the child of a new birth. The old has passed away, the new has come. In Romans 6:6 (NEB) he says that "we know that the man we once were has been crucified with Christ, for the destruction of the sinful self, so that we may no longer be slaves to sin..." As Christ has died to sin, Paul says that we should in the same manner look upon ourselves "As dead to the appeal and power of sin but alive and sensitive to the call of God through Jesus Christ our Lord (6:10,11 Phillips)." Dead to sin and alive to the call of God!

The Kind of Men we Were

This redeeming power of God enabled our spiritual forefathers to do great things. A grand statement occurs in First Thessalonians 1:5 (NEB) when Paul, recalling how he, Silas and Timothy were enabled to bring the work of God in power and strong conviction, reflects: for "that is the kind of men we were at Thessalonica..."

In our Aldersgate observance we have looked back and have said: "That is the kind of men we were at Aldersgate! That is the kind of spirit which enabled Methodism to spread Scriptural holiness across the land. That was Christianity in earnest!"

But the danger, the plaguing temptation, is that we camp where our heroes have fallen. It is good to look back. We draw courage and strength and inspiration from our rich heritage. We learn lessons from the past. But we know that just as God had a mission for Methodism in Wesley's day that was unique for his time, so God has a new environment for His mission in our day. Truly the spiritual needs of man are basically unchanging. Yet if God is to use Methodism, He must have the new wine skin of a church which uses the past as prologue and not as conclusion. He must have a church willing to run risks in being relevant to the needs and hungers and fears and insecurities and sins of God's children out here in the storm.

The World's Hope

This is why the Christian is the world's best hope. Christ is in him. The man he once was is no more. Sin

has been overcome. He is God's man for God's work in God's world. This is the marvelous joy which comes to us through the Church. What an invigorating privilege and humbling responsibility! God grant that the people called Methodists, coming to a renewed realization of the heritage that is ours in Christ, may be used by God as His effective witnesses in this hour.

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Build A Devotional

GHOST TOWNS

Read Matthew 12:43-45

Jerome, Arizona is advertized as "The largest Ghost Town in America." The travel folder says, "Once a roaring mining camp, now a city of romantic ruins." Just how romantic a city of ruins can be is a question each must decide! Seventy years ago over one billion dollars worth of copper, gold, and silver were taken from the deposits there.

The Verde Valley, a pleasant, healthy growing community is nearby. After making allowance for "Chamber of Commerce License", this must be a fine place. They list the assets and then sum it up with these words, "But mostly you will like the friendly people!" To visit the ghost town as a museum might be interesting but to live in it! The Verde Valley invites us because it is alive and has friendly people.

Emptiness is tragic. We are so made that we cannot stand a vacuum. Life must be filled with something. If goodness does not fill, a heart, then the "seven devils" will. There is a terrible persistence about evil. Use

Let The Children Come

(This is the second in a series of article about special friends of mine. This tells more about Sara Jane and was written especially for us by her mother, Mrs. W.J. Lester, Jr., Camden, Ark.....Aunt Feather

Last week I told you some things about Sara Jane, a friend who likes to go to Sunday school and church in her wheel chair. Last year she joined the church on Palm Sunday with a group of other children. It was exciting to get a letter from Dr. Bagley inviting her to join the church and to attend the training class. It was an important day when she joined. Her pastor, the associate pastor and the bishop all had a part in the service. Grandparents came for the occasion. It was such a special day she says she gets a funny feeling in her heart every time she puts on the dress she wore that day, and she chooses to wear it often.

Special events and people add an extra light to her eyes when she talks about them, and she's always bursting with news when Bertha comes to take care of her and her brother when Mother has plans. Spending a day and night with Nana and Granddaddy in a nearby town is always special even though it is almost a weekly happening. Nobody can think of quite as many things to do to please a little girl as Nana, and nobody can think of quite as many surprises as Granddaddy. There is also the adventure of rolling herself down the long level sidewalk to her aunt's house to watch color TV. The big family dinners at Pop's house are happy times, too.

Visiting so often makes her feel she has an extra home town. She likes to keep up with her friends where by listening to a daily radio program of news given by her ideal person, prayer partner and pen pal, Myrtle Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter knows Sara is a daily listener and mentions every possible news item about her. Hearing Mrs. Carpenter's devotionals while visiting Sunday school and WSCS with Nana has made Sara Jane have as her favorite songs "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "More Like the Master," "I'll Live for Him" and "Where He leads Me."

R. B.

Poem For The Week

THE VIOLET

It shrinks from adoration
And modestly bows it's head;
And seeks for no ovation -
For it's royal color spread.

The flower of purple velvet -
Sweetly scents the hidden glade;
The 'All Seeing Eye' beheld it,
Blooming in the silent shade!

Sybil Nash Abrams



Building Progress

in

Baton Rouge District

by Lona Wilson

At least 50 churches in the Baton Rouge District added to their church property during the six years the Rev. D. W. Poole was district superintendent. Mr. Poole completed his tenure on the Baton Rouge District in June (1963).

New church sanctuaries or educational buildings have recently been constructed at Broadmoor, Bethel, Bogalusa, Clinton, Franklinton, Ingleside, Jefferson, Kentwood (renovation), Livingston, Lee's Landing, Istrouma, New River, Pine Ridge, Ponchatoula, Port Allen, Rosedale, Slaughter, St. John's, St. Luke's, St. Paul's, Tickfaw, Wesley, and Winbourne.

Churches which built or purchased new parsonages are: Bethel (renovated), Blackwater, Bogalusa, Baton Rouge First (associate), Clinton, Denham Springs, Gonzales, Greensburg, Jackson, Jefferson, Grand River, Kentwood, Live Oak, Livingston, Plaquemine, North Baton Rouge, Slaughter, St. Francisville, St. John, St. Paul, University, Wesley Foundation, and Winbourne.

Two major building projects which are planned are a new sanctuary at North Baton Rouge and a children's building at First Church, Baton Rouge.



• Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, has just completed a \$280,000 sanctuary. The first worship service was held in the new structure on Sunday, May 5, with 880 persons attending. The Rev. Barry Bailey is pastor. Organized eight years ago by the Rev. Phil Woodland, the church now has 1,077 members. Value of the total present plant is \$400,000.



• Bethel Methodist Church was established in the early 1800's. The first title transaction was May 5, 1855, donated by John O. Denham and Sarah Dyer. Bethel is located in East Baton Rouge Parish on Liberty Road.

In 1945 the church was made a station church with full-time services. On April 10, 1946, the church was incorporated and in May of that year title of parsonage and church property was made final by Mrs. Celeste Westbrook and heirs. A parsonage was built and completely furnished in this year and dedicated in September 1949 by Bishop Paul E. Martin and the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Hollingsworth.

In January, 1953, the church acquired an extra plot from the Curtis Jones and Percy Bullock families who gave the land as a site for the new church or what-

ever the church wished to use it for. The new educational building and sanctuary were built on the old site with money donated by friends and members of the congregation. Materials and labor were donated, and money borrowed on a five-year plan. Opening date of the educational building was April 6, 1958, and opening date of the sanctuary was March 8, 1959. Value of the education building is \$45,000, and value of the church building is \$45,000. Parsonage value is \$10,000. The Rev. George Holcombe is pastor of the church.



• Ingleside Church was organized 15 years ago in one of the nearby elementary schools. This was one of the first "new churches" to be started in the Baton Rouge District. First pastor at Ingleside was the Rev. Luther Booth. He was followed by the Rev. Frank Tucker, now in the Missouri Conference, then the Rev. William Irving, and three years ago, the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson was appointed to the church.

A master plan was presented to and approved by the congregation several years ago, and the first unit, a children's building, was constructed in 1956. The new sanctuary with adjoining office space was constructed in 1961 and has a seating capacity of 440. This new addition is the second phase of the master plan. The third unit, which will complete the plan, is a building for the adult and youth divisions of the church school, including a kitchen and fellowship hall. The valuation of the present facilities is \$300,000. When everything is complete, the valuation will exceed \$450,000.



• Istrouma Church was organized in 1917. It is located at 3175 Scenic Highway in Baton Rouge. The value of the entire plant is \$448,000. Value of the latest construction is \$130,000. The first unit of the present plant was built in 1938 under the pastorate of the Rev. W. H. Royal. The present sanctuary was completed under the pastorate of Dr. James T. Harris in 1952. The completion of the new educational building was made in 1962. Present membership of the church is 1,374. Other pastors who have served the church are: H. W. Cudd, S. A.

Segars, C. A. Battle, H. L. Johns, Charles E. McLean, P. B. McCullin, J. W. Booth, L. N. Hoffpauir, O. L. Tucker, J. A. Alford, R. R. Branton, H. A. Gibbs, A. Jerome Cain, Virgil D. Morris, and the present pastor, Ira W. Flowers.



• Jefferson Church was organized in 1958 and services were begun Sunday, October 5, in the Jefferson Terrace Elementary School. From that time until January, 1959, services were conducted alternately by the Rev. D. W. Poole, district superintendent; the Rev. W. R. Irving, pastor of Ingleside; and the Rev. J. P. Woodland, pastor of Broadmoor.

On January 11, 1959, the church was officially organized with 71 charter members. The Rev. Stone W. Caraway was appointed pastor of the congregation.

The organizational meeting of the Jefferson Woman's Society of Christian Service was held on January 20, 1959.

A parsonage valued at \$20,000 was completed and occupied in September of 1959. It was consecrated by the Rev. D. W. Poole, at a Christmas Open House on December 20, 1959.

The church site, a five-acre wooded tract of land on the Jefferson Highway, was purchased by the district Board of Missions in June, 1959, and in the fall of that year, Jefferson Church received the conference 1,000 Club call. A contract for the \$58,000 building was let in April, 1960.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for this first unit were conducted by Mr. Poole on May 15, 1960.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, at a special service on October 2, 1960, laid the cornerstone of the church. He was assisted by Mr. Poole, the Rev. P. M. Caraway, father of the pastor; and the Rev. S. W. Caraway, pastor. The first service in the church was held on October 30, 1960, with the district superintendent and pastor officiating.

The church now has a membership of 300. The budget of the church has grown from a sum of \$11,000 for the year 1959-60 to a total of \$28,000 for 1963-64.



• The new Rosedale Church is under construction. Contractor is L. D. Smith

of Baton Rouge and the architect is Lou Doiron of Lafayette. The Rev. T. W. Perrott is pastor.

Methodist work in this area dates back before the Civil War. The Rev. Samuel Hawes was the pastor of the area.

The present church was built in 1895 under the pastorate of the Rev. William Schukle. The church has a membership of 95.



• St. Luke's Church on Glen Oaks Drive in Baton Rouge, held the first service in its new building, Sunday, May 12, 1963. The Rev. James P. McCullough is pastor. St. Luke's was organized in 1961. The membership now totals 110. Value of the present building (Fellowship Hall) is \$40,000.



• The St. John's Church of Baton Rouge was organized in June, 1961, by the Rev. Thomas M. Babington, III, who is still pastor of the church. Present facilities, completed in April of this year, are valued at \$65,000. It is located in the Highland Road Area, south of LSU. St. Luke's received the 1,000 Club call in the fall of 1961. Church membership is now 110.



• The Winbourne Church, 4643 Winbourne Avenue, Baton Rouge, was organized in 1945 under ministry of the Rev. Glendon Messer.

The present sanctuary was built in 1956 under the ministry of the Rev. A. A. Collins. In 1961 a new educational building was added to the facilities of the church, during the ministry of the Rev. Rucl Allen. The value of the church property is \$165,000. The new education building cost \$78,000.

The Winbourne Church has at the present time 544 members.



The new church built by the congregation of the Magnolia Methodist Church.

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'Methodism is Methodism'

by L. KEITH MASON

Editor's note: This message by Dr. Mason was delivered by the Laymen's Banquet during the Annual Conference at New Orleans.

Knowing that I am a physician without any homiletical abilities, I will give some facts to you about Methodism in capsule form and due to their controversial nature, I weigh every word carefully.

What is the Methodist Mission today in this world of tremendous changes? Isn't it put simply to do "what Christ would do" with all our problems. We have automation, space problems, the emergence of many independent nations notably in Africa and Asia, racism, increasing welfare statism, and worse yet, suddenly we have the Communist menace thrust upon us. Talk all you want to about the "good old days" I'll take today's challenge, excitement, and chance to witness.

Its only natural that christians have to reevaluate their mission in the face of these changes. In doing so, Methodist christians are apt to differ. It was John Wesley, our founder, who said that "we think and let think."

Today we all regret the unjustified attacks on us and our allied institutions by a very vocal few who are motivated by one or more of these three reasons on forces:

1. Sincere but uninformed. Go to the "Point of No Return" without facts.
2. Money and Martyrdom, Hargis, Walker, McIntyre, etc.
3. Emotionally disturbed. This group vents their innate hostility by actually hating God and thus the church for the way fate has treated them. You see this too often in the "Letter to the Editor" column in our papers. You can just read hostility in what they write. The husband of one of these writers told me when his wife, who I had sent for much psychiatric treatment and shock treatments, gets hostile, she writes one of these letters, thus venting her hate there rather than on him. He is glad, as I would be.

What is it now that upsets these people?

It seems to me to be the fallacies rather than the facts of Christianity's and Methodism stand on:

1. Communism.
2. Integration.
3. Socialism.
4. Liberalism.

First, these people not only have great fear of change itself but fear of communism wedging into the World Church Councils, National Councils and even the local pulpit. Much of these destructive attacks on the churches and ministers are motivated by such self-styled anti-communist crusaders as Schwartz, Welch of John Birchers, the circuit riders, and others.

I am glad to report to you a statement made recently by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of our church school publications, that no Methodist minister has been proved to be a communist or even brought to trial in any civil or church court. I demand as he did, that

they "put up or shut up." Let us laymen demand that the accusers make their accusations responsibly or retract them—I think it is past time to answer these self styled "Patriots." Every D.S. and Bishop is required under Methodist law to act promptly on these matters guaranteeing the accused as well as the accuser a fair trial before a church court as outlined in Methodist Discipline paragraph 646 (921-983).

These detractors of the church are not really trying to help either the Church or nation—they could be trying to undermine them and at the same time make a comfortable living by doing so. They want to keep on carping but they are not willing to act responsibly and prefer charges.

Other excited, careless, and possibly even malicious persons often use the word "communism" to describe a person or persons that differ with these so called "patriots." If you are for flouridation of water, the UN, Salk Vaccine, or even the R.S.V of the Holy Bible you are called a communist. Strictly speaking communism defined is the theory that all means of production i. e. farms, factories, mines, etc, should be owned and operated by the government and that the change from private to government ownership should be achieved by violent overthrow of the established order. This Marxian Dialectical Materialistic Communism also asserts that God does not exist and it opposes all religions and says, that I have been to Russia and heard them say, that religion is just an opiate for old people and that when you are dead you are dead like a dog.

This dangerous movement should be, of course, first understood and then defeated on every front. Calling recent presidents of our country, some members of Congress and the Supreme Court, lay and clerical leaders of all the churches, the NCC, the WCC, and their member denominations including the Methodist Church subversive, communistic, leftist, or even soft on communism is truly without fact and is certainly a fallacy.

There, also, is another fact not often mentioned that hurts me and that is the proselyting by some small fundamentalist churches. These people try to capitalize on this unjust criticism of our great church and others and proselyte or take our members. These heretical groups use the Bible literally and legalistically as the Pharisees used it, instead of the way Jesus uses the Scriptures. In other words, if you are not a believer as they are you are an infidel and a communist. A very small group foment trouble and confusion by even using the word Methodist in their name.

The second upsetting term is integration and that's a "Hot Potato." The truth is that christianity is not integration and is not segregation; nor is

Methodism. I cannot imagine Christ forcing me to integrate or segregate. He operated with only the force of love being used. For the same reason, why would our Christ-like church attempt to force us. Yes Christianity is Christianity and Methodism is Methodism's attempt to find out what Christ would do under similar circumstances. The only answer to integration vs segregation truly is the "Golden Rule" and you can't force it by law because you can't legislate love of one person for another. That being the case forced integration is just as wrong as forced segregation. Too many liken our national Methodist Church to the National Government which is pushing integration, but this is not so. I save not seen, and neither have you, any official directive of the General Conference that forces integration. Some of you will go next spring and will find out that this governing body of our church, made up of an equal number of lay and clerical members, make their decisions undergirded with prayer and unselfish consideration of what would Christ do with all our problems on all subjects. Did you know it would take a two-thirds majority vote of this white annual conference to unite with any colored Central Jurisdiction annual conference? The same is true of our Jurisdictional Conference.

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The third upsetting thing to these people is socialism. I frankly had a hard time, at one time, accepting the "social gospel" on the Methodist Church because, as you well know, I am against socialized medicine in all forms. To rationalize this I did much reading and talking to my minister, Dr. D. L. Dykes. I am now prepared to tell you the difference and it is very simple. The "social gospel" teaches us to voluntarily give and help the worthy causes of God and our fellow man by tithing through the church, the United Fund, Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, etc. Socialism is forcing us to give by some central agency such as government, when we fail to voluntarily give as the Scriptures tell us. Yes Methodism is Christianity at work. It is not as one Methodist man, holding up our Disciple and shaking it in my face, told me "This book is the most socialistic book I have ever seen printed." Our own Methodist Discipline. Can you imagine? Actually the truth is that the only defence against socialism is Christianity. Listen to this, "Socialism inevitably moves into the vacuum where Christianity should be and is not."

Lastly the Methodist Church is not liberal or conservative—Methodism is Methodism only. One woman wrote me that one could not be a conservative and still be a Methodist. When you consider the Methodist Church's position on the social gospel, alcohol, divorce, gambling, pornographic literature, etc, you could call us ultraconservative—on the other hand, when you consider any christian church's po-

sition on world brotherhood and peace, you can call the church an extreme liberal. I well remember hearing our church criticized because it was too conservative and "old fogey" for not allowing dancing, social cocktails and a little bingo—as other churches did. Yet today there are many destructive critics who are trying to line the Methodist Church up with one camp or another; when the real test of any thought or position or action is not "it is liberal or conservative?" The real question is, "is it right?"—"is it christian." There are times when our Methodist Church must take a position, because it is christian, that some people will call ultra conservative. There are other times when our christian church, must take the position that some people are going to call extremely liberal. The great error is trying to line up Methodism with either.

Again, I ask the simple question "what would Jesus do?" Also is it right?" "it is christian?" Read His Sermon on the Mount—His life and His teachings. From this anyone could realize that neither Christ nor the Methodist Church that emulates Him, could be lined up or claimed by either camp, but stands part from both, to judge each one in the light of its simple standards of love, forgiveness, patience and understanding. Yes Methodism is Methodism and properly interpreted is not conservative or liberal, but christian. Listen to this, "We must not seek to line up Jesus and the Methodist Church with those things in which we believe; we must seek to line ourselves up with that in which Jesus believed as interpreted by the church of our choice, The Methodist Church," Wesley said, "If your heart is as my heart, give me your hand."

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Baton Rouge Building

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The new parsonage at Magnolia Church.



First Church, Baton Rouge is in the process of building a new adult center which will accomodate their entire adult division with room for 750 people. The total cost of the new center will be \$350,000 and will give this church separate buildings for the adult, youth and children's divisions.

Not all of us can be brilliant, but any of us can be faithful.

They've got your number now..

by Arthur West

They've got your number now, Mr. Methodist Preacher. This goes for every one of the nearly 29,000 of us in The Methodist Church in this country.

Numbering begins with the Rev. August E. Aamodt of Canton, Ohio, first name in the alphabetical listing, whose newly-assigned number is 000030. It ends at the present time with a retired member of the Michigan Conference, the Rev. Clayton H. Zuse, whose number is 997230.

I can't tell you your number, but it will have six digits in it.

Don't worry about your number. The fact that the church's Department of Research and Statistics in the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill., has placed a code number on your card has no sinister implications.

It won't change the course of your ministerial career. You can be quite sure that the secretary of your annual conference will not expect you to answer roll call by reciting your number. Nor will your bishop shuffle a set of IBM cards and assign you to a new church if your number happens to come up first.

There will, of course, be a few who will read into this new office procedure another evidence of "the growing secularization" of the church or will interpret it as an indication that we are losing the personal touch by substituting numbers for names.

But wait a minute! No one is substituting numbers for names. To your name a number is being added to facilitate record-keeping and research. As a matter of fact, most ministers will not know their numbers.

Your number will not likely follow as the next largest number after the preacher who immediately precedes you in the alphabetical roll. Many gaps are being left in the numbering system to allow for future additions to the church's ministry. Your number will always be the same wherever you serve.

Rather than purchase new equipment when the Department of Research and Statistics decided to adopt the new numbering system, it availed itself of the services of the Data Processing Department of the church's General Board of Pensions, located in the same Methodist Building in Evanston.

Believing that many Methodists would be interested in learning why the new office procedure is being adopted, I asked the Rev. Dr. Roy A. Sturm, director of the Department of Research and Statistics, to explain.

Here, in brief, are some of the reasons he gave:

1. It makes record keeping more accurate. For example, among the 29,000 Methodist ministers in the United States, there are nearly 380 Smiths. Among the Smiths, at least 18 answer to the name of William. Five have identical names — the Rev. William H. Smith, and the only way to distinguish them under the old plan is to affix the name of the annual conference to each man's name. By assigning a particular number to each pastor, the department will have a distinctive means of identification and be sure of keeping his file from being confused with another minister by the same or a very similar name. Far fewer mistakes will occur

under the new plan.

2. It is a convenience for research purposes. The data processing cards will enable the research department quickly to determine how many ministers were received on trial in annual conferences in any given year. This is only one illustration of several that might be used to indicate how other facts can be compiled in much shorter time than under the old system. The secret is found in the lightning-like speed with which key-punched cards can be sorted and grouped according

to various categories.

3. It makes for greater ease in alphabetizing. No one can estimate with accuracy the number of man-hours and the expense involved in alphabetizing all the Methodist pastors year after year for the index of the GENERAL MINUTES under the old plan. This entailed typing each man's name and the year he entered the ministry on little slips of paper and eventually grouping these slips alphabetically. Over a period of many years, I have observed this tedious process as it went on in the office of the editor of the GENERAL MINUTES. As I have seen thousands of these little slips spread out on tables and being sorted, I have wondered what would happen if a sudden breeze were to blast a week's work.

Under the present system, the IBM machines can alphabetize 800 cards per minute.



GETTING HIS NUMBER. Dr. Don A. Cooke (right), general secretary and treasurer of The Methodist Church's Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill., is shown as he receives a card indicating the number which has been assigned to him for data processing purposes. Handing him the card is Dr. Roy A. Sturm, Evanston, associate secretary of the Council and director of its Department of Research and Statistics.

In some instances, the Research Department needs to have the cards arranged alphabetically. In other operations, ministers need to be grouped by the conference to which they belong. Shifting from one type of sorting to another now will be a relatively simple matter. By the old, hand-and-eye operation, it was a painfully-long process.

Of course, they didn't have IBM machines in Old Testament times, but they did have a numbering system. In I Samuel 14-17, it is reported that Saul said to the people, "Number now, and see who is gone from us."

"The fact that such census taking is now done by electronic means rather than a verbal roll call does not decrease its spiritual significance or minimize its personal values," Dr. Sturm said. "Quite the contrary, we are eager to account for every minister and take into full account all the factors of his service."

Dr. Sturm and his staff are convinced that the new numbering process will enable them and other departments to do their work more efficiently and economically and to report more completely and accurately on the significant service of all of the church's ministers.

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Church Needs Less Pessimism, More Faith

FORT MONROE, VA.—"If we had less pessimism in the pulpits and more faith in the pews, the church would advance faster," declared Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, at the board's annual meeting here April 23-26.

"I do not minimize the seriousness nor the tragedy of any impending war or series of wars, but mankind will not be destroyed," Bishop Smith said.

"Men will be destroyed," he continued, "but a sufficient number will always remain to build a stronger and better life. I do not believe the world will be destroyed. Men will kill but some life will always remain."

He said further: "If all churches were destroyed and all trace of their existence eliminated, man would organize and begin to rebuild a church."

"The Church is in direct response to the needs of the human race.

"We can either follow the prophets of doom and expect the end of the world and the destruction of all life, or we can feel the birth pains of the beginning of a new day when man shall through the church come into his own rightful inheritance."

"We need to bear in mind that the largest and most significant church union ever to take place in all of Protestantism was that of the three largest bodies of Methodists when we became The Methodist Church. This required almost 100 years to bring into reality.

"The Methodist Church is now in consultation with the Evangelical United Brethren Church looking and hoping for a union, but this will require many years.

"Uniting Churches, if it is desirable, is a long and tedious task. Only God and the future of indefinite years can determine what will occur."

NCC Board Names Espy Secretary

NEW YORK, N.Y.—(NC) — The General Board of the National Council of Churches June 8 elected Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy as general secretary of the Council. He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, who retires June 30.

Dr. Espy was nominated yesterday and unanimously elected this morning by the 270-member, policy-making General Board, now in its regular spring business session here at The Riverside Church.

A Baptist, Dr. Espy becomes the National Council's top-ranking executive after eight years of Council service. Associate general secretary since 1958, he was formerly associate executive secretary of the Council's Division of Christian Life and Work 1955-1957, heading programs in Christian social relations, international and economic affairs, worship and the arts and other concerns of the Council's 31 member denominations.

At age 54 a veteran of international church conferences and a world trav-

eler, Dr. Espy will have general oversight as general secretary for all of the Council's 70 program units serving the constituent communions.

For 11 years before coming to the National Council he directed the work of the National Student YMCA. He was general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Christian Missions 1940-1943.

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CHAPLAINS RANK HIGH

Methodist chaplains took both second and third place ratings in the class of 36 graduated recently from the Army Chaplain School, according to word received in Washington, D. C., by the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. Thirteen Methodists were among those who completed the 17-week course for career chaplains.

Second place was earned by Chaplain (Capt.) William R. Gentry of the Missouri West Conference, stationed at Fort Hood, Tex. Third place went to Chaplain (Capt.) Robert G. Swager of Rocky Mountain Conference, now at Ft. Sill, Okla. Class leader was Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth A. Garner of Idaho Conference, assigned to Ft. Ord, Calif.

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If you were the only Christian left alive, would the Church start up again?



TWENTY-SIX Nobel Prize winners march in procession past a bust of Swedish King Gustavus Adolphus at the Lutheran college named for him in St. Peter to attend dedication of a Nobel Hall of Science at the school. In bottom photo the Nobel laureates, wives and guests enter the three-story, 150-room hall which has a 20-foot high bas relief by Don Gregory, art director at Gustavus Adolphus College. The hall was dedicated to Alfred Nobel, Swedish inventor who established the prizes. Gustavus Adolphus College was founded by Lutheran immigrants from Sweden.

MEETING JUNE 6-8 IN NEW YORK-

Action of the General Board, National Council of Churches

NEW YORK, N.Y.—(NC)—In a historic two-and-a-half day session June 6-8 at The Riverside Church here, the 270-member policy-making General Board of the National Council of Churches

CALLED for immediate widescale action to swing the full force of the church into the struggle for racial justice, inviting Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders to join action with Protestants against segregation.

URGED in a separate action Christian support of and participation in "responsible and disciplined" economic pressures when necessary to eliminate injustice based on "race, creed, or national origin."

DECLARED in a pronouncement that the Bible should not be used for devotional purposes in public schools, but that good teaching must deal with information about religion.

URGED in a pronouncement Federal oversight of television and radio networks, opposing advertiser control of program content and calling for "drastic reduction" of advertising time.

ADVOCATED in a pronouncement the full participation of women in economic life, with job opportunities and working conditions equal to men's.

ELECTED a new general secretary of the Council—Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, formerly associate general secretary—to succeed the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross who retires June 30.

HEARD retiring general secretary Ross review 12 years of ecumenical church life since the National Council's creation.

HONORED Dr. Ross at a dinner attended by the top leadership of the Council's 31 constituent churches.

COMMENDED to next December's General Assembly and its action a revised constitution which looks toward a restructuring of the Council.

LEARNED that President Kennedy will address the Council's triennial General Assembly next December in Philadelphia.

HEARD a panel of distinguished foreign affairs experts review major issues in foreign affairs.

APPROVED a proposed inter-faith project for vocational guidance in the public schools.

The General Board will next meet Oct. 17-18 in New York City in a special session to consider new constitutional by-laws in accordance with proposed structural changes in the Council.

President Kennedy Will Address 1963 National Council Assembly

NEW YORK, N.Y.—(NC)—President John F. Kennedy has accepted an invitation to address the 1963 General Assembly of the National Council of Churches in Philadelphia on December 3.

Announcement of the President's decision was made today by J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Miller told representatives of 31 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies attending the spring meeting of the Council's policy-making General Board that "the President of the United States, Mr. John F. Kennedy, will address the 1963 General Assembly in Convention Hall Philadelphia, on Tuesday evening, December 3."

The subject of Mr. Kennedy's address will be "Our Liberties, One and Indivisible," Mr. Miller said.

President Kennedy's decision to address what amounts to a national town meeting of Protestant Anglican and Orthodox churches marks the first time that the President of the United States has consented to speak to the National Council of Churches, cooperative agency of America's Protestant and Orthodox churches. Former President Eisenhower was the main speaker at the cornerstone laying ceremony in 1960 for the Interchurch Center on Riverside Drive in New York City, headquarters

of the National Council of Churches and other church organizations.

Sixth in the Council's 13-year history the General Assembly is expected to bring 5,000 representatives of the 31 member churches to Philadelphia for sessions lasting from Sunday, December 1 until Saturday, December 7.

The theme of the President's address will be in the context of the assembly's program theme "Servants of the Eternal Christ" under which churchmen from all over the nation will discuss during the week such vital issues as the Church's mission with regard to race peace, technology and faith and order, with particular attention to the ministry of the laity and local Christian unity.

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FINE VACATION CHURCH School was held at First Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, May 6-10, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Muller. The average attendance was 85. The pastor is the Rev. Eldred Blakely.



THE SENIOR HIGH MYF of McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, enjoyed a boat party on June 1 on the boats of the E.S. Blackmons and the Fred Kulls. The young people presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grube, their counselors for the past two years.



MARY FRANCIS TOOKE, is shown as she recently received the "Outstanding Service Medal" and "Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Accomplishment" from Mr. E.R. Hester principal of Arcadia High School.

Picture of Louisiana Methodist in the *News*



TWENTY-TWO members of the Senior Youth Department of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, and seven counselors are seen in front of the chartered bus that carried them to Oklahoma for the recent meeting of the Indian Mission Conference.



SPONSORS OF the MYF at McGowen Methodist Church Jeanerette: the Rev. Hal P. Causler, Mrs. K.N. Martin, K.N. Martin and Mrs. Norma L. Close.



NEW OFFICERS of the Howard Sub-District, recently installed by the Rev. R.R. Meek of the Pioneer Charge: Tommy Black, president; Sandra Cook, secretary; Linda Coody, publicity; Dennie Sandford, vice-president; and Spike Herzog, treasurer.



THE CHATHAM MYF honored those members that were seniors of the local high school and those who had birthdays in the month of May with a party at their last meeting in May. MYF counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer and the pastor is Rev. Leon C. Scott.



THE JOY SUB-DISTRICT held a work-day at Camp Brewer, June 1. Taking parts were young people from St. Paul, Glenmora, Elizabeth and Hopewell Churches.



THE WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS of the Vinton Church, recently met in the home of Mrs. Bernice Lynch, who had the misfortune of breaking her foot.



WIELDING THE SHOVEL for the groundbreaking for the new building for the Nesom Memorial Church, Tickfaw, June 2, was Mrs. Dorris V. Jenkins, the former Miss Irma Nesom. At the extreme right are the Rev. A.D. George, pastor, and the Rev. D.W. Poole, Baton Rouge District Superintendent.

Centenary Students Recipients of Methodist Scholarships

A Centenary College junior and two prospective freshmen have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary and chairman of its scholarship committee, announced today.

The honorees are Phyllis Fern Payne of Marshall, Tex., Paula Kay Campbell of Benton and James D. Boyd of Bossier City.

National Methodist Scholarship awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of academic excellence, leadership, active churchmanship, character, personality and need. About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education and its nationwide scholarship program.

Funds for support of the scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a churchwide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

Miss Payne has excelled in all branches of campus activity during two years at Centenary. She has compiled a 4.0 in her academic work to date, has been a member of the Centenary College Choir and winner of the Alpha Chi Outstanding Freshman Award. She was also runner-up in this year's competition for the Miss Holiday in Dixie crown.

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Mr. Boyd



Miss Campbell

Workshop

The tenth annual weekend Missionary Workshop for chairmen of local church Commissions on Missions will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, from 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 16, to noon on Sunday, the 18th. The chairman or another member of the Commission on Missions is urged to attend.

Advance enrollment is necessary, with attendance from our South Central Jurisdiction limited to 350 persons. This matter should be presented to your Official Board at the earliest opportunity. Registration fee is \$5.00 and cost of room, meals, grounds fee and insurance is approximately \$20.00. Cost of travel is extra. The Louisiana Conference has had very good representation in past years. Participation can provide a real boost to your local missions program.

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Louisiana Methodists Will Attend Town and Country Meet

A representative group of district superintendents and pastors and their wives from Louisiana will be taking part in the National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country to be held July 9-12 on the campus of the University of Minnesota at St. Paul, Minn., according to the Rev. Rex Squyres, Kinder, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Town and Country Commission.

BULLETIN

We talked to Mrs. Walton Tuesday just before we went to press and she reported that Bishop Walton's doctors have indicated that his recovery is proceeding according to schedule and they are very pleased with his progress, as are we all to hear this. He remains in Room 714, Foundation Hospital, New Orleans.

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GRADUATE DEGREE

The Rev. Franklin N. Poole, minister of music at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, is taking a nine-weeks leave of absence from that position this summer to attend George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn. He is beginning work that will lead to the Ph. D. degree in church music.

The conference will be one of the high points of The Methodist Church's Quadrennial Emphasis on the small congregation. It has been called by the Council of Bishops and the Methodist Interboard Committee on Town and Country Work. The theme will be "The Church at Work in a Changing World."

Speakers for the meeting will include Bishop W. C. Martin; Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, the Rev. Ernest T. Dixon; Bishop Eugene Slater; Bishop Richard C. Raines; and Bishop Edwin C. Voigt.

The purpose of the conference has been declared to be:

"To explore the mission of the church in town and country life with emphasis given to the small church and its ministry to clergy and laity, to the changing patterns of population and culture in town and country areas, to the world revolution and to the development of a cooperative and united

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PARTICIPANTS in the recent Hymn Festival at First Methodist Church Lake Charles, included (l. to r.): John Croom, director of music, Oak Park Church; Robert Daughdrill, director of music, University Church; Lamar Robertson, director of music, First Church; and Mrs. Robert Wilson, director of music, Simpson Church.

Editorials

DEEP ARE THE ROOTS OF FREEDOM

IT IS a good exercise each year near the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence to re-examine the roots of our freedom. One does not always know the root structure of the plants which furnish his nourishment, but if he is ambitious to strengthen them he must become thoroughly familiar with them. The Japanese have developed an horticultural art of restricting the growth of the roots of trees to produce dwarfed specimen of some of the largest species of trees. This product, however, is a freak and not an example of what we want to happen to all our trees.

Christians have a most serious responsibility as regards the institution of democracy in our day. Regardless of what Supreme Court Justice Clark said in a recent decision, Americans are not now and never have been "neutral about religion." They cannot afford to be because too much of their heritage is rooted there. It was Jesus' concept of the Christian community that it should be "the leaven leavening the whole loaf." One of his sincerest prayers contained this petition, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil."

The anatomy of these roots might be described in a number of ways. We feel that reduced to their simplest terms they consist of three branches. The first of these is the conviction that liberty always carries with it commensurate responsibility. Then, we would say that freedom is rooted in the worth of the individual as the child of God. Thirdly, all freedom must at last push its roots down to the fertile soil which is the Christian ideal. James Bryce, the great student of American democracy, put it this way, "In reality the modern conception of the state, of citizenship and government are not modern. They inhere in the ethics of Christianity and have been implicit in the Christian teachings from the very outset."

The Declaration of Independence was not the

Symbols Of Liberty



setting forth of some new body of doctrine concerning citizens and their state. It was the courageous pronouncement of truths as old as the truth of God. The purity of democracy in any state is then to be judged on the degree to which it makes concrete these Christian ideals.

Several years ago a book by Womer on this subject said, "The presupposition of democracy is reasoned judgement on the part of its citizens, not merely a few leaders, or a privileged group of citizens, but all the citizens; otherwise democracy is merely a pretense."

The challenge of our day to democratic America is to rise to a moral attitude that is uncircumscribed, to a spirit without restriction, and the simple law of love or good will which is the heart of the Gospel. Democracy represents a way of handling certain phases of "togetherness" which takes account of the law of love, or good will as the touchstone of our collective attitudes, judgments and actions. Just as summer fulfills all ripeness and growth for seeds and roots and trees, so it is that democratic associations must be fulfilled by the unrestricted good will of the citizenry, or such association is not really democratic.

Deep are the roots of freedom!

TOWN AND COUNTRY CONFERENCE

THE quadrennial Town and Country Conferences of The Methodist Church have established themselves as some of the most significant of all our national meetings, transcending by far an impact on just the smallest of our parishes. Coming as they do near the end of each quadrennium and dealing with factors which are of common concern to Methodist parishes of every size, they have left their mark on the total life of the church.

Another such conference will be held July 9-12 on the campus of the University of Minnesota at St. Paul and we know that again it would be a mistake to say that the appeal is only to the members of our smallest congregations.

As one reads the purpose of the meeting he is convinced that this is a program in which we all have an interest. It says the conference has been called by the Council of Bishops "to explore the mission of the church in town and country life with emphasis given to the small church and its ministry to clergy and laity, to the changing patterns of population and culture in town and country areas, to the world revolution and to the development of a cooperative and united ministry as our response to the lordship of Jesus Christ."

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BOOK REVIEW

Ernest M. Ligon and Leona J. Smith, THE MARRIAGE CLIMATE, Methany Press, \$4.75.

These two persons, who are members of the staff of the Character Research Project at Union College have collaborated on this most attractive and helpful collection of brief essays on the backgrounds of married life. In a prelude to the book they indicate that it is the result of more than ten years research by their project staff.

Perhaps one paragraph from this prelude to the book is indicative of what is to be expected: "The research on which this study is based was as full of drama as any play ever written. Risk, excitement, surprise and exhilaration far outweighed the thousands of hours of drudgery that accompany any piece of research. More than a thousand parents from all over the United States participated in it, because they had faith that countless homes in the future would benefit from their efforts."

Titles of two of the essays taken at random give some inkling of the jewels that may be found in this book, one of the freshest approaches to the field we have seen in some time: "Seeing Father As the Deserving Hero of the Children (For Wives)," and "Appreciating Mother's Positive Discipline Effectively (For Husbands)."

Humorous but pertinent illustrations abound in this book and were they needed would help to pull the reader's interest along from page to page. We feel that this book will be most helpful to pastors who find counseling one of their more demanding tasks and who long for a fresh book to put in the hands of the persons caught in this mounting dilemma of American life.

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Structural, Personnel Changes Announced at Publishing House

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Changes have been announced in the organizational structures and personnel of the Publishing and Cokesbury Divisions of the Methodist Publishing House, which has its national headquarters here. The announcement was made by Lovick Pierce, president and publisher. The Publishing Division previously known as Abingdon Press, now consists of Abingdon Press and two other departments and two services units, all under the direction of Cecil D. Jones, vice-president in charge of publishing.

The Publishing Division departments and their managers are: Abingdon Press Department, Thomas E. Carpenter, manager; Church Papers Department, Warren P. Clark, manager; Curriculum Department, Thomas K. Potter, Jr., manager.

The Publishing Division service units and their managers are: Administrative Services, Cecil B. Locke, manager; Production Services, William C. Bosworth, manager.

Sections operating under Abingdon Press Department include Audio-Visual H. D. Van Deren, Jr., manager; Church Supplies and Music, Carlton R. Young, manager; Sales Promotion and Service, Kenneth L. MacNeill, manager; Shipping and Warehousing, John W. Engles, manager.

The Publishing Division is beginning a new program of publication of general books, and Mr. Jones and Dr. Emory S. Bucke, book editor announced the appointment of Robert J. Hill as editor of general books. He formerly was manager of the manuscript preparation department.

The Cokesbury Division, with H. Carl Compton as the vice-president in charge, has been reorganized as follows:

The administrative unit consisting of the Central Office, Regional Service Centers, Cokesbury Stores—Mr. Compton.

The Central Advertising Services consisting of the Publishing Section and the Cokesbury Section, managed by James S. Penny.

The Merchandising Department consisting of the mail order section, the Retail Store Section, and the Church Library - Editorial Resources Section managed by Gerald N. Battle.

The Curriculum Audio-Visual Department with responsibility for sales promotion, managed by John N. Shockley, Jr.

"These changes," said Mr. Pierce, "are a part of a program arising out of more than three years study of our organization. The study has been conducted by business engineers and our own administrative staff to better equip the publishing house for larger service to The Methodist Church and to the constituency of the church and the publishing house."

"This program of advance and progress got under way in 1959," he said, "with the setting up of six Cokesbury regional service or mail order centers and 15 Cokesbury stores into the Cokesbury Division."

"In the last few years" he continued,

"we have seen much progress in our sales and service through these Cokesbury units. Now, following the experience of expansion of our capacity to serve in the retail field of our business, we are moving forward with changes in structure of both the central Cokesbury and Publishing Divisions."

Abingdon Press, now a department of the Publishing Division, publishes religious books, children's books, college texts, general books, church bulletins, church music, supplies and official church items.

The Publishing Division's Church Papers Department program includes *Together*, Methodism's family magazine; *Christian Advocate*, for ministers and leading laymen in the church; *Central Christian Advocate*, for the denomination's Central (Negro) Jurisdiction; and *Religion in Life*, quarterly for Christian scholars.

Under the Publishing Division's Curriculum Department comes the publication of church school literature, periodicals, graded literature, leadership texts, vacation school texts, and other items.

Race Relations Offering Tops Previous Highs

NASHVILLE TENN. — Methodists across the nation gave almost half a million dollars to a Race Relations offering during the past fiscal year. The total of \$493,643 was \$67,597 more than the previous year and the largest annual amount since the offering was begun in 1941.

The funds will go to 12 Negro colleges and one student center, all related to The Methodist Church, said the Rev. Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education.

Most of the amount was contributed on Race Relations Sunday, last Feb. 10 but contributions were received during the rest of the fiscal year, which ended May 31.

On the annual Race Relations Sunday members of The Methodist Church seek to promote better relations between the races, and many ministers preach on race relations.

The offering will help Morgan Christian Center, Baltimore Md., and the following colleges: Bennett, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin Orangeburg, S.C.; Clark, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans; Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Texas; Meharry, Nashville, Tenn.; Morristown at Morristown, Tenn.; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust, Holly Springs Miss.; and Wiley, Marshall, Texas.

MSM Leadership Training Meets

NASHVILLE TENN — The Methodist Student Movement will have seven regional leadership training conferences late this summer.

They are scheduled as follows: Southeast—Lake Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 23-30; Pacific Southwest — San Diego,

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

June 30 - Sunday	Psalms 8:1-9
July 1	Psalms 23:1-6
July 2	Psalms 24:1-10
July 3	Psalms 27:1-10
July 4	Psalms 32:1-11
July 5	Psalms 42:1-11
July 6	Psalms 46:1-11
July 7 - Sun.	Psalms 51:1-19
July 8	Psalms 72:1-19
July 9	Psalms 73:1-28
July 10	Psalms 84:1-12
July 11	Psalms 90:1-17
July 12	Psalms 91:1-16
July 13	Psalms 96:1-3
July 14 - Sun.	Psalms 98:1-9

Calif., Aug. 24-30; South Central — Lakeview Assembly, Palestine, Texas, Aug. 24-31; Great Plains—Lake Poinsett, South Dakota, Aug. 24-31; Northeast—Watson Homestead, Painted Post, N.Y., Aug. 25-31; North Central — Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., Aug. 26 to Sept. 1; Pacific Northwest—Pine Crest Camp Colorado, Sept. 2-7.

Theme for the conferences will be "Agony and Renewal: A Call to Mission in the Church, on the Campus, in the World."

"Individual conferences may use a different statement of the theme," said the Rev. Dr. Glen Otis Martin, Nashville, "but it is hoped that in each case they will deal relevantly with the agony of both the church and the world, with the possibilities of renewal, and with our mission as persons who participate in both the agony and the renewal."

Leaders of the South Central Conference will be: Platform Speaker: Dr. Franklin Littell, a professor at Chicago Theological Seminary; educational director; the Rev. William Corzine, Nashville, starr, Methodist Board of Education; dean: the Rev. Warren Boley, Oklahoma City, director of the Oklahoma MSM.



SIDNEY R. NICHOLS, East Aurora, N.Y., has been elected to the national staff of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, with offices at 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Ill. He will begin his duties Aug. 1 as associate director of the Department of Special Projects in the board's Section of Methodist Men.

1962-63 Church Receipts

EVANSTON, ILL.—Receipts of \$30,312,997.41 in The Methodist Church's general benevolence and administrative funds during the 1962-63 fiscal year were reported here June 11.

The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance said that this was an increase of \$1,724,648.01, or a gain of 6.03 per cent, over the grand total of \$28,588,349.40 received last year, (1961-62).

Nearly one half of the total amount was given for the church's basic benevolence fund, World Service, which received \$14,969,724.50. This was a gain of 1.21 per cent over last year's World Service giving but was still \$30,275.50 short of the budgeted goal of \$15,000,000 for the year.

With only one exception—The Methodist Television-Radio Ministry—all of the church's general funds showed gains. Increases ranged all the way from the 1.21 per cent gain in World Service to a 99.88 per cent gain in the World Service Specials. The Television-Radio Ministry was off 0.28 per cent from last year.

(The Methodist Church's fiscal year runs from June 1st through May 31st of the following year. However, the church's central treasury at 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, keeps its books open for 10 days after May 31 in order to allow time for transmission of receipts from local Methodist churches through annual conference treasurers all over the United States to the central office here.)

Total receipts in the 11 general funds covered by Dr. Cooke's annual report and the percentage of gain or loss when compared with last year are as follows:

World Service	\$14,969,724.50—up	1.21%
General Advance Specials		
World Missions	7,152,567.51—up	9.8%
National Missions	1,518,766.41—up	19.7%
Overseas Relief	1,042,165.47—up	47.28%
One Great Hour of Sharing	760,607.65—up	6.72%
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	863,095.26—up	3.08%
Methodist Television-Radio Ministry	290,815.00—down	0.28%
World Service Specials	154,193.60—up	99.88%
Episcopal Fund	2,104,863.93—up	5.75%
General Administration Fund	915,649.15—up	4.11%
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	540,548.93—up	4.13%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,312,997.41—up	6.03%



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS as they left Ruston by Private plane to go to New Orleans to board their plane for Bolivia.

Carl Williams' Parents Attend Mission Building Dedication

Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Williams of Ruston, departed from that city on June 7 and are now in Bolivia, where they are visiting their son, Carl, and family, and attending the dedication of their new missionary home and mission state at Carabuco.

The senior Williams flew to La Paz, Bolivia, considered the world's highest airport, and journeyed 82 miles by automobile to Carabuco in the midst of an Aymana Indian settlement.

Carl and Julia Williams are agricultural missionaries to Bolivia and are sponsored by Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. Their new home was built with funds furnished by Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. Dr. and Mrs. James T. Harris of the Shreveport Church are also in South America and attended the dedicatory services in Carabuco, held last Sunday evening, June 23.

Also dedicated was an Agricultural Building which will serve as a dormitory for 18 boys. The building also contains a carpentry shop, chapel, clinic and storage facilities.

Richard Ezell of Ruston was also present for the services on Sunday, representing the young people of Trinity Church.

Carl and Julia have written of their new home: "The house is very large and comfortable, and is not built for elegance but for the rustic life we lead out here on Lake Titicaca with the Aymara Indians."

"The house was planned to meet the needs of whatever family might live here. There is plenty of storage space since we buy supplies in such large quantities and plenty of sleeping space since we are the only "hotel." The house is heated by skylights in nearly

every room and the hall to make use of the Altiplano sun."

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If you were the only Christian left alive, would the Church start up again?



THE PEARL RIVER METHODIST CHURCH recently named the Edwin J. Mayfield family as their "Family of the Year." Mr. Mayfield is a construction plumber in New Orleans and commutes daily to his work there. In the evenings and on week-ends he is constructing a new home. He is a member of the Town Council and is active in the Masonic Lodge. In addition he teaches a class of Intermediate boys, is a Certified Lay Speaker, member of the Official Board and of the Board of Trustees. During the coming year he will be chairman of the Official Board. Mrs. Mayfield is vice-president of the WSCS, teacher of Youth Class and a member of the Official Board. The five Mayfield children, Sheila, Angel, Edwin, Jr., Ann and Nancy are all active in various church school classes and the MYF.

Centenary Scholarship

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Payne, she is a member of Summit Methodist Church in Marshall.

Miss Campbell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell of Benton, also had a 4.0 average at Benton High School. She was president of the National Honor Society, cheerleader, "Miss Benton High", class president and class favorite. She is a member of the Benton First Methodist Church.

Boyd, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Boyd of Bossier City, compiled a 3.5 average at Bossier High School, was president of the Math Club, a member of the National Honor Society, the Bossier High Hall of Fame and the band. He belongs to the Curtis Park Methodist Church.

Town and Country

ministry as our response to the lordship of Jesus Christ."

The co-ordinator of planning for the conference has been the Rev. Harold S. Huff, director of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of Missions. Bishop Glenn R. Phillips is chairman of the Interboard Committee. Bishop T. Otto Nall of the Minnesota Area has been chairman of the program committee.

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Notice

The Louisiana Methodist will not be published this coming Thursday, July 4, one of the two weeks omitted during the year in accordance with postal regulations.

For the reader's convenience, although, there are two week's of daily bible readings, on page three, and Sunday School lessons for the next two weeks, on pages six and fourteen.

Area Calendar

JULY 1963

- 1 New Orleans Methodist Hospital Financial Campaign
- 1- 5 Junior Camp, Lafayette Dist., Brewer
- 1- 5 Junior Hi Camp, N.O. Dist., Istrouma
- 1- 5 Junior Camp No. 1, Shreveport Dist., Caney Lake
- 1-12 WSCS Mission Tour for Youth
- 2- 3 Childrens Workers Conference, Alexandria
- 5- 7 S.C. juris. Layman's Workshop, Board of Lay Activities, Mt. Sequoyah
- 8-12 Junior Hi Camp, Alexandria District, Camp Brewer
- 8-12 Senior Institute, Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts, Camp Istrouma
- 8-13 S.C. Jurisdiction Workshop for Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants, Mt. Sequoyah
- 8-13 Junior Hi Camp, Ruston Dist., Caney
- 9-12 National Town and Country Conference, Minneapolis
- 12-14 S.C. Jurisdiction Church School Administrators Conference, Mt. Sequoyah
- 12-14 Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend, Camp Brewer
- 13-20 S.C. Jurisdiction Lab. Seminar for Youth Workers, Mt. Sequoyah
- 14-26 S.C. Jurisdiction Seminar for Workers With Children, Mt. Sequoyah
- 15-19 Junior Camp No. 2, Baton Rouge Dist. Camp Istrouma
- 15-20 Junior Hi Camp, Lafayette District, Camp Brewer
- 15-20 Junior Hi Camp, Shreveport District, Caney Lake
- 15-26 S.C. Jurisdiction Leadership School, Mt. Sequoyah
- 15-26 S.C. Jurisdiction Audio-Visual Seminar, Mt. Sequoyah
- 16-19 J.M. Willson Lectures, Mt. Sequoyah
- 18 Minimum Salary Commission, 10:00 a.m. Alexandria
- 20-26 S.C. Jurisdiction Laboratory Seminar for Workers With Adults, Sequoyah
- 21 Board of Lay Activities, Alexandria
- 21-27 Conference MYF Officers Workshop, Camp Istrouma
- 22-27 Junior Hi Camp, Lake Charles District, Camp Brewer
- 22-27 Junior Hi Camp, Monroe District, Caney
- 28 World Service Sunday
- 29 District Secretaries of Evangelism meet at Pastors' School at 1:30 p.m.
- 29 Executive Committee, Board of Missions
- 29 Conference Commission on Worship, Centenary College
- 29-Aug. 1 Regional Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concerns, Sequoyah
- 29-Aug. 2 Pastors' School, Centenary College
- 29-Aug. 3 Senior Hi Camp, Monroe, Ruston and Shreveport Districts, Caney

GENERAL:

- (1) Local Church Evangelistic Services
- (2) Youth Activity and Christian Adventure Weeks

Delton Pickering Is Delegate

The Rev. Delton Pickering, director of the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University, is a delegate to the North American Faculty-Staff Conference in Montreal, Canada, June 24 through July 4. Sponsored by the World Student Christian Federation, some 300 participants from throughout the world are attending the conference as representatives of their respective Christian student movements. Mr. Pickering is one of 31 American Methodists who have been selected to attend the meeting.

It is always dangerous to add to the family income at the expense of the home life of the children.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

A RECEPTION WAS HELD AT St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, June 9, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. E.J. Barksdale who were appointed to a new charge at conference.

THE REV. ED R. HAUG, district superintendent of the Monroe District, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Leesville, June 23. The pastor is the Rev. Kirby Vining.

INSTALLATION SERVICES were held for the members of the Official Board of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, at the morning worship service on June 9. The pastor is the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

THE SPEAKER FOR the evening worship service at the Shongaloo Methodist Church on June 2 was R.W. Atkins, a layman from the Haynesville Methodist Church. The Shongaloo pastor is the Rev. Collins D. Pinkard.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE OFFICIAL Board of the First Methodist Church, Leesville, are: Dr. T.J. Wolgemuth, chairman; G.A. Freimark, vice-chairman and Mrs. E.M. Shaw, secretary. The pastor is the Rev. Kirby Vining.

THE SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented a play, "The New Pilgrim," on Sunday evening, June 9, as the first in a series of four special Vesper Services. The pastor is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

DR. C.E. PEEPLES, president of Lon Morris Junior College, Jacksonville, Tex., was the guest speaker for the morning worship service at Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, June 16. The pastor is the Rev. C. Robert McCammon.

THE REV. AND MRS. JOE CLOUSE, who have been associated with First Methodist Church, Bossier City, have moved to Shelbyville, Tex., where he has been appointed supply pastor of the Shelbyville First Circuit.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles, has elected the following officers for the new church year: Leo Hoffpauir, chairman; Herbert Robinson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Nell Fotenot, secretary. The Rev. O.L. Golson, Jr. is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has chosen the following officers for the year: E.W. Moore, president; T.W. Anthony, vice-president; and W.W. Courtney, secretary-treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

THE METHODIST MEN OF MANGUM Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, held a Father and Son Banquet at the church on Friday, June 14. The speaker for the occasion was City Judge G. Randell Whitmeyer. The pastor of the church is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

THE TRINITY SEASON extending from the week after Pentecost to Advent is being observed in the Bonita and Jones Methodist Churches with a series of sermons concerned with the doctrines contained in The Apostles Creed. The pastor is the Rev. Kenneth Paul.

LAVERNE BURKS, youth worker at the Springhill Methodist Church, was the speaker for the recent

meeting of the Golden Age Club of that church. She showed slides and told of her experiences in Switzerland last summer. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

THE CONGREGATION OF Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, gave a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. William Eubanks following the evening worship service on June 9. Mr. Eubanks has been serving as the associate pastor of this church, where the Rev. Ira W. Flowers serves as the pastor.

AT NOEL MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, a reception was held Sunday, June 9, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Warren Blakeman, and welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Edwards. Mr. Edwards is the new associate pastor, succeeding Mr. Blakeman. The pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS have been elected by the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles: W.D. Roush, president; Paul E. Palmer, vice-president; A.L. (Sparky) Myers, Jr., vice-president; and A.H. Spencer, secretary-treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. G.W. Pomeroy.

THE NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR at First Methodist Church, Monroe, is the Rev. Leonard D. Thompson, a recent graduate of Candler School of Theology. Mrs. Thompson also received her degree in nursing from Emory University this month. The pastor of this church is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Minden, held their Vacation Church School the first week of June. The average attendance was 80 percent, with 21 teachers and workers. On Sunday evening, June 9, the children presented a program at the church and received their certificate. Their pastor is the Rev. L. Gray Wilson.

DR. CARL LUEG, New Orleans District Superintendent and a former pastor of the Slidell Methodist Church, filled the pulpit of this church on June 16. The preacher at the evening worship hour was the Rev. Walter Worthy, pastor of the Pearl River Methodist Church. The pastor at Slidell is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

AN INSTALLATION SERVICE for officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held May 26 at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. Special memberships were presented to Mrs. James R. Carter of the Guild, and to Mrs. J.F. Cox and Mrs. M.C. McNeal, of the society, for outstanding service to the church. The pastor is the Rev. Byrl Moreland.

THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL of the Denham Springs Methodist Church closed Friday night, June 14, with a church-wide cake and ice cream social. Mrs. Kenneth Fink was director of the school and had 25 adult teachers and helpers. Approximately 75 children were enrolled. The Rev. Ted A. Howes is the pastor.

DR. L.D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home-Hospital, New Orleans, was guest preacher at Keithville and Stonewall Methodist Churches, Sunday, June 23. "Dinner on the grounds" was held at the Stonewall Church following the service. The Rev. Ed Henkel is the pastor.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, DeRidder, the following new officers of the MYF were recently installed by the pastor, the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson: Sandra Hayes, president; Harold Heath, vice-president; Pat Beckcom, secretary; Pat Porter, treasurer; Robert Rathburn, faith; George Marsh, fellowship; Ronnie Hayes, witness; Harry Manning, outreach; and Jim Mann, citizenship.

MRS. CUTLER BREAUX served as superintendent of the Vacation School at Vinton Methodist Church, June 11-21. Assisting her were Mrs. Evelyn Alamond, Mrs. Billy Stinson, Mrs. Jimmy Thibodeaux, Mrs. Gerald Cormier, Mrs. Floyd Kimball, Mrs. Melvin Wilkinson, Mrs. Donald Futch, Mrs. Bud Granger, Mrs. Ralph Kimball, the Rev. and Mrs. James Poole and Mrs. D.J. Schanz, Sr.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Tour Camp of First Methodist Church, Minden, left June 15 for their destination in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The tour is being directed by the Rev. Don Autry, minister of education, who will conduct church services for the group along the way. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

THE MEMBERS OF THE Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, honored the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow, Carol and Bob with a reception as they began their seventh year of leadership of this congregation. In the receiving line with them were Hershel Patten, chairman of the Official Board, and Mrs. J.H. Verdel, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

THE MAIN SPEAKER FOR Christian Adventure Week at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, June 23-28, was Rev. James Harmon Humphreys, the new minister of Christian Education of this church. A recent graduate of Candler School of Theology, he has served previously as the youth director at First Methodist Church, Moultrie, Ga., and was for two years summer youth director at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans presented Frank and Hazel Roughton of Atlanta, Ga., in a dramatic presentation of "The Sermon on the Mount," in the sanctuary of their church following the regular meeting of the club. Mr. Roughton is a recent graduate of Candler School of Theology, and is currently teaching Bible and Drama at Andrew College, Cuthbert, Ga. The pastor of the Carrollton Church is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

THE ALGIERS METHODIST CHURCH WSCS recently honored their graduating seniors with a banquet. Ten graduates were in attendance and each was presented with the book "The Greatest Thing in the World," by Henry Drummond. The books were presented by Mrs. Lloyd Petticrew, past president of the WSCS. The outstanding senior, Eldon Schilling, was presented a pin for merit. The speaker for the banquet was Will Finnin, the sub-district senior MYF president.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY was observed June 9 at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. The entire service was conducted by Randy James and Joe Carlisle, who recently became candidates for the ministry. They were assisted by Bobby Jahnke, Robert McKenzie, John Smith, Irwin Mann and Randy George. The speaker was the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor minister to the campus at Centenary College. Special music was presented by a choir made up of former choir members led by Joe Running. The pastor is Dr. James T. Harnis.

A VACATION SCHOOL was held at the Iota Methodist Church the week of June 17 with classes for kindergarten, primary and junior children. An offering was taken during the week to support the migrant ministry. The pastor, the Rev. Calvin Lapuyade served as superintendent and he was assisted by the following: Mrs. Myrtress Lapuyade, Mrs. Evelyn Sneed, Mrs. Marie Rasberry, Mrs. Janice Reed, Mrs. Flora Henderson, Mrs. Imma Darphin, Mrs. Blanche Henderson and Mrs. Wave Hornsby. Miss Charleen Henderson served as organist.

"THE COLUMNS," PARISH PAPER of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, announces in a recent issue that the two associate pastors of this church, the Rev. Jimmie J. Caraway and the Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn, are exchanging responsibilities on the staff. Mr. Caraway, who has been directing the work of Membership and Evangelism Commission, will assume the work of Minister of Education, and Mr. Hearn, who has directed this work for the past three years, will become Minister of Membership and Evangelism. The senior pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR JULY 7, 1963: GOD IN ACTION



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1, 2. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 1-13.

MEMORY SELECTION: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable Isaiah 40:28.

AIM OF LESSON: To call attention again to the fact that God is the Creator, the preserver and sustainer of all things material and spiritual.

With today's lesson we turn from the study of the Psalms to the Book of Genesis. Our lesson texts for the next twelve lessons, including today, will be taken from the Book of Genesis, commonly called "The Book of Beginnings." It is quite appropriate for the Bible to begin with a recognition of the fact of God and the creation study. How else could a comprehensive revelation from God concerning himself, his purposes and plans and the origin of the material universe begin? It is quite proper also that the opening chapters of the Bible reveal, not only the fact of God, but the origin of man, his fall and the promise of his redemption.

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD"

The Bible does not argue the existence of God; it simply assumes, reveals and announces it. There is so much evidence about us of the fact of God that there is no need for amplification or argument. Chapter 1 of Genesis reveals God as the central creative Force in everything. In this one chapter the word "God" appears thirty-two times. It carries the declarations that God said, God saw, God made, God blessed, God divided, God set and God moved. God's name appears in 26 of the 31 verses of this chapter.

Man's very nature has caused him to want to get back to the beginning, the origin, the cause of things. This is the impulse which causes the child to tear up his new Christmas watch. His desire to know what makes it "tick" is greater than his desire to have a watch. When we attempt to find our way back to the origin, the cause back of practically every activity of man, the pathway leads us to the first Cause - God.

Most of man's works are but miniature models of the handiwork of God. We water our flowers and irrigate our fields but back of the idea is found the rains and the rivers God has produced. Back of our beautiful, cascading waterfalls are the Niagaras of earth God made. The brightest of man-made lights, which light up a limited area of night, are but the faintest sparks as compared to the sun God put in heavens.

We honor the astronomer who studies the manifold creations of God in the vast universe about us and the laws which govern their movements. Man studies what he finds there. God created what man finds there. Man studies the laws which govern the orderly, well timed movements of these heavenly bodies; God made the laws they study.

Sculptors have become immortal so far as earth is concerned because of their skill in carving, from

marble, images of men. It was God who created man, the model for the images of stone. painters have immortalized themselves by painting realistically pictures of mountains, landscapes and sunsets. God created the mountains, the landscapes and daily paints on a canvass, which reaches from horizon to horizon, sunrises and sunsets of indescribable beauty.

We might continue indefinitely giving examples of man's activities which are miniature models of the activities and creations of God. Whether it be patience, justice, truth, mercy, forgiveness or love, we find in the revelation of God a perfect example of the virtues we so poorly imitate. Truly we can say with the writer of Genesis, "In the beginning God."

GOD CREATED

There are only two answers to the riddle of the universe.

1. Some say it is the result of blind, impersonal, unintelligible force working across an immeasurable past. Some hold this theory in the face of the fact that at no time in world history have we ever found intelligent results coming consistently as a result of the working of blind, unintelligent force.

2. The religious-minded man says our universe is the result of the creative power of a divine Intelligence who, in his own way, brought it into being.

The scientist talks about a first cause and declares that every effect must have a cause and a sufficient cause. It may appear to be an extreme simplification of a problem for which we have no other satisfactory answer, but those who accept the Bible as a revelation from God are ready to say with the Bible, "God created." The scientist talks about evolution, a theory about existing life that is crowded with mysteries and unanswered questions for which they have no adequate explanation. Where the scientist talks about evolution, the Bible talks about creation. Perhaps, if we understood it all, the apparent conflict would not be as great as it appears.

It is significant, we think, that the creative process, as outlined in Genesis, is in the same order as that outlined by the scientist regarding the origin of life. The order of the origin of life on earth in each instance is the same - vegetable, animal, human. It would be safe to say that the author of Genesis did not get his idea of this order of creation from the scientist.

Perhaps it should be said, after all these years of study and research that, aside from the Bible; we actually know no more about the origin of life in our day than did the caveman centuries ago. Until we have more light on the subject we believe the most satisfactory, as well as the most satisfying explanation of it all is found in the opening verse of our lesson in which it says "God created."

SIX DAYS OF CREATION

There has been much discussion about the length of time involved in the "day" which is mentioned in the creative processes. It is quite difficult to make out a case for the theory that the six

days mentioned were periods of 24 hours each. The word "day", as used in Genesis, and many other places in the Bible, does not always refer to a period of 24 hours. In Genesis 2:4 we read, "In the DAY that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens." Here, of course, the word "day" refers to the whole period of creation, not 24 hours.

It is not clear as to how long a period of time is meant by the word "day" as used in our lesson text. We cannot be sure whether it was 24 hours or 24 billion years. While it might be interesting if we knew, we may be thankful that it is not vitally important in the matter of our desire to build substantial Christian character.

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"EACH AFTER ITS OWN KIND"

In Galatians 6:7 we have the familiar words, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." This scripture verse is quite commonly used in preaching to unsaved people. It is frequently interpreted as a threat from the Almighty that we must pay the price for our sins.

While that may be one side of the truth it carries, taken as a whole this is one of the most priceless promises God has made to the sons of men. It guarantees for all time an orderly, dependable world. It is an echo of the repeated statements in the creation story, "Each after its kind."

This great truth, whether found in Galatians or Genesis, holds God's promise that his is a stable, reliable, trustworthy world in which like begets like. Because of this law we know what the harvest is to be when we have selected the seed for planting.

What kind of a world would we have it like did not produce like? Suppose we were forced to sow without any assurance of the results of our sowing. Suppose beans planted produce bitter weeds. Suppose we plant potatoes and find that they produce rattle snakes. What kind of a world would we have? We would, of course, be in a world so uncertain and chaotic as to make of life one continuous nightmare.

The words, "Each after its kind," may not impress us so much as we read them. However, if we stop to consider them we recognize that they are saying simply that God wrote into the warp and woof of creation a law that is absolutely essential to a satisfactory life in the world he was creating. God is saying to man, "You can make of life whatever you want it to be." Again let us say that in God's law that we will reap what we sow, God conferred on humanity one of its greatest blessings.

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EVERYTHING WAS VERY GOOD

The last verse of the chapter from which today's lesson is taken reads: "God saw everything that he had made and, behold it was very good." The unfortunate thing about it all is that it did not remain "very good" very long.

Some time ago the writer visited an aged saint on her country home. Her body had grown weak with the weight of the years but her mind was unusually alert and full of questions. She asked me if I did not think that the planets about us are inhabited with people like the people of earth. I told her that I did not know nor did anyone else. She thought they were. She asked if I did not think the angels in heaven once were inhabitants of a planet like our earth. She thought so. She then asked another question which came to our mind while studying this lesson. The question she asked was, "Do you not think that this is the only world of the many God has created, into which sin came to mar it?" She thought it was so.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves the question, is man the only creature that God has created in this world or any world that deliberately had gone contrary to the revealed will of God? The animal and vegetable world about us seems to follow, without deviation, the laws God ordained for them.

Apparently man, of all God's creations in this world at least, has deliberately broken God's laws and in so doing has broken the heart of God. Man's sin, in the very dawn of creation, made it necessary for God in the beginning to make plans for the redemption of the man he had created.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Cooperation between Christians and Muslims in the fight against communism in Africa has been urged by the Rev. H.N. Lovemore, a prominent Methodist minister of Port Elizabeth, So. Africa. "The question," he said, "is not whether Christianity or Islam is going to win in Africa, but whether the uncommitted millions here will commit themselves to God or communism."

Here truly is the proposal of a strange alliance, but one which is not too fantastic when one considers the consequences of capitulation to to atheistic communism in that continent.

A growing Protestant laymen's movement in Europe to bring Christian principles into the "common marketplace" of everyday life has been reported by a National Council of Churches delegation of clergy and laymen following a month-long study tour of five countries. Reporting for the group was Dr. Don L. Calame, director of United Church Men.

From everywhere one hears word of revitalized laymen's groups around the world giving promise of a great new power, especially in those nations where church life has seemed sterile for so long.

Plans to exhibit at the Protestant Pavilion in the 1964 World's Fair a cross made of half-burned timbers from England's Coventry Cathedral have been opposed by a Lutheran minister. Dr. Walter E. Bock of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York said he was against the project because "it does not seem right, fitting, or in the best taste at this stage of history to uncover once again, and hold up for public view, the guilt of a nation."

Surely there is no reason to conclude that one's nation's symbols of heroism are necessarily the materials for stigmatizing another nation. There is deep meaning of a positive nature in the story of Coventry and millions will thrill to it at the World's Fair.

The Roman Catholic Church is losing ground in the United States to an "alarming degree," Father Robert I. Gannon, S.J., former president of Fordham University, said recently as he addressed the 1,341 graduates of Catholic University of America. He said that converts to the Catholic Church have been declining by 3,700 a year at a time when the population is increasing.

This is one of the frankest admissions we have heard from a Catholic voice. It would be interesting to have an opportunity to discuss these statistics at greater length with Father Gannon.

The role of traveling Christians in relation to the United States image overseas was recently explored in Gettysburg, Pa. by 69 clergy and laymen, most of whom have visited other countries. This was a part of the annual Seminar on the Church and National Life, sponsored by the public relations offices of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

We must all face the fact that every touring American is not only an ambassador for his country, but a missionary for the Christian religion.

Delegates to the recent London, Ont. Conference of the United Church of Canada spoke out against beer

commercial on radio and television. A resolution passed by the Conference specifically stated that beer commercials broadcast in conjunction with public service weather forecasts should be banned.

A Christian Communications Center to train future ministers in the use of radio and television is being established in Chicago by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago and 11 denominational seminaries in the area.

President Kennedy received an honorary degree from Methodist-related American University in Washington and made it the occasion of a major address on foreign policy in which he announced that new negotiations will be undertaken with the Russian looking toward a ban on nuclear weapons tests.

Dr. Caspar Nannes, religion editor of the Washington Evening Star, will receive the annual Award in Religious Communications bestowed by the Religious Heritage of America, it was recently announced in Washington.



POPE PAUL VI is shown as he preached in Milan only 15 days before his election as pontiff. Then Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini, Archbishop of Milan, he delivered a sermon during a visit to the suburban Saint Macario church.

A seldom-invoked, ancient canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church was used recently in Berlin, N.J. in the excommunication of a parishioner accused of expressing "malice and prejudice" toward Negro members of a small, rural congregation. The Rev. Robert Sykes, vicar of Berlin's Church of the Good Shepherd, said he had excommunicated John Wood, Jr., a building contractor, when the parishioner "refused to withdraw his statements."

An Ohio court decision which held that the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) extended recognition to the autonomous character of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America when it joined the World Council of Churches has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Warning that Christianity is having a "decreasing impact" on American morals and ideals, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, noted minister and author, recently called for a spiritual revival based on a "tough Gospel." Addressing the Reformed Church in America's General Synod, he asserted that now is the time for preachers "to stand in the pulpit and tell people they have sinned, departed from the faith and drifted from the Christian way."

Chaplain (Rear Admiral) J. Floyd Dreith (Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod) has been appointed Chief of Navy Chaplains, Secretary of the Navy Fred D. Korth announced recently. He is the first Lutheran clergyman to head the chaplaincy corps of any branch of the armed services.

A Southern Baptist navy chaplain, who is a native of Arkansas and entered the service from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Malvern, Ark., Chaplain (Captain) James Woodrow Kelly, has been nominated by President Kennedy for promotion to rear admiral, and will take over the No. 2 post among navy chaplains, July 1.

A research study to discover attitudes of a cross section of the public toward religious news was recently approved by the Board of Governors of the Religious Public Relations Council. It will be the first research project financially underwritten by the religious publicists, said Dr. Marvin C. Wilbur, executive secretary of the council.

Some 2,100 young people and youth workers at the Southern Baptist Training Union Youth Conference at Glorieta, N.M. heard Dr. W.O. Vaught, pastor of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, predict that the day will come when there will be a great spiritual awakening in Russia. He said, "Communism will fail because its basic premise is the denial of the existence of God."

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America formally disclaimed association with a recent pronouncement of the General Board of the National Council of Churches which expressed opposition to devotional religious acts in public schools.

Canadian Presbyterians have been warned to be wary of "rightist propaganda" imported from the United States. The Board of Evangelism and Social Action reported to the 89th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada that while "rightist action" is not so vocal or vehement in that country, "there are sufficient signs of its presence to alarm Christians."

Dr. Martin E. Marty, a theologian and pastor of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, who has been called one of the nation's most articulate Protestant spokesmen, has accepted an appointment to the faculty of the University of Chicago's Divinity School.

Congress has been urged by the National Lutheran Council to establish a Federal Commission on Country Life which would make a comprehensive survey of rural life and culture in America. The recommendation was made for the NLC by Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen, Washington secretary of its Division of Public Relations, in hearings before the House Agriculture Committee's Family Farms Subcommittee.

Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders recently attended groundbreaking ceremonies in Washington for the interreligious Spiritual Life Center of American University, A Methodist-related institution. The new intercreedal assembly and worship center will be named in honor of Abraham S. Kay, Washington businessman and philanthropist, whomade the initial contribution to the center.

An emergency call for aid to cyclone victims in East Pakistan produced contributions totalling \$46,800 in a 24-hour period from member denominations of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Carl McIntire, leader of the ultra-fundamentalist International Council of Christian Churches, was called a "hillbilly huckster of hate" by Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R.-Cal.) The California senator took the floor of the Senate to reply to charges that had been made against him by Dr. McIntire and others.

Church and Unions

Join Hands at

Children's Home



UNION LEADERS who coordinated the project were: (l. to r.) Mr. Travis Thomas, AFL-CIO Regional Office, Monroe; Mr. Everett Grafton, Carpenters Local 2192, Ruston; and Mr. Armand Stokes Painters Local 901, Monroe.

In the best tradition of American generosity and free enterprise, carpenters, painters, and electricians of the AFL-CIO joined with givers of the Bible Class of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, to renovate the Junior High Boys Cottage of the Methodist Children's Home.

Pressed plywood wall panels and acoustic tile ceiling materials, costing almost \$1,000.00 were purchased by the class under the leadership of Mr. Edgar V. MacDonald of Baton Rouge. Members of the Carpenters Union, Local 2192 of Ruston and 1811 of Monroe, of Painter's Union, Local 901 of Monroe, and Electrician's Union, Local 446 of Monroe, will give several Saturdays to work to complete the project. Mr. Everett Grafton of the Carpenters, Mr. Armand Stokes of the Painters, and Mr. Travis Thomas of the Area Office AFL-CIO coordinated the project, working with Mr. MacDonald and with Rev. Henry Ezell, Superintendent of the Home. Men from Ruston, Monroe, West Monroe, Simmsboro, Lisbon, Ringgold and Arcadia were present for the first work day.

The Reverend Barry Bailey, Pastor of

Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Home. Rev. Ezell has presented the work of the Home to his congregation. The Home provides a program of care directed toward family rehabilitation, and toward the development of self reliance and self sufficiency for homeless boys and girls. The Home serves the entire state. The entire program is grounded in Christian concept of self, and of man's proper relationship to God and to his fellow man.

The renovation project grew out of the "adoption" of this cottage by the Bible Class of Broadmoor Church for the purpose of supplying linens and towels. The cottage was one of the first to be built in a pioneering program of "family type" care under the leadership of the late Dr. R. W. Vaughan, former superintendent.

The Home expresses its gratitude to the busy workmen who are giving so generously of their time, to the devoted class members who gave of their means, and to the leadership of the unions and of the church that initiated and planned the project.



THIS GROUP of men from seven North Louisiana towns contributed services for the first work day on the project.



INSTALLING plywood paneling.



INSTALLING new light fixtures.



PREPARATION for painting.

RETIREMENT MINISTERS HOMES BOARD, Inc.
Louisiana Conference The Methodist Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL BUILDING FUND

RESERVE FUNDS (Contributed by churches, groups and individuals in the conference)

<u>People's Building and Loan Asso., Monroe, La.</u>				
ON DEPOSIT May 31, 1962 - in STOCK and SAVINGS - \$19,233.22				
RECEIVED-	June 30, 1962	Interest -	\$348.75	
	Jan. 1, 1963	Int.-Sav.	36.40	
	Jan. 1, 1963	Int.-Stock	348.75	
	Jan. 1, 1963	Int.-Sav.	1.96	735.86
				\$19,969.08
<u>Monroe Building and Loan Asso., Monroe, La.</u>				
ON DEPOSIT May 31, 1962 - in STOCK and SAVINGS \$12,013.70				
RECEIVED-	June 30, 1962	Int.-Stock	264.36	
	Jan. 1, 1963	Int-Stock	225.00	
	Jan. 1, 1963	Int.-Sav.	39.36	528.72
DISBURSED-Transferred to				
	OPERATING EXPENSE	264.36		
	GENERAL BLDG. FUND	264.36	528.72	
ON DEPOSIT May 31, 1963 -In Stock and Savings				12,013.70
GRAND TOTAL in Reserve Funds for building				31,982.78

GENERAL BUILDING FUND (Contributed by churches, groups and individuals in conference)

BROUGHT FORWARD	June 1, 1962	\$10,184.93	
	June 28, 1962 - Interest on account	89.01	
	June, 1962 -Transferred from Monroe Building and Loan - Interest	264.36	
RECEIVED FROM Collections of 1962-63			
	from churches, groups and individuals	10,889.53	
	From friends outside the conference	100.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERAL BLDG. FUND			21,427.83
DISBURSEMENT from this fund			16,014.65
BALANCE in General Building Fund, May 31, 1963			5,413.18
DISBURSEMENTS FROM General Building Fund			\$21,427.83
RECEIPTS			
	June 4, 1962 - Mr. W.C. Brice, Pineville, La. for lot and house		
	3730 Judson Street, Shreveport (all improvements)	\$6,500.00	
	June through August		
	Mr. James Gable for construction and all construction bills as filed with Board Treasurer in Monroe	9,334.65	
	Sept. 6, 1962 -City of Lafayette for our part on sewage installation	180.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			16,014.65
BALANCE CASH in General Building Fund, May 31, 1963			5,413.18

JUNE 27, 1963



WOMAN'S PAGE



Spotlight on Deaconess Work

In connection with the 75th anniversary of the Deaconess Movement in the Methodist Church, the Louisiana Conference Deaconess Board has secured another copy of the film *Making All Things New*. This is a forty-five minute sound film (16 m.m.) the story of how deaconesses serving in institutions are devoted to making "all things new" for the persons served. This film may be secured from:

Louisiana Area Council
P. O. Box 4156

Shreveport, Louisiana
Other audio visuals concerning Christian vocations which may be secured from the same address are:

Counseling for Church Vocations—black and white film strip and record and discussion guide.

It's Your Life—color film strip, 78 r.p.m. record, a challenge to those interested in Christian service.

For Thee I Live—color film strip, record and strip for Juniors and Older Youth, in five sections, Christian choice of a career.

Cross-roads—a forty minute sound film (16 m.m.), designed for high school and college age groups; the story of how a small church minister guides an undecided person to choose his life's work in the church.

Vocation Guidance Series:

Youth and the Meaning of Vocation

Youth and the World of Work

Youth and Church Vocations

Youth and the Family in Vocational Decision

Color film strips—two records.

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Claiborne Installs



AT THE CLOSE of the evening service on May 25 the Claiborne WSCS officers were installed. They are as follows: pres.—Mrs. W.T. Hinton; vice-pres.—Mrs. Von Perkins; recording secretary,— Mrs. Rudy Ramsey; treasurer—Mrs. R.W. May; sec. of Christian social relations—Mrs. Vandeweker; sec. of missionary ed.—Mrs. J.O. Fleming; sec. of students—Mrs. Clyde Greer; sec. of youth—Mrs. Wilbanks; sec. of children—Mrs. Charlie Crawford; sec. of literature—Mrs. Ruth Ramsey; chairman of local church activities—Mrs. Van C. Westbrook; sec. of supply, Mrs. Aswell; sec. of promotion—Mrs. Georgia Hines.

Photos by Mrs. Hobson Norris Jr.

HOSPITAL FOR LEPERS

Children in Christian day schools and Sunday schools in Japan have given two and a half million yen (about \$7,000) toward the construction of a new hospital for lepers in northern India. A check for that amount was presented to an official of the Japan Leprosy Mission at a ceremony in the Christian Centre at Gina, a Tokyo suburb. The children's fund-raising campaign was sponsored by the National Christian Council of Japan as part of its Christian Education Week.

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Each year the society awards a Life Membership pin, Mrs. J.O. Fleming was this years surprised recipient.

COMMENT

(Beginning a new series by your conference officers.)

Dear Friends:

It was a real privilege for me to report, on your behalf, to the Louisiana Annual Conference, which met in New Orleans last week. By your faithful and dedicated work, you made possible a report that showed much progress. Our greatest weakness is in loss of membership—both in the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Because this membership loss is general, the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society and Guild have been asked to engage in a pilot project, during 1963-64, directed toward membership and visitation. Plans for this project will be launched at the Jurisdiction School of Missions and further development will take place in our own Conference School of Missions. This is a program in which every Society and Guild will want to participate.

Now is the time to register for the School of Missions. Delegates from 117 churches attend last year. I hope many more will be represented this year. The current issue of the *Conference News* carries details of the School program and information about the classes and teachers.

If your Church has a young woman eligible for the Youth Section of the School of Missions, be sure to send her application to Mrs. Charles Giessen, Box 324, Church Point, Louisiana, by July 1.

You will be interested to know that the Board of Directors of the Dulac Community Center has been notified that the Center has been accepted for full membership in the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers. Mrs. Carl Brunson, Director at Dulac, made the following statement: "The National Federation is an agency that sets up standards for operation, offers training opportunities and study facilities, and serves as a line of communication for projects interested in service to the total community or neighborhood. Dulac applied for membership, and its entire operation was reviewed by staff members of the National Federation. This review covered organizational structure, service program, staff, personnel practices, and salary schedule. Dulac is the third agency in Louisiana to be accepted." (Neither of the other agencies which has been accepted is a church-related institution).

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Brunson and the Dulac Community Center on this outstanding recognition. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson will be leaving this summer after serving at Dulac for the past ten years. They plan to attend the University of Tennessee, looking toward commissioning, at a later date, under the Woman's Division. The Louisiana Conference regrets to see these friends leave, but we rejoice in the opportunities which are opening for them, and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

The beginning of a new conference year is a good time to evaluate the work of the past year in order to assess strengths and weaknesses. As we plan for the new year, may we be wise enough to profit by our weaknesses and mistaken and humble enough to recognize that progress is but a challenge to greater endeavor.

Sincerely,
(Mrs. G. W.) Estelle Dameron,
Conference President

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A Testimonial

ALICE ORR, conference secretary of literature, thinks this spontaneous endorsement of Methodist literature by Vela Cleveland, missionary to India, should be shared with all readers and potential readers of the *METHODIST WOMAN* and the *WORLD OUTLOOK*.

Dear Mrs. Orr:

You were mentioning in your note about trying to get more people interested in reading the *METHODIST WOMAN* and the *WORLD OUTLOOK*. I remember that that is one thing I was always bringing out to our Guild at Carrollton when I was there. One just can't be informed about our work if the magazines, and other publications are not read. During these years in India, I've been so glad for the various articles I read in these two magazines from time to time about various mission stations here in India. They helped me to feel right at home during my first conference or two here, before I really knew what the work was all about, because I had read about them and had seen pictures of the work in the *WORLD OUTLOOK*. I have done a great deal of traveling too, more than first term missionaries usually have the opportunity to do, and many times again I've recalled some bit of information about some station where I'm to be stopping which I read sometime or other in the *WORLD OUTLOOK*. These two magazines are certainly very helpful in helping to make our Methodist women informed women.

Blessings on thee,
Vela Cleveland

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Watchman of World Must Be Dependable

THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH -- Without doubt there are now more watcher on the ramparts of the world than ever before in human history. Nations are scanning the skies for enemies in the air. Governments are spreading their secret service throughout the world.

The Soviet Union and the western nations are instalemate at Geneva over the issue of how many inspections will be permitted to prevent surreptitious bomb tests.

The reasons for this increase of watchmen are obvious. We are surrounded by very real dangers. The Cuban crisis of last October revealed how slyly hostile forces can creep upon us. Our American institutions are threatened by greed and graft. Our homes and property, even our lives are imperiled by lawlessness. It is little wonder that people are living on the defensive.

Then another reason for the multiplication of watchmen is the fast movement of events in these days. The faster we travel, the farther ahead we have to look. We think we cannot make our plans on the basis of what happened yesterday; we want to know what is going to happen tomorrow. Hence the vogue of popular polls which predict tomorrow's elections, tomorrow's trends. We are like motorists traveling at high speed through a blackout. And so, on every side goes up the cry as in the days of Isaiah, "Watchman, what of the night?"

Our safety and peace of mind depend on watchmen. While we sleep at night, our armed forces guard our coasts, uniformed officers patrol the streets and highways around our homes to keep dangers from breaking in upon us. When we travel the high seas, we trustfully close our eyes in the darkness because we know that faithful watch is kept on the bridge. When sickness overtakes us and we toss restlessly in those fitful snatches of slumber between the periods of fretful wakefulness, what a difference it makes whether we open our eyes to the empty unfeeling darkness or to the sympathetic gaze of a relative or nurse who is keeping the silent watches of the night. When we are in deep trouble and enter those valleys of decision where each must walk alone with his God, it is good to know that some friend or loved one has come as far as another human being can come and is prayerfully watching with us at the gate of our Gethsemane.

But it is not enough merely to have watchmen; much depends on the character of those who watch. Irresponsible watchmen are worse than none, for they deceive us with a false security. Emotional watchmen are a menace, for they excite us without cause. Prejudiced watchmen are a peril for they distort dangers and arouse us in the wrong directions. And so it behooves us to look to the character of our watchmen. We can thank God that in our land, regardless of party labels, we have patriotic watchmen.

But we also have many "patrioteers" who pose as watchmen because of the money they can make out of their warnings. Truly, we need to be on the alert against communistic and ungodly individuals and ideas who would undermine our American foundations. But we must not be taken in by those groups and organizations who have found how profitable it is to play upon the fears and suspicions and hatreds of gullible people. Nothing could please the Kremlin more than to see the churches of America split by internal controversies.

One function of the church is to be a watch on the ramparts of our nation. The great Old Testament prophets were seers on the walls of Israel warning of dangers without and within.

The Christian church played a similar role in the countries of Christendom. They served as the nerves of a nation, crying out whenever human values were being threatened.

In several great nations, the Lord's watchers left the walls. In Russia the Church of the Czars failed in its function as guardian of the people's good and paid for its failure by the forfeiture of its privileges to communism. In Germany the Church concerned itself with ecclesiastical and theological matters to the neglect of vital social issues until a rising tide of Nazism submerged it into servility. Thus the Lord's watchmen disappeared from the walls of two great nations -- and we know the distressing results.

In this time of excited emotions we need sane watchmen who will keep us from foolish fears. In this day of threatening evils we need godly watchmen to alert us to real dangers.

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"...One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

WHAT IS TRUTH?

For ages the philosophers have wrestled with the word, "Truth". They have tried to separate it from the senses and feelings. They have tried to relate it to God. They have tried to separate it from God. You run into a lot of confusion when you try to study the word, as I did recently.

But God has not chosen to hide all of His great truths from man. God has His secrets, of course, and there are plenty of them. But He reveals enough of His ideas to us that you and I can use them to develop our souls and the souls of our fellow humans. So it was and is with Truth, either as a subject for debates, or a fact of life.

Pontius Pilate brought the word out into the open in his trial of Jesus Christ. Jesus said that He had come as a witness to the truth. Pilate then asked the Master, (and I imagine he did it with a sneer), "What is truth?"

It may sound down-right impudent for a very ordinary thinker to tackle a word that has bugged the greatest philosophers. But none of us should be afraid of words. After all, they are simply instruments of our thoughts. If we cannot use them we cannot make ourselves understood. So it is with truth itself.

It seems to me that Truth is a sort of plumb-line that God has set up for us. We are supposed to measure our lives by this Truth. And the closer we come to that plumb-line of perfection, the closer we come to what God wants us to be. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me." He did not say that if we are good church members we could come to the Father. He said that we only come to the Father by the Divine Truth that is Jesus.

Jesus said that "The truth shall make you free." but we all too often make up our own ideas of truth. "Let me define the truth", we say. "Then that truth will make you free." I even saw this passage used by the liquor industry at a state fair once. What a blasphemy!

Jesus made a very strict requirement about knowing the truth and being set free by the truth. He said that "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, (THEN) you shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." Poor old Pontius Pilate thought he was asking Jesus a hard question. He really was afraid to ask Jesus how to obtain this truth that he needed so desperately.



Devotional Resources

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Christianity today needs to seriously rethink the nature and mission of the church. This need has been seen in recent meetings of the World Council of Churches as they faced problems involved in the ecumenical movement. The differences between the various branches of the Christian church are both theological and practical. Christendom is seeking an answer that will be sound both in its theology and in its practical application to human life.

The roots of our thought must go back to the beginning of man's relationship with God, our Heavenly Father. Our misuse of freedom in the Garden of Eden so twisted the first Adam that all humanity became involved in such a sense of weakness and insufficiency that man's whole life became selfish and destructive. However, the God who made him and who loved him with an eternal love could not give him up and sought to bring him back to himself through the training of a people who would witness to the righteousness and justice of the one true God. In the midst of an idolatrous world, Abraham received God's call and through his heirs, the Israelites became the people of God, witnessing to His true nature and to His will for man. The story of God's revelation of Himself as a God of moral law to Moses and the children of Israel who were delivered from bondage out of Egypt is one of the most dramatic stories the world has ever known. God's further revelation of Himself through the prophets as a God of social righteousness, condemning His people for their injustices and for their disobedience to His holy will is seen again and again in the pages of the Old Testament. The call of God is heard in 2nd Chronicles, the 7th chapter, the 14th verse, when God spoke through Solomon to the Israelites on the Occasion of the dedication of the temple, saying: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The development of this theme in the worship of the synagogue is the foundation of our Christian conception of God and our Christian conception of the church. Isaiah's concept of the suffering servant laid the foundation for an understanding of the Messiah who was to be "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities."

John the Baptist, pointing to Jesus of Nazareth, said to his Disciples; "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

The meaning of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ unfolded to the Disciples of our Lord after Pentecost. The complete revelation of God in Christ as a God of love caused the followers of Jesus to realize the truth of his words to Pilate: "My Kingdom is not of this world." They began to recognize Jesus as the King of the kingdom of character, as King of the kingdom of the Christlike spirit, as King of the kingdom of redeeming love in human life. Thus the church begins with the transformation of the individual heart and character from selfishness and disobedience to faith and confidence in Christ as Saviour and Lord, bringing the love of God to their lives in great transforming power. This experience of believing in Jesus as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world makes such a difference in human life that it is like being born all over again. However, the individual needs to be strengthened by other individuals who have had the same experience and who, sharing together the spirit of God's love in Christ, find themselves as Peter says "a Chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." This is the church, the body of Christ Himself through which He works in the world.

This is the redemptive fellowship whose mission is to live the gospel of redeeming love until "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father." This group--filled with the Holy Spirit--is the living church.

Build A Devotional

"The Uncommitted is Committed"

"But I do concentrate on this;--"

This generation has been described as the uncommitted. Just how strong a case can be made for this

charge each must weigh carefully in his own mind and heart, regardless of what generation he may belong to. Take this criticism for whatever it may be worth to you, but do not pass it by lightly. The question we must face is, "What do I concentrate on?"

Every person is committed to something. This "something" may not be the highest or even constructive. Disillusionment comes when we discover that our commitment was shallow and superficial, lacking real and abiding significance. Our growth depends upon the greatness of our task and a continuing rededication to our responsibility.

There are never ending obligations which confront us. The surest way to default in these is to wait until we are certain we are equal to the task. Some of the best leaders you have ever seen in a Church are those who accepted their task with "fear and trembling" yet were willing to to concentrate on their task. The poorest leaders have been those who felt a complete adequacy within themselves and lacked the dedication to learn and grow.

This means at least two things; first, no one ever wins his victory so he may rest on his laurels. The dimension of the human spirit is unmeasured and the possibilities still challenge. Second, the kingdom comes through the lives of humble folk who are committed to their Christian task.

Paul's word pricks our complacent conscience "But I do concentrate on this..."

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Let The Children Come

(Miss Evelyn Briant, Hope, Arkansas is sharing with us one of her friends.

.....Aunt Feather

I have a friend in the Nursery who has reached the delightful age of three. She always strives to please and is a "bundle of joy." However, frustrations do occur occasionally since a limited vocabulary prevents her from expressing herself, sometimes causing adults to misunderstand.

It is a busy life for this "Nursery Three" as she is full of energy, curiosity and imagination. Imaginative "make-believe" play includes "house", "Mother and Daddy", "train", "horse", or "doctor."

She is creative, enjoying rhythmic games, rhythm instruments blocks and creative art. She enjoys coloring with crayons or painting on large sheets of paper with big lines and splashes of color.

At the age of one she played alone. This is referred to as solitary play and at the age of two she enjoyed parallel play or playing side by side with her friends. Now at the age of three she is learning to play together with her friends in small groups. Circle games enjoyed are "Ring Rosy", "Rolling the Ball" and "Round We Go."

Since play is uppermost in her mind and since her interests are varied, she is encouraged to play in interest centers such as the block center, family-living center, book center, music center, wonder or nature center and book center. Through play, teachers and parents guide her into experiences which will help her grow in Christian living. She is helped to grow in Christian ways of thinking, acting and feeling. Since she is playing she will not be aware that she is also learning through play.

This Nursery child is beginning to recognize the word God, about whom she wonders. She is also beginning to recognize the word Jesus and a few ideas about Him. She learns that the Bible is an important and special book, which contains stories of Jesus.

Since her life is family-centered she talks about her family, her pets and everyday happenings in her home. Church School is the first important step out of her home for this small child.

I do not expect too much of this nursery child. I enjoy her!

POEM FOR THE WEEK

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream to drift;
We have hard work to do and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle: face it - 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil - who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce - O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's Name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

Maltbie D. Babcock
from THE METHODIST HYMNAL

Small Town--Big Heart

This rural Louisiana church with 92 members has increased its giving in many areas, including \$30 a member for missions.

by Lona Wilson



Downsville Methodist Church

How does a little village church of 92 members raise \$30 a member for missions?

Downsville does—and the more they give the more they have. Let me tell you about those people.

They live in a little farming community in the Ruston District of north Louisiana, and they have a lovely new brick church all paid for. Since 1959 they have raised the General Advance Specials giving from \$50 to \$1,360 a year, and they have increased their pastor's salary proportionately.

But this isn't all: their payment of World Service and conference benevolences has doubled in four years. This giving has increased from \$260 in 1959 to \$536 at the present time. Conference Advance Specials have been raised from \$50 to \$295 during the same period.

What happened in 1959? Who initiated this jump from \$50 to \$1,086 to General Advance Specials in that first year? Did someone in the congregation become a missionary and ask for support? Here is what they told me.

Their pastor from 1954 to 1959 was the Rev. Isaac Patton who preached missions and practiced missions. "He kept the need for it before us," said Durward McFarland, present chairman of the commission on missions. Their pastor since 1959 has been the Rev. Brady Forman. And they are quick to add "We've got a pastor who won't let us forget our responsibility to our fellow man. He steps on our toes if we do."

But the whole thing got started in 1953 when a general board evangelist named Ralph E. Johnson was their revival preacher. "He got so hot after us, we had to do something—build a new church or close up," said Fred McFarland.

"Brother Johnson had a big bearing

on our building the new church," reports Mrs. Joe Hamilton. "He made fun of the old church building and made us so mad we got busy."

They Didn't Forget Others

While they were building the church, they didn't forget the needs of others. In 1957, Polly (Mrs. R. J.) McGehee was elected chairman of the church's commission on missions. "I knew nothing about the work," she admits.

With the encouragement of the commission and Brother Patton, Polly and her husband went to a jurisdictional workshop on missions at Mount Sequoyah near Fayetteville, Ark. This proved to be one of the most important factors in the development of the mission program in Downsville Church. The McGehees came back full of ideas and enthusiasm.

Polly said, "We learned that we should have World Advance Specials, National Advance Specials, Conference Advance Specials, and contribute to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR), so we tried to have all those." Polly shared the information she had received at Mount Sequoyah in a study of the commission on missions during a Sunday Evening Fellowship series.

"The women planned the study and made the men come," Fred McFarland explains. "We came in self-defense."

Missionaries Speak

The first church-wide mission study was on Bolivia, which Polly led. Several missionaries have spoken at the church, including Clyde B. Stuntz from Monroe, Russell Stellwagon from Japan, and Miss Mildred Newman, from the Congo. The members' interest in missions was further stimulated when one of the church's former members, Lou McGehee, returned from a preaching mission to Cuba and told of the needs there.

"When we built the church we took on a tremendous load and when it was paid for we didn't want to quit so we took on additional responsibilities," Polly explains. "We were all so happy when the church was paid for and dedicated in the spring of 1959 that we wanted to do something."

District Superintendent Luman Douglas recalled Brother Patton saying, "We don't want to cut our budget

because the building is paid for—we want to use part of this money for someone else."

There is a history of rejuvenation of town and country churches in the Ruston District, extending back over the six years that Dr. Douglas has been superintendent. He says, "The secret in the town and country area is in giving these people a sense of being a part of the over-all program of the church, and letting them know the district, conference, and church are interested in them."

The Downsville Church responded to the call for support of Alaska Methodist University in 1958, then began their gifts to MCOR—but they wanted a personalized project in addition to these. They wrote to the general Board of Missions, asking for the name of a missionary they could help support. The board sent the names of three couples, information on them and their work, and some letters each of the couples had written to the board.

By coincidence, Mr. Patton knew the family of one of the couples, the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph M. Davis, missionaries in the Congo. This was not the only reason the Davises were chosen, however. "The African nations were emerging then, and we felt the need was so great there," said Miss Sada Carey. "And we in the commission felt that Brother Davis's letters were full of his commitment to Christ," said Polly McGehee. "I remember the night we chose the Davises," said Mrs. Durward McFarland, "even then we were looking forward to meeting them some day."

Mr. Davis conducts in-service training for African village pastors near Lodja in the Central Congo. The son of a Methodist pastor and district superintendent, Mr. Davis claims Lexington, Ky., as his American home.

The first year that the church pledged its support to those three General Advance Specials, there was no money in the budget for it. At that time, the commission on missions hit upon the idea of designating the offering taken during the worship period of each Sunday night as "money for missions." The amount of the collection was posted on the register each time, and "it grew and grew."

Makes Canvass Every Year

Although the church's income was boosted \$5,000 in 1958 through the sale of some church property, the members maintained the same budget

the following year by increasing their giving. They have been participating in the every-member canvass since 1954.

Then the Davises' long-awaited furlough came. Members of the Downsville Church glowingly recall the first week end in May, 1961. "It makes a lot of difference when you hear someone actually describe conditions, what they are going through, and what is needed." "Their sincerity and devotion was inspiring and stimulating to our mission program," said Mrs. Jimmy Hinton, Jr., who was chairman of the commission on missions at that time.

Durward McFarland said, "I always felt sorry for missionaries, in a way, having to leave home and loved ones to go out like that, but after listening to them, I kind of feel sorry for us. We do so little—just give money. They give their lives."

Downsville Church is giving one-fifth of the support of the Davises (\$1-250 a year). The church also has added the Rio Grande Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Mission to their list of General Advance Specials. Their Conference Advance Specials are Retired Minister's Homes, 1,000 Club (church extension), and the Louisiana Migrant Ministry. In addition, they provided a \$500-a-year ministerial scholarship for the last three years to Marvin McFarland, son of the Fred McFarlands.

The Spirit Comes First

How does the church maintain such a program of giving? "One contributing factor to keeping it up is the spiritual growth of the church. No doubt about that," said Frank Ballard. "I don't think anybody could support a program like that for long and not grow spiritually."

The programs of the Woman's Society of Christian Service keep the women mission-minded too. "Every time we finish a mission study like the one we just finished on East Asia, we get all fired-up again."

During each year the congregation is shown films on home and foreign missions. Each fourth Sunday morning during the worship service there is a "Minute for Missions" when someone gives a brief report or personal story on missions. They said they got this idea from THE METHODIST STORY. Missionary Facts is usually the source of information for these "Minute for Missions" stories.

"Missionary Sunday"

On the first Sunday in May the church observed the anniversary of the Davises' visit with a "Missionary Sunday" and listened to parts of the recorded sermon Mr. Davis preached when he visited them in 1961. In the fall of 1961 Mr. Braswell from the Oklahoma Indian Mission came to the Downsville Church and other Methodist churches in the area were invited to the special service. As a result of this the church became interested in the

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Members of the commission on missions and the minister meet regularly for planning. L. to r. are the Rev. Brady Forman, pastor; Fred McFarland, Durward McFarland, present commission chairman; Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. James Bell, James Ballard, and Mrs. James Hinton, Jr., who was the commission chairman in 1960-62.

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Golson Heads Ministers Group

The Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was recently elected president of the Calcasieu Parish Ministerial Association.

Meeting at the Dr. Maurice Kushner Camp, the ministers elected the Rev. Everette Phillips, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lake Charles, vice-president; and the Rev. Tom Luter, director of the Baptist Student Center at McNeese State College, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Golson announced that he will name committee chairmen and members later.

The executive committee will handle all business of the association during the summer months and next meeting of the association will be held in September.

The Rev. Charles McIlveene, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, is the outgoing president.

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Dr. Pomeroy Teaches Romans

Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, professor and head of the Bible Department at Centenary College, has taught 15 courses on The Book of Romans this year. Only four of these were taught at the college. The study is part of the observance throughout Methodism of the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's "Aldersgate Experience."

Dr. Pomeroy has taught "Romans" in the following places: El Dorado, Ark.; DeRidder, La.; Broadmoor Methodist, Shreveport; St. Luke's Shreveport; Mansfield; Vivian; St. Paul's, Monroe; Rayne, New Orleans; First Church, Kenner; MYF, First Church, Shreveport; and Ellerbe Road, Shreveport.

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The moral choices this generation makes will determine history for the next 500 years.



NEW OFFICERS OF THE MYF of the Lee's Landing Methodist Church, installed at a special service, May 29, are (l. to r.): Edith Hoover, secretary; Austelene Milton, treasurer; Norma Jean Milton, president; Tony Guagliardo, vice-president; and Ronnie Bickford, parliamentarian.



MAYOR CONRAD PICOU of Houma, presented keys of the city to Dr. Henry A. Rickey, and the Rev. Larry D. Robertson, at a farewell reception in their honor at First Methodist Church, Houma, June 9.

Springhill Youth Have Tour Camp

The Senior High MYF of Springhill Methodist Church held a Tour Camp June 10-15, which carried them to points of interest in the Oklahoma Methodist Indian Mission.

The group spent the first night in Beaver Bend State Park, the second night at Robber's Cave State Park, and the third and fourth nights at Mt. Nebo State Park, near Dardanelle, Ark.

Going on the tour as counselors were Mrs. Syvell Burke, MYF counselor;

Charles Park and Laverne Burks, youth directors; and the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Cain.

The group prepared all their own meals on the trip.

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AMU GROWING STEADILY

As an indication of its continued progress in serving Alaska and The Methodist Church, the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage graduated almost twice as many this year as in 1962. This is the new university's third year of operation.



AT THE PRESENTATION of God and Country Awards at First Methodist Church, Homer: Front row: Dr. Clarence Carter, Ed. Seeliger, Joe Tigner, Ed Watson, Ken Barnard, Judge Frank Dougherty; Back row: Mrs. Ed Seeliger, Sr., Irvin Carter, Alan Smith, Phillip McKenzie, Tommy Pearson, Malcolm Maddox and the Rev. William Fraser.

Nine Receive God and Country Awards at Homer First Church

On Sunday evening, May 26, Boy Scout Troop 40, sponsored by the First Methodist Church, Homer, presented the God and Country Award to nine members of the troop.

This was the first time in the history of this troop that such an award had been given.

Judge Frank Dougherty addressed the boys and the other members of the audience on the nature and meaning of the award. The awards were then presented by Dr. Clarence Carter, Scout-

master, and the Rev. William P. Fraser, pastor of the church.

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Oklahoma Indian Mission and more concerned about national missions.

Of course there always have been some in the church who felt that so many obligations couldn't be met. But the recommendations of the commission on missions always have been approved by the official board, and the money has been raised. They do it because they believe they can and so can you.



GROUP ATTENDING the Older Adult Camp at Caney Lake for the adults from Ruston, Shreveport and Monroe Districts, June 11-14.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR JULY 14, 1963: IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1, 2. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 1:26 through 2:1.

MEMORY SELECTION: What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him a little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor. Psalms 8:4-5.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the fact that God is the Creator of all things and to stress the fact that man, "created in the image of God" is God's greatest creation.

Last Sunday we studied God's creative power as he brought into being the heaven and earth and the vegetable kingdom. Following the lesson of last Sunday, in Genesis 1, is also a record of the creation of the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea and the beasts of the field.

Our lesson text for today, still in the 1st chapter of Genesis, is a record of the creation of man and something of his God-given mission. Today's lesson tells us that "God created man in his own image, in his own image created he him; male and female created he them." We are all aware that in Genesis 2, background reading for today's lesson, there is another record of the creation story which follows in general the record of chapter 1, with some additional interesting details.

AGE OLD QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

We say age old questions unanswered. By that we mean that there are age old questions that are as yet unanswered unless we accept the answers as we find them in the Bible, God's revelation to man. Following are some of these questions.

1. Where did man come from? Since the origin of man far antedates any pretense of authentic history, unless we accept the revelations of origins, as set forth in the Book of Genesis, we are absolutely without any satisfactory explanation of the origin of man or of anything else in the universe either living or of dead material.

The theory of evolution as an explanation of the origin of man is, after all, only a theory. No one knows better than the scientist how incomplete, how unsatisfactory, how impossible of definite proof the theory of evolution is. Let the theory of evolution carry us back as far as the most fleximagination can go, there must still be something back there for the theory of evolution to work with - something to "evolve". Evolution, of course makes no pretension at beginning with nothing and producing something. Even if we were to accept literally the theory of evolution, the "something" which evolution must have with which to make a beginning must have been produced by a Creator, a Power of some kind. It is our feeling that a Power which could create out of nothing one atom of material substance or one germ of life could just as well create man himself. Nevertheless, wherever we begin, we prefer to say with Genesis, "In the beginning God."

2. What is man? This question, if answered at all, is also answered by the Book of Genesis. There are those who declare that man is only a glorified beast. Some argue that he is a descendant of the beast and some live like it. The Christian, however prefers to believe, as taught by Genesis, that we

are sons and daughters of the King of Kings, created in the image of God, and we may live like it if we will.

3. Where is man going from here, if anywhere? This is a question that has stirred the hearts of men throughout human history. The New Testament tells us that "Christ ... abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (Timothy 1:10) It is true that the larger revelation regarding the immortal nature of man is found in the New Testament. Nevertheless, we believe that the Book of Genesis also gives us "Intimations of Immortality."

4. Where did the consciousness of sin originate? If we accept the Genesis story as a revelation from God, we realize that the consciousness of sin in human life came with the first conscious transgression of the will of God. According to Genesis, the advent of sin into the world followed very closely the advent of man into the world.

5. Why is suffering in the world? This question is as old as the ages but it is asked over again in practically every human life. If we have an answer to that question at all, it is found in the Book of Genesis, where we are taught that suffering had its beginning as a result of breaking God's law.

IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

The subject of our lesson today is, "In the Image of God." We believe that man has within him a spark of the divine.

1. God created man in his own image. When man, in addition to becoming a living being, became also a "living soul" he took on some of the attributes of his Creator.

2. Man is created in the image of God with the power to have communion and fellowship with his Creator. Down across the centuries we have had examples of people who have felt that they have come in contact with a Power outside themselves and above themselves which has blessed their lives with his conscious presence.

3. Man created in the image of God is a creature of two worlds. According to revelation we live here in a life of preparation for a larger and bigger world. We are taught that the character of life we will live hereafter.

4. Genesis tells us that man was created to have dominion over all else. It is true that man thinks of all lower forms of life in terms of their power to serve him. Animals, fowls, fish, fruit and the choicest of flowers are thought to serve their highest purpose as they serve the needs of man. Demanding so much of the rest of the world. Man really should be a superior being to justify such claims.

5. Man created in the image of God was also created with the power to reason. Intellectual attainments of man so far excel all other forms of life that such powers seem to link him with a power of super-intelligence.

6. Man alone, of all forms of life, has a moral conscience - a sense of "oughtness." There is something in the life of man that approves or disapproves a course of conduct as morally right or morally wrong. That quality of life belongs to man alone because man is created "In the image of God."

7. As man stands before these two courses of conduct, one right the other wrong, he is conscious

of the power to choose either course he desires to follow. Man, made in the image of God, has freedom of will and freedom of choice.

8. Man has the power of speech which enables him to communicate his thoughts to those about him. Also, with his marvelous inventions, he can communicate those thoughts to others on the other side of the world.

9. Man created in the image of God has the power to improve his conditions. All other forms of animal and bird life have the same brain power they had in our earliest knowledge of them. No other living thing has improved its living conditions in even the slightest manner. After the centuries have gone there is not the smallest indication that they have the will to do so. In contrast, man has continually grown and will continue to grow.

In view of all of these things it is our feeling that man is God's crowning creation and embodies something of the divine nature.

GOD THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

While God created man in his own image, we should keep in mind that God is also the Creator of all things. There are various forms of life about us by the millions. None of these forms of life came into existence because of anything man has done. While man is the highest form of intelligence we know about on earth, we know also that with all of his knowledge man does not know how to produce one tiny germ of life. Man can build skyscrapers of stone and steel but "Only God can make a tree." Paul put it a little differently when he said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Man can create conditions for growth but only God can give the growth itself.

We should realize also that God's creative powers did not end with the records of Genesis. God is still creating and the most helpful agency he has in our world in his creative processes is man. The many developments and improvements in the world of today are the results of the creative power of God at work through the minds of men.

BIBLE REVEALS TWO VITAL TRUTHS

The Bible reveals two truths that are of transcendent importance to man.

1. The first of these truths so important to man is the fact that God made him. That fact gives dignity and eternal value to human life. Wherever that fact is denied in the world, human life is cheap and the dignity and value of human personality is largely ignored.

2. The other truth so important to man, as revealed more clearly in the New Testament, is the fact that God loves him. It is not enough to believe that we are but a cog in the wheel of God's creative powers as he brings the universe into being. It is the fact that the God who created us also loves us that gives to life its larger meaning.

MARRIAGE PART OF DIVINE PLAN

After God created man the Record says that God said, "it is not good for man to be alone; I will make a help mate for him." Thus God built into the very plan of creation the institution of marriage. Since marriage was a part of God's plan for life from the beginning, we do hurt to one of the most sacred relationships of life when we trifle with marriage or take it lightly.

WHAT GENESIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

Let us keep in mind that the creation story in Genesis is not a scientific treatise on the origin of things. It is certainly not a complete history of creation. Such a history could hardly be condensed to a single chapter of Genesis.

The important thing to us about the creation story, which we should always remember regardless of any controversies that may arise, is the fact that it recognized God as the Creator of all things. Just how it all happened is not so important as the fact that it did happen in accord with the will and command of God. All else is of secondary importance.

In Memoriam



Mrs. H. Montgomery

No death in our community has caused more genuine and widespread sorrow than that of Mrs. Hattie Montgomery who passed away in the Morehouse General Hospital on Thursday, May 23rd.

Mrs. Montgomery, 85, had been a resident of Bonita, La., for 50 years, moving here from Mer Rouge. After the death of her husband she remained on the farm residing with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery.

She was a member of the Bonita Methodist Church and lived her religion everyday, taking part in anything that pertained to the needs of the church. The church has suffered the loss of a faithful and active member as has the Woman's Society of Christian Service of which she was also a member, and served as it's president for many years. She was also a member of the Masonic Eastern Star Lodge at Mer Rouge.

Miss Hattie, as everyone affectionately called her, could be seen every Sunday making her way to her special pew where she always sat smiling, after embracing everyone before and after services.

She was like a mother to so many people and so many lives were influenced by her gentle kindness and love which was the keynote of her life.

Funeral services were held Friday in the Bonita Methodist Church where the body was brought on Thursday evening and lay in state until time for the service.

The beautiful words of the Rev. Kenneth W. Paul were prophetically inspired and will long be remembered by the many friends and loved ones who heard them. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery in Union Parish.

Mrs. Montgomery is survived by two daughters and six sons, Miss Gladys Montgomery and Mrs. Tom Williams of Bastrop, Jimmy of Bonita, George Sims and Travis of Bastrop, East of Springhill, Elzie and Willis of Mer Rouge. Also two sisters, Mrs. May Cheshire and Mrs. Jim Yeldell of Mer Rouge, and numerous grandchildren and other relatives.



Mrs. E. J. Ramsey

Mrs. Edgar Jones Ramsey of Holly Springs, Ark., was born at Princeton, Ark., February 3, 1880. She slipped into eternity on June 3, 1963, at the age of 83.

Mrs. Ramsey had been a devout member of the Methodist church for 75 years. Her first membership was at Princeton, Arkansas, at the age of 13. She always found time in her busy life to help carry on the work of the Lord and sincerely tried to follow His teachings.

The richness and fullness of her Christian life was made manifest in her services rendered to His great cause. She served as W.S.C.S. president at several different times. On a number of occasions she was a delegate to Annual Conference. Here she received untold joy in meeting and greeting her for-

mer pastors.

Mrs. Ramsey's husband preceded her in death by only a few years.

Survivors include three children, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters. The children are Mrs. Horace Looney, Holly Springs, Marvin Ramsey, Holly Springs, and Fred Ramsey, Pine Bluff; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Pittman, Pine Bluff, and Mrs. William Kauffman, Seattle, Washington.

The Rev. Robert Jackson and the Rev. Dewey Stark officiated at the funeral services which were held at the Holly Springs Methodist Church on June 4.



W. G. Kirk

Walter George Kirk, born March 10, 1900, at Lead Hill, Arkansas, died June 6, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. He was the son of Sam and Louisa Tucker Kirk, life-long residents of Boone County. He was an employee of the Arkansas Highway Department for 20 years and a member of the Bergman Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lenora Cook Kirk; two sons, Buford Walter of Morton Grove, Ill., and John Samuel of Tulsa, Okla.; five daughters; Mrs. Kent Butler of Russellville, Mrs. Charles Hancock of Rogersville, Mo., Mrs. Frank Williams of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Ray Richardson of Harrison, and Mrs. James Breece of St. Charles, Mo., one brother, Roy Kirk of Lead Hill; and 21 grandchildren.



Mrs. W. A. Franks

Mrs. Nora R. Franks, 86, died recently in Clinton, Arkansas. She was the widow of the Rev. W. A. Franks who began as a Methodist minister in the North Arkansas Conference in 1900. Mrs. Franks had resided in Ridgecrest, California, for the past years and was visiting her daughter in Clinton at the time of her death.

Survivors include her two daughters, Mrs. Mary Taylor of Clinton, and Mrs. Madge Hacek of Ridgecrest, California; one brother, W. C. Marton of Searcy; one sister, Mrs. Beulah Rush of Evening Shade; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church of Clinton followed by graveside services and burial at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Batesville.



F. Murray Benson

NASHVILLE, TENN. —F. Murray Benson, 68, chairman of the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church, died of a heart attack June 14 at his home in Baltimore, Md., as he was preparing to go to his office.

As board chairman, Mr. Benson was in frequent touch with the Nashville headquarters offices of The Methodist Publishing House, operating agency of the Board of Publications.

An attorney, he was a partner in the law firm of Sauerwein, Benson and Boyd.

He was elected chairman of the Board of Publication in 1960, after having been a board member for 20 years.

He was a member of Starr Methodist Church, Baltimore, and funeral services will be conducted there at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 17.

Mr. Benson's father and both grandfathers were Methodist ministers, and he was a leading layman of the Baltimore Methodist Conference.

He had been city solicitor for Baltimore and parole commissioner for Maryland.

A native of Alexandria, Va., he was a graduate of Western Maryland College and the University of Maryland.

He is survived by his widow, four children and several grandchildren.



Mrs. Lulie Birdwell

(Written and given at the memorial services of this year for deceased members of the Carrie Hinton Bible Class of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, by Mrs. Robert D. Ginocchio.)

There was a fineness about her that one sensed clearly and it seemed to me that nothing ignoble could ever touch her. In her business life and private life she always lived up to high standard of integrity that she had set for herself. She was outspoken in her beliefs and was always true to her convictions, and when she knew that she was right there was nothing that could thwart her. Being a varied reader and with an intellectual mind, her interests were many. Also was she an accomplished musician. She taught music many years and was always in demand as an accompanist for the fine program singers. After her marriage to the Rev. Mr. Birdwell, and with her many accomplishments, she became a great asset to her husband as a minister's wife. She studied right along with him in his ministerial work, the study of the Bible and theology, and was one of the best theologians I have ever known for a woman.

Nothing gave her more pleasure than quoting the Scriptures and explaining its great truths. She was always helpful in women's work and youth work in helping him to further the kingdom of God and she loved witnessing for Christ. Although in the evening of her life, she was radiant, charming and gracious.

When Mrs. Russell Henderson phoned me at 9:30 P.M. that she had just crossed the great divide, I thought, "Yes, we are like ships that pass in the night, meet for a moment and then pass on." And when one whose ministries and labors of love approaches the end calm and unafraid, the transition comes as light winds wandering through groves of bloom, rather than falling leaves in wintry weather. And I also thought that when the time came for her to "cross the bar," the voyage was without tempest and toward a haven with kinder skies and milder sun.

Mrs. Birdwell thought that in order to pass on to posterity her work for the kingdom of God, she would and did bequeath in her will her entire estate to be used in educating young missionaries for the church, in further-

ing God's kingdom. Life seemed ever to find its noblest spring of excellence in a hidden impulse to make those about her happy, and in the happiness of others she found joy and peace.



Mrs. Annie Tobin

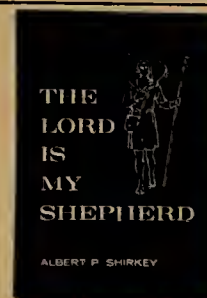
It was a cold and dreary day in December of 1908 that I drove into the little town of Hermitage, Arkansas, to assume the responsibilities of my first pastoral charge as a Methodist minister. I had just been admitted on trial as a member of the Little Rock Conference. There was no parsonage on the circuit and I was unmarried and arrangements had been made that I should be domiciled at the large and comfortable residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Berlin and here I remained for more than twelve months. Little did I realize that this was the beginning of one of my most highly cherished friendship during a ministry of almost 60 years.

It was in this home that I met Miss Annie Bea Berlin, the oldest of six children of this home. She was a rare spirit, thoroughly dedicated to her Church, working tirelessly in the Sunday School, the Epworth League, and the work of the choir. A little later she married Mr. Cleveland Tobin of Hampton, Arkansas, and three fine sons were born of this union, Louis B. Tobin, of Little Rock; Marion B. Tobin of Shreveport, La.; and Lt. Col Daniel H. Tobin of Mather Air Force Base, California.

Early in her married life she was unfortunate in the loss of her husband by death. From early childhood she had dreamed and cherished a career as a nurse and so she accepted her situation as an opportunity to realize that dream. She moved to Little Rock and by hard work and sacrifice she achieved her goal, and for 39 years worked as a graduate nurse in Little Rock.

Whether in the family circle as a mother, in the church group as a Christian laborer, or in the sick room as a nurse Mrs. Tobin impressed those associated with her of the beauty and glory of a thoroughly dedicated life to God and humanity.

Besides the sons mentioned above, Mrs. Tobin is survived by a brother, W. E. Berlin of Columbia, S.C., four sisters, Mrs. Ira Bowden of Smackover, Mrs. E. W. Martin of Camden, Mrs. I. L. Temple and Mrs. Tom Thompson of Part St. Joe, Fla.



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News of Louisiana Methodism in Pictures



THE REV. DON RISINGER, pastor of Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, and the church membership class which he received on Palm Sunday.



MEMBERS OF THE MYF of Palestine Methodist Church, which was recently selected the outstanding youth group in the Alexandria District. They had earlier been named the outstanding group in the Greater Parish Sub-District.



A PART OF the group of 21 seniors who were recently honored at services at First Methodist Church, Crowley.



THE CHOIR of the Indian Bayou Methodist Church shown with their director, Mrs. Ed Blanchet.



THIS IS A PART of the 46 new members received during the past year into the membership of St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette.



COMBINED YOUTH GROUPS of Weeks Island, Lydia and Jeanerette Churches shown during a recent meeting at Jeanerette.



FORCED INSIDE by rain, the families of the children who attended the Vacation School at First Church, Houma, are shown as they picniced together on the closing day.



ONE OF THE GAMES during a recent recreation period at the Howard Brown Sub-District was "Dress the Model." The Models are Carol McKain and Sandra Cook of Pioneer.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL Older Adult Camp was held at Camp Brewer, June 10-12 for Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and Lafayette Districts. Staff members were: the Rev. W.D. Boddie, director; and the Rev. and Mrs. D.B. Boddie, the Rev. J.B. McCann, the Rev. Kirby Vining, Mrs. C.F. Learner, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Paxton and Mrs. H.H. Vincent.



THE GOD AND COUNTRY Award was presented to Keith Cayton at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, June 9. He is shown here with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Forest W. Cayton. Assisting in the presentation were Dr. G.W. Pomeroy, the Rev. Don Hall, Mr. R. Gilbert Myers, scout executive, and Mr. H.L. Dickens, associate advisor of Explorer Post 22.



THESE PERSONS from Louisiana attended the Jurisdictional Laymen's Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, July 5-7.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
July 6, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Mrs. Walton and I appreciate so very much your many kind expressions of concern which came to us during my recent hospitalization. We are grateful to you for your prayers. Because of the large number of these messages, it is not possible for us to reply personally to each of you, and so we are taking this means to thank you for it all.

I came home from the hospital on Saturday, June 29, and the doctors tell us that I am right on schedule and making satisfactory progress in every way. However, I am still weak and it will be ten days or two weeks yet before I am able to go to the office. I should be back in action by the last of this month.

I trust that the new conference year has begun well in every district and in every charge. I am looking forward to the time shortly now when I shall be able to begin personal contacts over the conference again.

Thanking you once more for everything, I remain
Most sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton

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Leadership School Attracts Workers to Mount Sequoyah

An unusual opportunity for Louisiana Methodists will be the Leadership School in Church School work to be held at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, beginning next Monday, July 15. Conference and district officers of Church School work, and others, are encouraged to attend this training school. Persons may register for one or both weeks of the Leadership School. A Laboratory School and Audio-Visual Seminar will also be held during the two week session.

The first week of classes in the Leadership School, July 15-20 (Tuesday through Saturday morning) includes morning classes in "Understanding Young Children," Dr. Howard M. Ham; "Preparing the Church for the New Curriculum," Dr. Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr.; "Planning and Evaluation in Christian Education," Dr. Lee J. Gable; and "Studies in the Life of Paul," Dr. Edwin P. Booth. "The Church's Ministry to Youth in the Local Church" will be taught in the afternoon by Dr. Leo Rippey, Jr.; and "Seminar on Curriculum Development for Adults," Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, instructor, will meet both morning and afternoon.

The second week, Monday through Friday morning, July 21-26, the Leadership School schedule will be: morning - "Preparing the Church for the

New Curriculum," Dr. Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr.; "Basic Beliefs for Children's Workers," Dr. James Hares; The Church's Ministry to Children Under Three," Miss Evelyn Andre; and "Life and Mission of The Church," Dr. Lee J. Gable. Afternoon classes are: Understanding Older Children," Dr. Howard M. Ham; and "Helping Youth Prepare for Marriage," Dr. Robert E. Ledbetter, Jr. "A Workshop for Church Librarians" will be taught morning and afternoon by Miss Mildred Eagan.

Each person enrolled in the Leadership School may choose to attend one of the following institutes on Monday evening and another on Wednesday evening: (1) The Use of Audio-Visuals in Christian Education-Dr. B. F. Jackson, Jr., (2) Evangelism in the Church School-Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, (3) Ministry to Nursery Home Members-Miss Margie McCarty, (4) Planning Family Life Program in the Local Church-Dr. Robert E. Ledbetter, (5) Using the Library for Christian Education, (6) New Developments in Church Literature-Dr. James Hares, (7) Working Across Jurisdictional Lines-Rev. Paul O. Cardwell, (8) Setting Up Workers' Conferences, and (9) Building and Equipment, Rev. John Taylor.

Only those who can attend for the full two-weeks, July 15-26, may register.

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Annual Pastors' School Will Be Held at Centenary College

The annual Pastor's School for the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church will be held July 29-August 2, 1963, on the Centenary College campus in Shreveport. The Pastor's School is sponsored each year by the Conference Board of Education and the Department of In-Service Training of the General Board of Education. Rev. Alfred M. Brown of Slidell is Dean of the School.

The two visiting lecturers this year will be Dr. Daniel Walker, pastor of First Methodist Church, Santa Monica, California, and Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo, professor at St. Paul School of Theology-Methodist, Kansas City, Missouri.

Bishop Eugene Slater, bishop of the Kansas Area, will preach at the evening worship services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. He will also lead an informal discussion, "Talking Shop with my Brother Preachers," Tuesday afternoon. Bishop Slater was born and reared in Sibley, Louisiana.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, bishop of the Louisiana Area, will deliver the

sermon at the Thursday evening service. Bishop and Mrs. Walton will be honored with a Bishop's Banquet Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Bill Fraser of Homer, chairman of the Board of Managers of Pastor's School, will preside.

Dr. Bond Fleming, Dean of Centenary College, will lead the morning devotions each day at 8:30 a.m. The Rev. Franklin Poole, minister of music at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, will lead the congregational singing for the worship services and the morning devotions.

Professor Bob Hallquist, organist at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, will provide organ vesper music from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday preceding the worship services in Brown Chapel.

Dr. Walker's course will include lectures on: "Sizing Up the Enemy," "The Layman's a Minister Too," "Prompt the Worshipper," "The Minister and His Laymen," "Home, Sweet

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Young People Name Conference Officers at Annual Assembly

New officers of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship for 1963-64 were elected June 26 at the annual state Assembly held in Shreveport. One hundred seventy five youth attended the five day conference. All were senior high delegates representing local churches throughout Louisiana.

New Officers are: President, Will Finnin of New Orleans; Vice-president, Mary Bradshaw of Cotton Valley; Secretary, Janelle McCammon of Lafayette; Treasurer, Dennis Sanford of Oak Grove; Publicity chairman, Charlene Kuhnell of New Orleans; Beyond-the-local-church coordinator, Mary Bingham of Simsboro. Elected to serve as conference Program Area Chairmen are: Faith, Don Eckard of Alexandria; Witness, Gayle French of Jena; Outreach, Tony Guagliardo of Ponchatoula; Citizenship, Sherman Carroll of Columbia; Fellowship, Elmo Cox of Jonesboro. New members of the conference MYF Council are: Elvira Frick of New Iberia, David Clayton of Lake Arthur, Jami Jones of Epps, and Betty Barnes of Keithville. Pam Ford of Lake Charles is representative to the Board of Education, and Connie Peal of Shreveport is representative to the

Board of Missions.

All the new officers also hold offices in their district, sub-district, and local church organizations.

Memorandum

MEMO TO MINISTERS IN THE CONFERENCE

Please send your Area Council office the complete mailing address to which you wish your mail sent, including P. O. Box or Rural Route number.

Address mail to the Area Council Office, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport Louisiana.

Editorials

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AMONG the many struggles that go on in our world none is becoming more pronounced than the one between those who insist that we must recover the identity of the individual and those forces which seem to be driving us farther and farther away from individuality in an age of automation. Now the name of our hometown is being minimized in the postoffice's use of their new Zip Code numbers.

We are not trying "to fight city hall," but are only expressing a bit of sadness at losing one more mark of selfhood in a day when everybody is somebody only on a magnetic tape or a punched card in a computer file. It is growing increasingly difficult to find an answer to that age-old question "Who am I?" Persons in this kind of day are less frequently arriving at the answer "I am a child of God," which has proved indispensable as a step toward finding peace for their souls.

We know how foolish it is even to talk about holding back the inexorable movement of the machine and are fully aware that many of the little extras that we have in life are the direct by-products of the assembly line. However the age of the computer throws upon us of the church a heavier burden for those who already feel that they have lost most of their identity. This means among other things that evangelism must be seen in a different light. Some already accuse us of being cold and non-personal in our techniques and we have done much to deserve the indictment.

Let us remain aloof from any suggestion that we ought to "program" our prospects or select those to be visited in any period by pressing a few keys. As some aspects of our time become increasingly automated let us prayerfully consider how we can preserve others as the domain of the warm-hearted and the loving.

Labor unions have their concern for the future of their members in the age of automation. No longer can it be effectively argued that most of those who lose their jobs to the machines can

find new jobs in the manufacture of the machines. The church should be as concerned about the integrity of the individuality of their members. Men and women who regard themselves as mere numbers cannot feel that there is much place for them in the great plan of salvation. It is the recovery of the knowledge that they are somebody because they are children of the Heavenly Father that will help to bring them eternal life and assist them in keeping their balance in a shaky world.

Perhaps the postoffice will not take what could be considered a logical next step—that of sending mail to your social security number instead of your name. But if it comes just think of your editor as 432-72-6162 72203.

What's In It For Us In A Communist Split?

CURRENT news stories keep us alert to the widening breach between the Russian and Chinese forces of Communism. Some commentators are even indicating that they think there is a possibility that the United States might find itself again fighting on the side of Russia against a common foe. This is where we stood during World War II and what was there in it for us? The fighting ended in a fashion which only introduced the "cold war" which has haunted us every day since the end of World War II. Because of it we have not known a day of peace or security in that period.

Many of those who took part in the Korean War learned something of passion and total abandon with which the Chinese Communists fight, evidencing a total disregard for human life.

There are those who will be finding false encouragement in the ideological schism now being demonstrated in the meetings in Moscow. We have even heard people imply that we should goad Russia and China into fighting, believing that something might happen like the old folk tale of the two snakes that took each other by the tail and swallowed each other to the end of their mutual disappearance.

No such easy way out is indicated for the Western World in these present disagreements in the East. The fact remains that Krushchev and Mao are equally dedicated to the task of "burying us" and the choice of weapons seems to have little meaning if our grave is the target of both.

There can certainly be some desirable by-products from such rumblings. Possibly we can see a test-ban implemented and the consummation of some unfinished business that makes World War II still haunt us. But let us take little hope in a World War II in which Russia and America might be allied against China.



EDITOR'S CORNER

A Day at the Blytheville Air Base

Your editor had a most interesting experience the week-end of June 30 when he was the speaker for a preaching mission at the Blytheville Air Force Base where Chaplain Lyman T. Barger, our longtime friend and member of the North Arkansas Conference is the base chaplain.

This gave us an unusual opportunity to enter into the religious life of this important base of the Strategic Air Command. Something of the feeling of life on this and other bases like it was communicated in the services by the presence of the "Alert crews" in this distinctive uniforms ready to take off for any part of the world at a moment's notice should the "alert" sign over the chapel door flash during the service.

We spoke to three very attentive groups during our Sunday there. First to the Sunday School which is organized and conducted in an excellent manner under the leadership of the chaplains. Chaplain Allen G. Landers, a Baptist from Missouri, has direct responsibility for the educational program.

Then at the regular morning worship hour we had a nice congregation in the beautiful sanctuary where a complete facelifting operation is nearly finished. Faced with the reality that funds were not available for the construction of a badly needed new chapel, Chaplain Barger has done a most unusual job in directing the rehabilitation of the old building until there is little to indicate that it is not an entirely new chapel.

In the evening we spoke to a fine group of young people from the families of the base. Their Young People of the Chapel is a very significant youth group. There was an air of sadness among the young people because several of them were moving with their families to new assignments.

An extra thrill of the visit was the long-postponed privilege of baptizing the Barger's youngest, Timothy Knox. Now five years old, he has waited this event while the Knox and Barger families planned a date for the event that would not be changed by our fickle schedule and plans.

DECALOGUE FOR EVERY DECADE



- I. "Thou shalt have none other gods before me.
- II. "Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor the likeness of any form that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- IV. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V. "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. "Thou shalt not kill.
- VII. "Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. "Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- X. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's."

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LIKE A GIANT JIGSAW PUZZLE TAKING SHAPE-

Quadrennial General Conference

Little by little, a giant jigsaw puzzle is taking shape.

Many hands are piecing together the pattern. Some are the hands of well-known persons; others are unsung participants known only to a few.

When finished, the picture will be that of the throbbing, world-wide meeting of Methodists — the quadrennial General Conference.

Scene of the living drama will be Pittsburgh's new Civic Arena. Time: beginning the last week-end in April, 1964.

Just to make sure that all the pieces in the puzzle are going to mesh together properly, the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference met in the host city April 18 for what may be the last general planning session of the group before the curtain rises on Methodism's "main event" next spring.

While the 14-member commission dealt with many physical details that enter into the planning of a big convention, the members did not lose sight of the grand goals of spiritual uplift and world vision involved in the conference.

Chairman Frank E. Baker of Philadelphia put it this way at the conclusion of the crowded day's business:

ANNOUNCE INTERN PLAN

The Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions has announced its second new program within a month to strengthen and renew the Methodist ministry to inner city areas in the United States. Last month, the division announced a new program of lay volunteer service in the inner city. The second program, announced June 18, is for ordained ministers and is a special program of post-seminary internships in inner city work.

"The thing we are trying to do is to make this General Conference count. We are all aware that these are critical times, but we believe that this very fact challenges the church as a whole to make the 1964 General Conference a most meaningful and significant experience for all who attend it."

Mr. Baker went on to say that he hoped many Methodists, in addition to elected delegates, will plan to attend all or part of the General Conference and share in its inspirational features.

Mr. Baker had high words of praise for his colleagues on the commission and the work being done through the several committees.

At a luncheon held with the Pittsburgh General Conference Committee, it was evident that there is a very close working relationship between the church-wide commission and the host city's committee. Robert B. Pease, head of the host city's Urban Redevelopment Authority, is president of the local committee. Its executive director is the Rev. David J. Wynne. Dr. Wynne is executive director of the Methodist Church Union and pastor of Smithfield Street Church in downtown Pittsburgh.

Heading the Committee on Auditorium and Facilities of the general commission is the Rev. Dr. Norman L. Conard, minister of First Methodist Church, Eugene, Ore.

The Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young of Chicago heads the commission's program committee. Dr. Young is an associate publisher of The Methodist Publishing House.

Dr. J. Wesley Hole of Los Angeles, treasurer of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, is secretary of the commission.

Other commission members are: the Rev. Dr. William H. Alderson, Bridge-

port, Conn.; the Rev. Dr. L. Scott Allen, New Orleans; Thurman L. Dodson, Washington, D.C.; Carl C. Hall, Little Rock, Ark.; the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Holmes, Tallahassee, Fla.; A. G. Jefferson, Lynchburg, Va.; John R. VanSickle, Rockford, Ill.; and the Rev. Dr. Ira E. Williams, Tulsa, Okla.

The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Evanston, Ill., general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Rev. Dr. Leon T. Moore of Philadelphia, secretary of the General Conference, are ex-officio members of the commission.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

July 14 - Sunday	Psalms 98:1-9
July 15	Psalms 100:1-5
July 16	Psalms 103:1-22
July 17	Psalms 119:1-16
July 18	Psalms 119:169-176
July 19	Psalms 121:1-8
July 20	Psalms 122:1-9
July 21 - Sunday	Psalms 130:1-8

Blessed are the inquisitive, for they shall know.



DR. H.D. BOLLINGER of Nashville is presented an emblem in recognition of his 30 years of national leadership in Methodist student work. The director of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education was honored at the National Conference of the Methodist student Movement, held June 16-22 at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Mrs. Gayle Graham Yates, outgoing president of the organization and a Boston University student, made the presentation.



HISTORIC PAULSKIRCHE (St. Paul's Church) in Frankfurt, Germany, was the scene of President Kennedy's major policy speech to German notables. The Protestant church was built in 1789, then badly damaged during World War II. One of the first buildings to be reconstructed after the war, it was ceremoniously reopened in 1948 on the 100th anniversary of the meeting there of the Frankfurt Parliament, the first gathering which represented all of Germany and a milestone in creation of the nation.



FORT CARSON, Colo. -- The Army's Chief of Chaplains is shown as he addressed 10,000 soldiers on Moral and Religious Training Day. Maj. Gen. (Chaplain) Charles E. Brown, Jr., a Methodist clergyman, observed the program which saw Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish chaplains hold services for post personnel and the men of the Fifth Infantry Division.

Schor Named President of Methodist Hospital Directors

M. Kenneth Schor was reelected president of Methodist Hospital at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Methodist Hospital recently at the First Methodist Church, 3401 Canal Street.

Mr. Schor has just finished his first year as president of the Methodist Hospital that is planned for the Gentilly area of New Orleans with a Master Plan calling for 450 beds when completed.

Other officers and directors of the board elected are: Mr. George D. Williams, Vice-President, 370 Bellaire Drive, Mrs. Joseph E. Manis, Secretary, 6215 Perlita Drive, Reverend John B. Koelmay, Treasurer, 4128 Franklin Avenue, Mr. Charles O. Backstrom, Mr. Willis A. Baker, Mr. Dennis J. Bergeron, Jr., Mr. Edgar E. Cayard, Mr. Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr., Mr. Bascom K. Dayle, Mr. Howard T. DeVane, Mr. Lewis W. Eaton, Jr., Reverend Benedict A. Galloway, O. Neal Miller, Ph.D., Mr. Forrest L. Minix, Mr. Bingham C. Stewart, Mrs. Raymond W. Tesch, Mr. Ray H. Trip-



Mr. Schor

lett, Mr. Henry Walther, Jr., Mr. David B. Gross, Mr. Alfred F. Hanson, Mr. Paul F. Jahncke, Jr., Councilman Daniel L. Kelly, Mr. Pendleton E. Lehde, Mr. Edward N. Lennox, Mr. Paul Light, Reverend Carl F. Lueg, Sr.,

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Pastor's School

Parsonage," and "The Sheep Without a Shepherd." He will also conduct an informal discussion group Thursday afternoon. Dr. Walker has been a minister in Methodist Churches in California and Oregon for the past 23 years. In addition, he was instructor at the Pacific School of Religion, 1945-48.

Dr. Pherigo will be teaching a course on "The Theology of the New Testament." He has taught courses in Bible, Church History, and Christian Life and Thought, in Syracuse University, Scarritt College, Vanderbilt Divinity School, and Saint Paul School of Theology-Methodist. He has served as Academic Dean of Scarritt College, and held three faculty fellowships at Boston University. On Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Pherigo will lead an informal discussion on a topic related to the course.

Bishop Slater's overall theme will be "Our Mission Today." The topics of his three sermons are: "Remember Who You Are," "Accept Christ as He Is," and "To Declare That Jesus Christ Is Lord."

The Methodist Publishing House will have a book display in the Student Center, and it will be open daily.

Boards and agencies of the Conference will hold meetings on Monday afternoon, July 29, before the opening session of the School at 3:30.

Classes will be held from 8:50 until 11:45 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and from 8:20 until 10:00 a.m. Friday. Group recreation will be directed by Rev. Rupert Coles of Thibodaux each afternoon.

Registration will be in James Hall on Monday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Rev. C. Ebb Munden of Metairie will be in charge.

Most of the ministers and their wives will stay in Centenary College dormitories. Meals will be served in the college cafeteria.

Program at Arcadia

Youth Director at First Methodist Church, Arcadia, this summer is Miss Dona Johnson, graduate of Southern Methodist University in Education and Social Science. Miss Johnson is from Lake Charles and a member of First Methodist in that city. Under her leadership the Arcadia Methodist Young people have planned a full program of Christian fellowship, worship and service.

Wednesday evenings have been designated "Youth Night" and will offer a variety of programs. Throughout the summer a "candid camera" contest will be in progress with prizes awarded finally at a camera party to those who best capture their fellow MYF's and their activities on film. Youth Activities Week is scheduled for July 8-12 with Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, Director of Religious Activities at Centenary College, as guest speaker. Preceding talks by Rev. Taylor on the theme, "Do We Dare To Be Christian?", will be informal discussion groups on a number of subjects of special interest to youth. August 3-4 at Caney Methodist Camp, Minden, a week-end retreat will be held. Completed plans for this program will be announced soon.

Highlight of the summer youth program will be a tour of Methodist related institutions in Dallas, August 8-9. The MYF's will visit the campuses of Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, Highland Park Methodist Church, the Cokesbury Bookstore and the Methodist Hospital. Six Flags over Texas will also be a part of the itinerary. Funds for the tour are being raised by the young people themselves through a number of work projects.

Most helpful in mapping out plans and carrying through the summer youth program is a calendar published and placed in the hands of each MYF member and a weekly news bulletin, "Remember Now." Miss Johnson will continue her work through the last of August.



LANE C. McGAUGHY (left) is the new president of the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement. From Mars Hill, Maine, he is a student at the Drew University theological school, Madison, N.J., and a past president of the Ohio MSM. Shown with him are new members of the organization's council. They are, left to right, Miss Virginia Lucas, Martinsville, Va., president of the Virginia MSM; John Schultz, Springfield, Minn., president of the Minnesota MSM; Ronald Lewis, Lake Charles, La., president of the Louisiana MSM; and Ivan Alphonse, who is from Panama and now attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. All were elected at the annual meeting of the group June 16-22 at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

New Orleans 'Set-Up' Meeting

At the New Orleans District "Set Up" meeting, held June 24th at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, Dr. Carl Lueg, district superintendent introduced the new ministers coming into the District: the Rev. Taylor Wall, Gretna, the Rev. Don Hall, St. Claude Heights, Dr. Albert Hurley, St. Paul's and the Rev. John Barringer, Associate minister at St. Matthews.

Ministers and district stewards from

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton announced the following transfers into the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Brent Doan, Deacon on Trial, from the Rock River Conference, effective June 21, 1963, and appointment as student to Garrett Theological Seminary; and August E. Aamodt, Elder in Full Connection, from the North East Ohio Conference, effective June 22, 1963, and appointed as Director of Youth, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

the thirty-four charges of the New Orleans District give approval to the district appointments for the \$33,799 District Budget, for 1963-64. Major items in the District Budget include the Wesley Foundation at Tulane-Newcomb, and LSU NO, the District Board of Missions, and Istrouma Methodist Camp. The total budget represents \$1,236 increase over 1962-63 budget. The chief increase was in increased support of the Wesley Foundation program.

The annual report of Leo C. Terry, district treasurer showed total received from churches in 1962-63, \$30,353, with disbursements totaling \$31,436.

Walter Harris has been appointed District Chairman of the 1000 Club. Mr. Harris urged the ministers to appoint a 1000 Club Chairman in each local church to meet and exceed the quota of members asked from each church. The District goal is 300 members of the 1000 Club.



DR. CARL LUEG, New Orleans District Superintendent, welcomed these new pastors to his district at the recent "set-up meeting": Dr. Albert Hurley, St. Paul's; the Rev. Taylor Wall, Gretna; and the Rev. Don Hall, St. Claude Heights. Not in the picture is the Rev. John Barringer, the associate at St. Matthews.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE REV. JOHN B. LOELEMAY, pastor of the Gentilly Methodist Church, was the speaker at the June meeting of the Methodist Home Hospital Auxiliary in New Orleans.

CREW LAKE METHODIST Church of Start, Louisiana, held its annual Vacation Church School June 10-14. Mrs. Jimmy Fuller and Mrs. Jackie Henry served as directors. The Rev. Rodger White is pastor.

THE OLLA AND TULLOS METHODIST Churches were hosts to the LaSalle Parish Methodist Men's club fish fry at the Cities Service picnic grounds near Tullos on June 18. The Rev. Ted J. Smith is the pastor.

THE BUILDING OF THE BETHEL Methodist Church has recently been improved by the addition of a steeple and other improvements to the building. The pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman.

THE METHODIST MEN of St. Paul's Methodist Church New Orleans, held their regular meeting on July 1. This was a "get acquainted meeting" with their new pastor, the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

IN A SPECIAL SERVICE on Sunday evening, June 9, the annual installation of the Official Board and WSCS officers was conducted at Westlake Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Garland Dean.

JUDGE G. RANDALL WHITMEYER was the guest speaker for June meeting of the Methodist Men of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Their pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

THE DMA ORGANIZATION at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, held their annual picnic on June 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnston, with Mrs. C.L. Johnston, a member of the club, serving as co-hostess. Dr. G.W. Pomeroy is the pastor of this church.

MR. L.V. NOBLE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Louisiana, was in charge of the laying of the cornerstone for the new Adult Center at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, June 23. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

DR. VANN SPRUIELL, a psychiatrist who is particularly interested in the problems of high school youth, spoke to the parents group in the youth-parents program at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, June 16. The Rev. B.A. Galloway is the pastor.

THE WELCOME METHODIST CHURCH gave the new pastor and his family a pounding on Wednesday, June 19, in the fellowship hall after prayer meeting. The pastor, the Rev. Carl Beard, and family are residing at 304 7th St., Springhill, Louisiana.

MT. MARIAH METHODISTS have just completed improvements on their Church building. The entrance has been rearranged for more room and convenience, and new ceiling put up in the sanctuary, and the chancel redone. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond is pastor of Arcadia and Mr. Moriah churches.

THE METHODIST MEN OF JEFFERSON Church of New Orleans elected the following as officers: Edwin D. Hall - president, Keith Nash - first vice

president, Charles Moring - second vice president, James C. Miller - secretary. The Rev. Albert A. Collins is pastor.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the Blackwater Methodist Church recently presented Life Memberships to Mrs. Alma Morgan and Mrs. Robert E. McKnight. Mrs. A.S. Robinson made the presentations. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

THE REV. WOODROW HEARN, associate pastor at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest speaker at the evening service of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, July 7. He spoke on the subject "Communism and the Church." The service was arranged by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

CHAPLAIN VERNARD UTLEY, who is Religious Education Chaplain at Barksdale Air Force Base, was the evening preacher at Springhill Methodist Church, June 30. On June 23, the guest preacher at this church was the Rev. W.E. Clark, pastor of the Springhill Presbyterian Church. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

DR. ROBERT E. GOODRICH, pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, and preacher for the Methodist segment of the Protestant Hour radio program, is the guest speaker for the Youth Revival in progress, July 8-12, at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. Sam Nader is the pastor.

THE FOLLOWING NEW OFFICERS of the MYF of Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans were recently installed by the pastor, the Rev. Reuel H. Allen: Tommy Bitterwolf, president; Ralph Hogan, vice-president; Gene Hullinghorst, secretary; Audrey Hememway, treasurer; and Steve Hememway, intermediate spokesman.

MRS. A.C. ADAMS was director of the recent Vacation Church School held in the University Methodist Church at Lake Charles. Sunday evening, June 23, the boys and girls presented a program of songs, scripture, and pageants. The Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor and Kay France is educational assistant.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lafayette, a gift to the building fund has been received from the Wesleyan Service Guild in honor of their outgoing president, Mrs. Morris A. Gilmore, in recognition of her faithful service for many years in superintending and promoting the educational program of the church. The pastor is the Rev. R.R. Branton.

THE MYF OF THE Kenner Methodist Church gave a shrimp supper recently to raise money for their Youth Activities Week in August. They will have the Rev. Oscar Cloyd, pastor of Christ Church, Shreveport, as their speaker for that week, and will climax the week with a week-end at Camp Istrouma. The Rev. Marvin Corley is the pastor.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY was observed at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, with the following students taking part in the service: Michael B. Seshul, Miss Mary Beth Williams, John Brewer, Charles Weems, Jr., Sonny Trammell, Albin Johnson, Charles Nelson, Jonathan Harris, Sandra Harris, Jimmie Beuhler, Patsy Gaspard and Charlotte Brewer. Their pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE MOSS BLUFF VACATION Church School closed Friday, June 21, with a Sharing Program. The school was well attended with an average of 40 from an enrollment of 41. An offering was taken for the Lydia Patterson School. Mrs. Glenn Williams was principal. Pastor at Moss Bluff is the Rev. Sam Holladay, who, with his wife, was honored with a reception following the evening service on June 9.

THREE LAYMEN SPOKE at the June 9 worship service at First Methodist Church, West Monroe. Norman Rushing told the membership about the work of the Official Board, and A.O. Evans and Ed Stinson both spoke on the subject "Chosen By God." They did such a fine job that they were asked to

repeat their talks at the District Laymen's Prayer Breakfast on June 21. Their pastor is the Rev. Earl Emmerich.

MRS. EDWIN A. HARRELL will serve as director of the kindergarten of the Luling Methodist Church for the school year 1963-1964. She will be succeeding Mrs. James Laney, who filled this position for the past four years. The kindergarten, which will begin the first week in September, serves the communities of Luling, Hahnville, Paradis, Boutte and Mimosa Park. The Rev. J.L. Adams is the pastor.

ALGIERS METHODIST JUNIOR MYF members have been busy-bees with projects. They have recently refurbished the JMYF meeting room and the babies' nursery, held a bake sale, produced project calendars for the WSCS, and repaired the church hymnals. The group recently held a week-end Planning Retreat at the Kiwanis Camp in St. Tammany Parish. They also enjoyed a Progressive Luau. Pastor is the Rev. John T. Redmon.

THE REV. MINNS S. ROBERTSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Columbia, dedicated the new Caldwell Bank and Trust Co. building, Columbia, June 15, using a special service which we prepared for the occasion. A.D. Bridger, president of the bank, has been treasurer of the church for more than thirty-five years. Other members of this church who serve on the bank's board of directors are: J.J. McKeithen, Jr., David Gartman, Dr. E.L. Carroll and Dr. L.R. Adams, Jr.

METHODIST MEN OF ARCADIS elected new officers on June 18 and made plans for a Layman's Rally in September to launch the program for a new year. Elected were president - George Cole, vice president - and program chairman J.A. Shelby, secretary and chairman of attendance - Gordie Dance, treasurer and chairman of projects - Leo Coon. Speaking at the meeting was the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, pastor of Trinity Church in Ruston. An entire year's schedule of programs and activities will be presented at the next meeting on Wednesday, September 18. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond is pastor.

TWO MEMORIALS were received in the Sunday morning service on June 16 at Gilliam Methodist Church. An air-conditioning unit was presented by Mrs. Ellen Douglas Burr in memory of her husband, Ed R. Burr, who for many years was an active leader in the church. The cooling unit was installed in the Douglas Youth Building of the church, a building erected in memory of Mrs. Burr's mother, Mrs. R.T. Douglas. Also, a set of bronze altar plates were presented by the daughters in memory of their father, W.A. Byers.

OFFICERS FOR THE Woman's Society of Christian Service were recently installed at First Methodist Church, Boyce, by the pastor, the Rev. J.M. Tinnin. They were: Mrs. DeWitt James, Jr., president; Mrs. A.M. Dean, vice-president; and Mrs. Pitts Eversull, treasurer. Secretaries of departments of work installed were: Miss Janet Sewell, children; Mrs. A.J. Hicks, Christian Social relations; Mrs. Robert Blanchard, literature; Mrs. Jack Tinnin, missionary education and service; Mrs. E.L. Griffin, recording secretary; Mrs. J.E. Ray, promotion; Mrs. W.O. Richey, spiritual life; Mrs. Edna Johnson, student work; Mrs. W.I. Townsend, supply; and Mrs. Roy Nation, youth.

MRS. DON GRANT served as director of the Vacation Church School held at First Methodist Church, Pineville. She was assisted by the following workers: Mrs. Jack Stehr, Mrs. Alvin Honigman, Mrs. Bert Locell, Mrs. Ray Chalette, Ann Kittrell, Mrs. Roane Hathorn, Mrs. Joe Crouch, Mrs. Charles Cromley, Mrs. Fred Tannehill, Mrs. Donald Woodsman, Mrs. Charles Parker, Mrs. Ashton Dunbar, Mrs. Joe Lyford, Mrs. Charles Goodgame, Miss Arleen Aucoin, Miss Jeanie Fallin, Miss Sandra Stiteler, Miss Martha Patterson, Miss Jerry Lenard and Miss Adonna McDowell. The pastor is the Rev. Kenneth McDowell.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR JULY 21, 1963; REBELLION AGAINST GOD

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3 through 11. Printed text, Genesis 3:1-10, 22-24.

MEMORY SELECTION: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6.

AIM OF LESSON: To discover our responsibility when temptations come and to emphasize the high cost of rebelling against God.

The Bible nowhere argues the fact of God. In the very first verse of the Bible that fact is assumed. Furthermore, the Bible nowhere argues that there is such a fact as sin. It assumes in our lesson text, and throughout the Bible, that sin exists wherever man rebels against God's will. It assumes also that punishment will follow sin as the night follows the day.

People searching for the origin of sin often think they find it in the acts of our first parents in the Garden of Eden. If we are searching for the origin of sin in the world we do find it there.

Let us remember, however, that the idea of rebellion against God seemed to exist before Adam and Eve has even considered it. The serpent, whatever it really was, acted as an agent to introduce sin into the world. That in itself was sin. Hence sin itself did not originate with Adam and Eve. They only became the channels through which sin entered the world. Of the actual origin of the will to rebel against God we know little or nothing.

PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FREE CHOICE

We know, of course, that many forms of life about us, animal, fowls and fish, have the power to choose a course of action. They can turn right or left, eat or not eat or refuse to do either as their inner urge most prompt them.

However, man is the only living thing on earth with a sense of moral responsibility. Man alone is conscious that there exists a right and a wrong course of conduct. He is conscious that he has the power, the freedom of choice, to choose either the right or the wrong. Consequently we say man is a "free moral agent." He is responsible before God for the choices he makes.

To have been created without the right and power to choose would have meant that man would be only a human machine. Such a condition would have relieved him of all moral responsibilities. However, it would have deprived him also of most of the elements of character that make him a man, created in the image of God.

Man wants the right and power to choose even though that right includes the power to rebel against the God who gave him such power. He wants this right even though in exercising it he may lose his soul.

THE NATURE OF THIS TEMPTATION

When Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden they had freedom of action at all points except one. God told them not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which was in the garden. Apparently, in the beginning, our first parents accepted this restriction without any question or protest.

This was true until the tempter, in the form of a serpent, came with his well-planned approach, and led them to rebel against God. It is interesting to note the subtle nature of this temptation.

1. First the tempter created in the mind of Eve a question about the real goodness of God. He created the suspicion that God was holding back something from them that was very desirable. Until today, some think that about some of God's laws.

2. The tempter also raised a question about the truthfulness of God. God had said they would surely die if they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The tempter said, "You will not die." This is the first recorded lie in human history.

3. The tempter also questioned the honesty of God's motives in his command. It was intimated that God was simply jealous and forbid the eating of the fruit lest man attain a position and wisdom equal with God. The tempter indirectly suggests that God wanted to keep man ignorant.

4. In the temptation Eve was promised larger vision, greater wisdom and status as a god.

5. In the temptation was the subtle suggestion that rebellion against God would enable Eve and her companion to escape his repressive will which seemed to deny them the larger freedom of life.

Accepting as true these many false suggestions about the unreliability of God, it is not surprising that Eve, unaccustomed as she was to the ways of the world, succumbed to this carefully planned effort to deceive her.

YIELDING TO TEMPTATION A GRADUAL PROCESS

Very seldom does a man jump headlong into a life of sin. There is generally a gradual descent. Very seldom do people fall suddenly into any great sin. Our lesson text today pictures somewhat in detail the usual process of yielding to temptation.

1. In the face of God's command, Eve was an interested listener while the tempter presented his false appeal. We are already weakening when we give a listening ear to a suggestion to sin.

2. Eve looked on the tree and "saw that the tree was good for food." This sympathetic look at what appears to be possible delights in sin is always dangerous.

3. This look convinced Eve that the fruit was "desirable," hence she "desired" it. When we are convinced that the thing we are tempted to do is something we really want to do we are very close to falling.

4. Eve took the fruit in her hand where she could have a closer look at it. At any time, up to and including this point, she could have stopped short of sin. Going that far, however, was like being caught in the rapids of Niagara.

5. With the fruit in hand, she went all of the way and ate it, knowing that in so doing she was disobeying God.

6. Having sinned herself, Eve did what sinners usually do; she sought companionship in her sin.

It is not a sin to be tempted. We sin only when we yield to the temptation. That yielding is usually a gradual course. We should remember also that it is never necessary to sin. Paul tells us, in 1st Corinthians 10:13 that "God is faithful" and that he never allows us to be tempted beyond our ability to

resist and that with every temptation he "will make a way of escape." We sin only when we will to do so.

WE PAY THE PENALTY FOR SIN

Our lesson text teaches us that from the very beginning man has been penalized for sin. This is a fact that man has been very slow to learn. Every generation has been taught this fact by the experiences of the past and by its own experiences. Despite this, our present generation is in the process of learning it again the hard way.

Whether the idea comes from suggestions from without or from conclusions formed within, to believe we can rebel against God and God's laws without suffering the hurt of it is to be deceived in the worst form. We can make no greater mistake than to try to reverse the moral order and attempt to derive good out of evil doing. Paul tells us that "The wages of sin is death." This was true in Eden; it was true in Paul's day and it is true today.

It is quite possible that in every deliberate sin the sinner has had the feeling that he would not have to suffer the consequences of it. Nevertheless, unless we ask forgiveness for our sins, we will pay the penalty for sin.

HIDING FROM GOD

The tempter told Eve that her eyes would be opened the day she ate of the forbidden fruit. That statement at least was true. When Adam and Eve had sinned against God their eyes were opened. What they saw, when their eyes were opened, brought them an overwhelming sense of shame and guilt and fear. When they heard God calling them in the garden, their consciousness of sin caused them to try to hide from God.

The Lord sought them out and confronted them with their sin. Adam partially blamed Eve for his sin but more directly blamed God. He said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat." Eve said "The serpent beguiled me and I did eat." Adam and Eve, like all of their children until today, sought a reason for their misdoings outside themselves.

It was demonstrated here, in the morning of time, that man cannot hide from God. This is another fact man has been slow to accept. Even now multitudes think their sins and mistakes can be hidden from God.

EXCHANGING EDEN FOR THE WORLD

When Adam and Eve sinned, it was necessary for them to exchange Eden for the world. Sin has so "beguiled" people down through the centuries that countless multitudes have made exchanged equally as bad.

The closing verses of our lesson text indicate that Adam and Eve were put out of the Garden of Eden, after they had eaten of the forbidden fruit because God was afraid that, if they stayed there they might also eat of the tree of life and live forever. In verses 17-19 of this chapter, it is indicated that they were put out of the garden because of their sins. These, we think, are simply two ways of accounting for the same thing.

WHAT IS REBELLION AGAINST GOD?

Our lesson subject today is "Rebellion Against God." Of what does rebellion against God consist?

1. To reject a God-given plan for life and attempt to build one of our own is rebellion against God.

2. To refuse God's love, mercy and forgiving grace or acts of rebellion against God.

3. To give our lives in the service of the evil which opposes God's kingdom is rebellion against God.

4. To hear God's call to a higher and better life and refuse it is rebellion against God.

5. It is rebellion against God to use God-given powers of choice to choose evil instead of good.

6. It is rebellion against God to accept from God the many powers and talents we possess and use these powers and talents to oppose the ongoing of his kingdom.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Pope Paul VI, in his first address to the world, pledged to resume the Second Vatican Council and to continue his predecessor's efforts for Christian unity, world peace, social and economic justice, and a revision of canon law. In announcing his intention to adhere to the policies of Pope John XXIII, the new pontiff said he would issue encyclicals offering solutions to social and international problems, seek more aid for underdeveloped nations, urge improvement in worldwide living conditions, and promote co-operation instead of competition in the space age.

The new pope also announced that he has set Sept. 29 as the date for the start of the second session of the Second Vatican Council. The announcement, via Vatican Radio, said that Roman Catholic bishops around the world were being informed of the decision.

The Catholic Council on Civil Liberties has announced in Lawndale, Cal. that it will oppose a suit that has challenged the constitutionality of the words "under God" as recited in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in California public schools. Thomas Francis Ritt, national director of the organization, said they will enter the case by filing an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief.

The suit challenging the language of the Pledge of Allegiance had been filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by Haswell Parker, a 51-year-old high school teacher. The Southern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is representing him. This is perhaps the first of many similar cases that will come on the heels of the recent Supreme Court decision.

Moscow Radio has warned its listeners to be careful of "anti-Soviet reactionary religious propaganda" that is delivered in "devious ways" by Western visitors to that country. It said customs men have found Bibles printed in Russian in the luggage of an American identified only as William John. An American named Hughes is also said to have been found distributing "reactionary religious leaflets."

We wish we could believe that a larger number of American tourists took their religion seriously enough to try to leave some spiritual souvenirs behind. This might be one of the most effective ways of erasing the "ugly American" image.

Nearly 10,000 soldiers stationed at sprawling Ft. Carson, near Colorado Springs, Colo., recently took part in what was reported to be the biggest and most extensive "moral and religious" exercises ever held by U. S. military forces. Maj. Gen. (Chaplain) Charles E. Brown, Jr., Chief of Army Chaplains, came to Colorado from his Pentagon headquarters to witness the first annual Religious Training Day of the Fifth Infantry Division and Ft. Carson personnel.

This is a most unusual and most significant sort of summer maneuvers for members of the armed forces. It will be interesting to hear what the reactions are and whether such a program will be followed by other major units of the armed services.

Five Roman Catholic priests have been named by the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity to be observers at the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches in Montreal, Quebec, July 12-26. Their presence will mark the first time official Catholic observers have attended a worldwide Faith and Order Conference, although the Catholic Church did send observers to the World Council Assembly in New Delhi, India.

This is the logical follow-up of the recent attendance by official Protestant observers at the Second Vatican Council in Rome.

"Let there be no doubt . . . we are a religious nation," Senator Kenneth B. Keating of New York said at the official start of construction of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish chapels on a plaza overlooking a lagoon at busy International Airport in New York City. Representatives of each of the sponsoring religious groups and several hundred onlookers took part in a joint ceremony around the Fountain of Liberty near the airport control tower.



GROUND has been broken in Washington, D.C., for the Abraham S. Kay Spiritual Life Center to be constructed on The American University (Methodist) campus. Roman Catholic and Jewish representatives, as well as those of other Protestant denominations, attended the ceremony. The structure will have a circular chapel with altars suitable for Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services.

A Roman Catholic cardinal and a Protestant Episcopal bishop were recently elected as officials of an interreligious organization devoted to education and research on alcoholism. The North Conway (N.H.) Foundation, which conducts the North Conway Institute, elected Episcopal Bishop Charles F. Hall of New Hampshire as president and Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston as a member of the board of directors.

In Grove City, Pa. the Western Pennsylvania Conference of The Methodist Church recently took action cutting off a grant of about \$5,000 to Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., because of a college policy which allows the drinking of alcoholic beverages in fraternity houses.

In Chicago, Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., largest Negro denomination in the country, called for a 60-day suspension of racial demonstrations as a mark of respect

for Medgar W. Evers, the Negro leader murdered recently in Jackson, Miss. He said, "We must not fight the United States. We must not intimate him (the President) or Congress."

Twelve noted clergymen have published a full-page newspaper as to protest what they describe as denial of religious freedom in South Vietnam. They also protested U.S. aid to the current regime there. The advertisement, carried in the New York Times and the Washington Post, was entitled "We, Too, Protest" and reproduced a photograph of the Buddhist priest in South Vietnam who recently burned himself to death in protest against reported persecution of Buddhists.

Southern Baptists have been urged to pray and work for a peaceful solution of this country's racial crisis so that no "unfortunate" racial incidents will negate missionary work at home and abroad. Speaking at Ridgecrest, N.C., Dr. Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, Va. urged Baptists to help solve racial problems "in a spirit of Christian love." He warned that the "mission labor for which we are directly responsible in the world is now gravely imperiled" by race incidents.

In speaking to the annual awards dinner sponsored by Religious Heritage of America, Inc. in Washington, Justice Arthur J. Goldberg of the U. S. Supreme Court said that while the government must maintain neutrality toward religion, religious groups should never adopt an attitude of neutrality toward the problems of society or government. He expressed concern that the leaders of American religious groups, while expressing their interest in the problems of the troubled world, were finding it difficult to carry that interest to the local synagogue or neighborhood church.

President Kennedy's recent pledge to risk United States cities in defense of European allies was delivered at Frankfurt, Germany in a Protestant church which is revered as the birthplace of German democracy. Paulskirche (St. Paul's Church), the site of numerous important meetings over the years, was built in 1789, the year of the French Revolution.

The National Evangelical Lutheran Church, a small Finnish Lutheran group has voted 105-6, in Esko, Minn., to merge into the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Already approved by the 2.5 million-member Missouri Synod, the union will become effective Jan. 1, 1964. The 61 congregations of the 12,500-member Finnish body will join various districts of the Missouri Synod.

Further evidence of an easing of Spanish government restrictions on the nation's small Protestant minority is seen in the reopening of two Baptist churches. Issuance of worship licenses to chapels at Santa Cruz de Tenerife and the Madrid suburb of Usera brings to 13 the number of Protestant churches reopened this year.

More than \$2 billion annually is realized by the sale of pornographic literature, photos and movies in the U.S., a House Post Office subcommittee was recently told by Charles H. Keating, Jr., a Cincinnati attorney who is chief counsel and co-chairman of the national organization, Citizens for Decent Literature. He told the subcommittee, "We have no hesitancy to enforce narcotics laws, but the pornography problem is even more deadly. There is no cure for the pornography addict."



Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We are in business now. It has been the dream of the Louisiana Annual Conference during all this quadrennium to have an Area Council organized and working before the next session of the General Conference. We have finally accomplished that dream.

At the close of the 1963 Annual Conference, the Area Council met under the leadership of Bishop Walton and constructed the outline of a working calendar for the Conference Year 1963-64. Our first order of business was to get that calendar to every preacher in the Conference: If you did not receive your copy, please let us know about it. We are aware that some of our addresses may not be accurate. Will you please cooperate by seeing that we have the address to which you want your mail sent. We are not like the old maid who knew all the answers but no man ever asked her the question. We know very few of the answers but will try to find an answer to all your questions.

We have a very wonderful staff here in the Area Council office. Mr. Thomas A. Pitt left a good business connection in Monroe to come to us as Associate Director. He will have a relationship to the Board of Lay Activities, the Thousand Club, and will do much of the work which the Rev. Karl Tooke did in the field of Stewardship. He is also acting as treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Rev. K. G. Rorie left a fine pastorate at Haynesville to assume the post of Associate Director of the Area Council. The Reverend Mr. Rorie will have relationship with the Board of Missions, Board of Evangelism, and other commissions and committees as he may be needed. The Director will act as Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and will be related to the Board of Social Concerns and all other administrative matters of the Area Council. Mrs. D. D. Bell, long-time secretary in the Board of Education, will become the head of all secretarial work of the Area Council. Mrs. L. O. Wheeler is the other secretary on the staff.

The Area Council has no program of its own. It hopes to be of assistance to all the boards and commissions and committees in carrying on their work. Our job is to promote and coordinate the work of the conference boards. Call upon us when you have need of our help. Watch this page in future issues of The Louisiana Methodist for we will be bringing much of our promotional material to you on this page.

We are located on the second floor of the R. E. Smith Building, Centenary College campus, 100 East Kings Highway, our new P. O. Box number is 4325, and our new telephone number is 868-5362.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



We are beginning a new year in our Conference. This can and should be a year to remember in the life of our people and our church. It is always good to look back and reflect upon our joys and accomplishments but also we should recognize our shortcomings and neglected opportunities. With this analysis let us resolve that Laymen and Lay Activities will continue to grow as we work together to the end that the world will know that "Jesus Christ is Lord."

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr., on his reelection as our Conference Lay Leader. Our Program of Lay Activities has continued to grow tremendously under his leadership since he was originally elected to succeed Mr. Robt. P. Lay in 1960. Our congratulations also to both

the new and reelected District and Associate District Lay Leaders. On your shoulders rests the responsibility for one of the most vital programs in the life of our church. You along, with all who have accepted places of service and opportunity, are in a position to help in a wonderful way to make this a year to remember in Lay Activities.

Through this column your correspondent will try to keep you informed each week regarding Lay Activities throughout the Conference. We are here to serve you in any way we can in developing and promoting your program. Please address any requests or communications you may have to P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana. We are at your service.

It is time to begin planning to attend our Seventh Annual Conference Laymen's Retreat which will be held on the campus of Centenary College, August 3 and 4. Those responsible have put together another fine program that will be an inspiration to every Layman that attends. Last year's Retreat produced many high moments that some of us will never forget. Remember this program in your prayers and plan now to attend. Mr. Walter F. Anderson will be our Lay Speaker. He comes to us from Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is head of the State Bureau of Investigation. He is one of the leading laymen of that area and will have a real message for us. Begin now to get one or more carloads together for the trip to Shreveport.

The 1000 Club continues as one of the fine avenues of service carried on by our laymen. The Appropriations Committee met during Annual Conference and designated the following as recipients of the three calls for the coming year.

First Call—Belle Chasse of the New Orleans District
Second call—Love Chapel of the Shreveport District and Wesley of the Lake Charles District.

Your continued and increased support of the 1000 Club will be a great help in these churches at a time when their need is great.

It is interesting to note that we had an increase of eight in the number of chartered Methodist Men's Club during the past year. We now have in our conference 137 chartered clubs with a membership of 4706 men.

Missions and Evangelisms.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



Missions and Evangelism are blood-brothers. They may be separate bodies, but their kinship is inescapable. For the great purpose of Evangelism is to "go into all the world" and make our Christ known to all mankind.

Our Methodist Discipline 1960, paragraph 1166, reads: "The supreme aim of missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people in all lands as their divine Saviour, to persuade them to become his disciples, and to gather these disciples into Christian Churches; to enlist them in the building of the Kingdom of God; to cooperate with these churches; to promote world Christian fellowship; and to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ."

That same Discipline, paragraph 1464, reads: "The aim of Evangelism is to bring all men into living, active fellowship with God through Jesus Christ as divine Saviour, and through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit; to gather them into the fellowship of the church; to lead them to express their Christian discipleship in every area of human life that the Kingdom of God may be realized."

We begin a new Conference year with much to be done. Local churches have elected responsible persons for membership in these two important Commissions. If not done, Pastors should call each Commission together and organize for work. Suggestions are available in manuals for the various commissions.

With much to be done and probable confusion about where to start, no suggestion could be better than that of prayer. Pray for the 500,000 persons in Methodism who serve faithfully as members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism in more than 39,000 local Methodist churches, and the similar number in Commissions on Missions. Pray for missionaries and work both on foreign and home fields.

Telstar bounces pictures from continent to continent. Our prayers could be relayed via God from land to land, or from person to person, showing clearly a people in prayer for our fellowman. It is one way we may begin now and come in "loud and clear."



WOMAN'S PAGE



News From the Jurisdiction School on Mt. Sequoyah

An Open Letter to the Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild
Dear Friends;

As we write this letter, we are coming to the close of the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, at Mt. Sequoyah. It has been a time of high inspiration and fellowship; a time of study and worship; a time of personal enrichment.

Fourteen women from Louisiana were among the 613 persons who attended the weekend. Five of us will remain for the School of Missions.

The various responsibilities assigned to the conference groups have been carried out in an excellent way. Each of the studies was presented in a clever and challenging manner. The reports of officers and chairmen were interpreted on charts and posters, which were both informative and graphic. Much of the inspiration and information of these days will be brought back to our own conference during the Guild Weekend which will be held at Camp Brewer, July 13-15. We hope every Guild will be represented at this meeting.

The Louisiana Conference has been in evidence during this Weekend. Arline Tyler served as chairman of the Evaluation Committee; Mildred Kee led the morning watch one morning; and the lovely hand-embroidered name badges made by Ruth Guthrie have won many compliments. Ruth also substituted for Charlene Houts, Jurisdiction Chairman of Supply Work, in presenting the Supply Work report.

Miss Josefa Runez, a Crusade Scholar from the Philippines, was our conference guest. She is a lovely young woman who has been attending Syracuse University, from which she has just received a master's degree in Religious Journalism. She will return to the Philippines in about a month to engage in a "Mission to the minds of men" through the printed word. She will be in charge of the Methodist Publishing House in Manila.

We were happy to see and hear Betty Ruth Goode, deaconess, who is a native of Louisiana and has close ties there. You will recall that her great aunt, Miss Caroline Porter, spoke to the Guild during its annual meeting in Monroe. Miss Goode is on special assignment for the Commission on Deaconess Work, interpreting the office of deaconess across the Church. A large part of her time is spent on the college campuses, interviewing and speaking with students about church related vocations.

The following persons from our conference attended the weekend: Misses Mildred Kee, Elizabeth Lowery, Jerry Beck, Arline Tyler, Leola Clark, Florence McKinnon, Elma Carter, Elizabeth Kessinger; Mesdames Minza Rabun, T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Bessie Fairley, Emma Patillo, M. W. Phillips, Alvin Sandefur, and G. W. Dameron.

It is our hope that next year the Louisiana Conference will have many more to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. The values in learning, personal enrichment, and Christian fellowship provided in such a meeting cannot be over estimated. From this mountain top experience we send you greetings.

Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild

Estelle Dameron, Conference President, Woman's Society of Christian Service



THESE FIVE attended the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 21-23, at Mt. Sequoyah, and remained for the School of Missions: FR, left, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. G.W. Dameron,



Mrs. G.W. Dameron, Pineville; Mrs. T.H. Jackson, Shreveport; Mrs. George Sexton Jr., Shreveport. Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. T.D. Guthrie, Sr., and Miss Mildred Kee.

COMMENT — a new series by your conference officers.

On July 2nd at 6:30, twenty-one young people and four adults left Alexandria on the second out-of-state mission tour for youth, sponsored by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. With Miss Louise Sharp as "Chief" (so named by the last tour group), the tour will proceed through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas on a ten day itinerary, visiting mission projects and church institutions in every state. Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Thomas Harold, of Shreveport, with Miss Sharp, make up the adult group. It was my privilege to meet the young people last evening at First Methodist Church in Alexandria, where they had assembled for a period of orientation before their departure this morning.

On last Saturday, twenty-two women representing the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild returned from the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah. The week spent on the mountain was filled with study, training, and worship. The conference officers from Louisiana met informally on one evening to discuss plans for the Annual Meeting which will be held next March in Lafayette. Many of the ideas and plans which we gleaned from our contacts during the School will be shared with you when you come to our School of Missions in August.

I have just finished reading a report prepared by Miss Fae Daves, Director, of the year's program at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans. It is amazing how large a program is carried on by such a small staff. The opportunities for service, it seems, are increasing rather than diminishing, but the needs of the people who come under the ministry of St. Mark's can be met only in proportion as enough staff is available to carry on a many-sided program.

I wish I might share the entire report with you, but let me speak of only two aspects of the program which have been new this past year. One was the work which was carried on with Senior Citizens, which proved to be very successful. The other is a project away from the center, in which a play period is carried on for children living in the Iberville Housing Project. Between 80 and 90 children, from ages 4 to 10, responded to the invitation to "Come and Play." Again the program must be limited because of space provided by the housing project for such activity, but the need and the opportunity are great.

One of the great needs at St. Mark's is an adequate swimming pool. The present pool is old in design and is under constant scrutiny by the Public Health Department. Miss Daves feels that the pool cannot be operated under present conditions another summer. This summer the pool is more popular than ever since all the New Orleans Recreation Department pools are closed.

A Mission Tour—a School of Missions—a Community Center—all of these are a part of the great work which we support with our pledges of prayer, service and gifts.

Estelle Dameron, Conference President



AMONG THOSE pictured at the Sequoyah School of Missions are Mrs. T.C. Young of Alexandria and Mrs. M.W. Kirkpatrick, Baton Rouge.



Mrs. Austin Miller, Monroe; Dr. Charles Allen, Houston, Tex.; Miss Mildred Kee, Shreveport; and Mrs. Garland Dean, West Lake.



Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport; Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, Mrs. Donald Elliot, West Monroe; Mrs. B.F. Patterson, Shreveport, and Mrs. T.C. Young, Alexandria.



MISS MINZA RABUN, Bastrop; Mrs. Wyley Gordon, Mooringsport; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Homer; and Mrs. James T. Spencer, Farmersville.

17th GUILD WEEKEND CAMP BREWER

JULY 12-14, 1963

Registration begins Friday evening and continues Saturday morning.

Clinics (Sat. 9:45 a.m.) and Workshops (Sat. 11 a.m.) will be under the direction of conference officers.

Study Presentations (Sat. 2:45 p.m.) will be "The Christian Family and Its Money" - Mrs. Minza Rabun, "The Christian Mission in Southeast Asia" - Mrs. T.D. Guthrie; (Sun. 8:30 a.m.) "Teachings Toward Christian Perfection" - Miss Mildred Kee, "The Changing City Challenges the Church" - Mrs. Austin Miller.



Goal: To Be Worthy Of Own Self-Respect

THE MOST INTERESTING WORD TO YOU -- What is the most interesting word in our language? What word above all others will make us sit up and take notice? A popular writer on the psychology of success gave an answer. To each person the most interesting word in the language is his own name.

This is only a vivid way of saying that we are all very much interested in ourselves. We need not deny this fact nor apologize for it. Jesus founded His social philosophy on the basic assumption of man's self-concern. When He took over from Leviticus the law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," He did not change it to read, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor instead of thyself."

To love yourself in the scriptural sense means that you long to keep yourself worthy of your own self-respect. It means that you desire what the old Edinburgh weaver prayed for each Sunday: "O Lord, give me a high opinion of myself."

This concern for oneself must be safeguarded lest it become selfish self-interest. We must avoid the attitude of certain persons Saint Paul described at Corinth: "When they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding." If we keep taking the measure of ourselves by social comparisons, we are headed for ruinous rivalries, poisoning jealousies and recurring unhappiness. But if we view ourselves in God's light, we are kept from thinking too highly or too meanly of ourselves.

To look at yourself in the light of God's love heightens your opinion of your own value. Muretus, a Christian scholar of the sixteenth century, fell ill while on a journey. Some doctors were called in to treat him. They did not know him and as he looked rather unprepossessing and appeared unconscious, they said, "Let's try an experiment on this fellow, for he looks of no importance." From the shadow of the bed came the patient's voice, "Call not any man cheap for whom Christ died."

Moreover, we are rightfully interested in ourselves, partly because we are ever surprising ourselves. Youth, we say, is a period of wonder when every bush is aflame with some touch of heaven. Yet when sweet sixteen ripens into the sixties, the wonder grows that one small head could carry all it knows, yes, carry so much more than it knows. As the shadows of evening fall on our lives, the lights outside of us may grow a bit dimmer to us, but new lights are turned on to illumine the mysteries within. The world within the self flashes more and more hints of its beyonds.

These surprising self-discoveries come in various ways. When, for instance, a mind has reached wit's end and knows not which way to turn, a saving flash of higher wisdom comes like the leading of a kindly light amid the encircling gloom. Or when human strength has come to "the end of its string," a new supply of power wells up from somewhere, and a person walks out of a situation after a demonstration of endurance amazing to himself, saying, "I did not know it was in me."

Or it may be that the surprising thing about ourselves is discovered by getting glimpses into the inner abysses of darkness. After some deep dark temptation, we shiver at the thought of how close we came to the brink of disaster. After a crime of passion, the wrongdoer looks at the wreckage left by his deed and cries: "How could I have done that?" Having done what he would not, a person feels with Saint Paul, "It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Strange demonic powers sometimes seem to take possession of us. As William James once wrote: "Most of us do not live within sight of our limitations." No, there is so much more of possible good and evil in us than we realize; but now and then we are pushed out to the frontiers of our routine living where we catch hints of the heights and depths and reaches of our lives.

Our minds are not mere self-starting, self-generating motors of mental energy. They are receivers and transformers of a power that plays upon them. And when we humble ourselves to recognize that power and attune ourselves to receive it, we are surprised by the wonders we can work.

Recently, when I met Major Gordon Cooper and noted his modesty amid the acclaim, I realized that the most wonderful thing about his orbiting of the globe was the spirit of the man inside the capsule.

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NEW YORK CLERGYMEN and a layman are shown at the city's International Airport where they participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies for chapels to be erected at the airport. Left to right, the group includes Dr. Dan M. Potter, president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York; Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, New York Board of Rabbis; Charles H. Silver, the International Synagogue; Sen. Kenneth B. Keating of New York; Msgr. Francis X. FitzGibbon, chaplain of the existing Roman Catholic chapel at the airport; and the Rev. William J. Boone, Methodist minister, who will be chaplain of the Protestant International Chapel.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THINGS

Half a century ago young childrer sang a little song that went like this:

"The world is so full of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

At that tender age we thought kings very happy people. And why shouldn't they be? Wealth, power, beautiful clothes, authority. What else could they want? Of course kings were happy.

But my childhood dreams faded, and the years have taught me that kings are not always happy people. Some have had their heads chopped off. Others were run out of their countries. Still others have spent the wealth of their lands foolishly and have found themselves hard put to make the royal ends meet. As I grew older I found out that Things by themselves can't make anybody happy, not even kings.

Meditating upon this thought I came across these words from the prophet Amos:

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, When I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, not a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord....they shall run to and fro, and seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it."

Amos, like all of the Bible prophets, had an ability to look past the scenes that surrounded him. To analyse the doings of the people in his day. Then to set them up against the plumb-line of God's will.

That prophetic statement seems to leap over the miles from the lonely grazing lands of Tekoa to the strenuous streets of our cities. Over the twenty-seven centuries of time from the wail of a primitive flute to the blare of a night club dance band. Unfortunately we of this enlightened day have made little progress in matters of the spirit. Of course we have more things; more comforts. We have wealth, communications, luxuries. But we are still running to and fro seeking the word of the Lord. The trouble is, we are seeking it in the wrong places. No wonder we don't find it.

Things don't speak God's word to us. Comforts don't bring us face to face with the Almighty. Wealth of itself is neither good nor bad. But it will not give us the peace "that passes all understanding." Things will satisfy our human appetites. But they seldom help us to find the word of God. His word is still waiting for us. We need to spend more time seeking it and less time seeking things.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Evangelistic Mission of the Church

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"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." These are the words of Jesus as interpreted by St. Mark. They were the parting words of Christ to the Christian church. He had died for a world, and He wanted that world to get the message and find the salvation which humanity so deeply needs. He wanted man to be saved from a twisted self-interest that brings physical, mental and spiritual death and destruction. He wanted man to be saved from the immorality and vice which creates chaos in the social order and degeneration in the individual, the home, the community and the nation. The spirit of Christ must be in control in human hearts in order to bring man to his full stature as a son of God. This new life in Christ makes him devoted to his Heavenly Father, deeply grateful to Christ, his Saviour, and willing to follow the leadership of God's Holy Spirit in his life.

The preaching of the gospel of Christ is the tremendous story of God's revelation of Himself in history in the person of his Son, Jesus. As we walk with Jesus through the pages of the New Testament, we see God manifested in human flesh. As we watch His miracles, we see how much God cares for sinners, for sick bodies, sick minds and sick souls, how much He is really concerned about the suffering of mankind. In Jesus, God is offering us new life and hope. In His life and teachings we are offered the power to fulfill the dream of strong moral character that the human heart has always aspired to, but that human weakness has frustrated. In Jesus we find the power to live a new life of moral integrity and spiritual beauty that reflects the very character and nature of God Himself. When we open our hearts to the spirit of Christ, we begin to see the world through His eyes. We see the value of the individual personality as God sees it. Each human soul is worth more than all the world with all its wealth. No physical thing can match its grandeur and its greatness. The possibilities of such a soul is indeed endless. Christ, through His death and resurrection, brought to us in the strongest and most dramatic way the promise of immortality for such a soul.

Parents, in their great love for their children, see something of the value of the human soul as they ask themselves the question: "What would I take for the soul of my son or my daughter?" True parental love would not sell the soul of a child for any amount of money or any of the material kingdoms of this world. This spiritual

being of a child is priceless. If human souls had not been priceless, God would never have given His Son to die for such a soul. The very fact that God gave His Son to die that we might be saved shows the supreme value He places upon each handmade individual in His whole great big world.

Caring for these precious souls of men is the church's great mission in the world. Not only must they be confronted with Christ, brought to conversion and a new life, but they must be cared for during the days of infancy and childhood and youth until they reach the maturity of adult personalities full of the wisdom and love of God. The parable of the "ninety and nine" shows us the importance Jesus placed upon each individual. The mission of the church is to seek and find the lost wherever they may be. Bishop Arthur Moore once said: "We can not know the joy of finding until we have known the pain of seeking." The people of God, the church, which is the body of Christ, can only become a redemptive fellowship as they enter into the sufferings of Christ, feeling the pain that comes with the consciousness that some of these precious souls are lost to God. The church of Jesus Christ can find its supreme joy as it seeks and finds these lost men and women and brings them in loving dedication to His feet.

Worldly society, with its fun and froth, is like a display of fireworks that appears beautiful for a moment and then vanishes forever in ashes and smoke, but "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars, forever and ever." The evangelistic heart of the church will never be satisfied until every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father.

Build A Devotional

SOMETHING TO SAY?

A group of young ministers were discussing a recent book of a prolific writer and one of them remarked, "In his first book it seemed that he had something to say, but in this book it seemed that he had to say something." There is vast difference between having something to say and just having to say something!

A pressing question for Christians is this, "Do we feel that we have a vital word that must be said or do we feel that we have to say something whether it is vital or not?" This turns the spotlight on all of our Christian witnessing. Suppose that each time a minister went into the pulpit he would stop and ask, "Do I have a vital word to say today or am I going into this sacred place because it is expected of me that I say something?" Or suppose a Church school teacher asked that same question, how many would stop and be more careful in his total preparation for the critical hour?

How can we maintain a vitality in our witness? We must not only have a first-hand knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord in our life; but further, fellowship with Him must be a continuing growth in depth, love, and understanding. Back during the Aldersgate Witnessing Mission Rallies we sang a little chorus, "Something happened when He saved me!" That is basic but as pertinent question is has anything happened to me recently as I have sought a closer walk with God?

The vitality of our witness depends on a sincere desire to help others to experience God's redemptive love within their own hearts. Base motives for witness dims the brilliance of the witness and hides the One we seek to reveal. Are we really interested in that person as a person and in his relationship with God?

The vitality of our witness grows as we realize the various ways God deals with an individual. When we listen to some appeals for Christian commitment, we have the suspicion that the appeal is made to agree with the one making the appeal and not in surrender to God's grace through Christ Jesus. When we seek to stereotype the experience of redemptive love, we walk through a valley of dry bones. When we try to cramp our witness into a stereotyped mold, it becomes a relic of the past. But when we realize that "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform" that contact becomes a living experience and we know because He speaks to us.

Jesus told the God-fearing man, after healing him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord hath done for you, and how he

Let The Children Come

I met Tim at Camp Tanako. He was twelve years old and in the Jr. class at the Laboratory School. Tim's mother and five-year-old sister came too.

All of the junior boys lived in a cabin-dormitory with their counsellor, Mr. Jack. He liked living with the boys. Soon they knew each other's names. They called their group the "White Bark Lodge" and ate together in the dining room.

They explored the camp ground. They found the dining room first, for it would soon be time for lunch. They went down to the path to the chapel by the lake; they found the swimming pool, the library, the ping-pong tables and the craft room.

After lunch and rest time, Tim went with the junior boys and girls to their first class. Their teacher explained what they would be studying about our country and our church--the first churches in America, the freedoms they believed in and taught, the trails westward of John Elliott, Jason Lee and Marcus Whitman. They learned that John Wesley preached his first sermon in America on love and they read each day the 13th chapter of I Corinthians so that at the end of the week they knew it well.

Get-acquainted games helped them to learn each other's names. Each one made a name tag by placing a church on a small map of the United States. They worked hard on their diaramas, the terrarium, the "sail-cloth church", their church folders. Tim traced the journeys of the first pioneer preachers westward on a map of the United States.

Each day he collected beautiful moss, rocks and leaves. He made block prints of the three types of leaves, the palmate, pinnate, and parallel.

At worship time Mr. Jim lead them in their Bible readings. Tim read the prayer that he had written.

The next Sunday Tim was the first one to his class at the First Methodist church. Eagerly he told the teacher and his friends about all of the interesting activities of his class at Tanako.

"Next year perhaps several more of us can go," said the teacher.

"My family and I are planning to go again," said Tim.

-Aunt Feather

has had mercy on you." There are avenues yet unexplored of telling "What wonderful things God has done for each" and there are ways undreamed of that God works in the human heart. You do have something to say, say it!

I SAW GOD

God is the twinkle in the eyes
Of a child about to smile.
God is the raindrop on the bud,
Content to stay awhile
God is the laughter of the boys
Running a country mile.
Whatever else the world may say,
I saw God thrice today!

Orlo Strunk

Children's Home Report

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Alexandria-First Church	2,745.42	2,664.47	2,792.26
Horseshoe Drive	174.24	71.00	101.00
St. Paul's		12.42	42.25
Trinity	261.00	422.63	331.30
Wesley	10.25	25.00	16.90
Grace	7.00	8.00	10.00
Ball	101.27	92.10	110.19
Clear Creek	20.00	55.00	20.00
Springhill	65.00	41.00	46.00
Belah	16.77		
Eden	20.50	7.00	21.50
Tullos	18.00	20.00	40.00
Boyce	324.00	255.77	275.82
Lahey Chapel	23.32	35.55	30.04
Selper	10.00	5.00	5.00
Bunkle: Haas Memorial	440.75	332.65	442.90
Colfax	153.90	208.01	189.22
Hollins Chapel	31.62	32.71	34.05
Couley	22.80	34.00	32.25
New Hope	30.00		20.00
Davis Springs	45.00	35.89	
Dodson	50.00	40.00	40.00
Siloom Springs			15.00
Effie	64.00	72.51	20.76
Bethel	25.00	38.00	25.00
Elizabeth	112.76	122.00	101.53
Hopewell	157.04	149.53	185.47
Evergreen	50.00	40.00	59.00
Simmesport	8.93	21.25	31.75
Forest Hill	48.50	35.00	42.00
Glenmora	178.00	208.00	150.00
Harrisonburg		48.90	58.00
Jena	500.00	250.00	268.00
Jonesville	104.04	82.82	181.99
Lecompte	209.51	254.33	212.01
Cheneyville	136.36	148.58	154.05
Liberty Chapel	48.09	41.05	30.00
Marksville	65.00	43.05	25.00
Marthaville	40.00	2.50	21.25
Beulah	10.00	10.00	20.00
Robeline	60.00	45.00	37.00
Melder (Friendship)	50.00	26.00	15.00
Fellowship (Honeston)	60.00	123.00	120.00
Montgomery	75.00	83.60	70.00
Campti	31.00	30.00	59.50
Mt. Zion	35.00	93.25	33.00
Atlanta	45.82	34.61	21.00
Natchitoches: Faith	12.50		
First Church	714.33	693.06	509.63
College Avenue		15.00	21.00
Oak Grove	136.00	58.00	79.25
Oakdale	280.83	303.41	358.63
Olla	205.65	285.00	239.00
Palestine	277.23	94.35	164.18
Pleasant Grove	16.00	20.05	
Pineville	480.45	215.80	576.53
Pollock	105.00	127.00	100.00
Lewis Chapel	30.00	15.00	30.00
Selma	81.00	78.00	92.00
Trout	79.09	45.35	36.50
Urania	160.00	175.00	90.00
Weaver	200.00	300.00	200.00
White's Chapel	49.50	27.25	30.00
Bayou Chicot	90.00	110.00	113.87
Pine Prairie	44.00	53.76	92.00
Ville Platte	27.00	30.00	40.00
Winnfield	390.00	732.00	715.00
Unclassified	77.00	94.00	125.00
TOTAL	10,139.68	9,874.56	10,159.57

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Amite	148.30	200.06	964.40
Angie	15.00	60.00	61.50
Varnado	4.80	39.00	38.70
Baker	204.95	236.42	158.84
Baton Rouge: Broadmoor	311.69	848.16	967.85
First Church	976.00	1,140.00	1,605.25
Ingleside	360.91	297.20	510.38
Istrouma	429.35	283.21	285.95
Jefferson	100.73	39.31	218.65
North Baton Rouge	61.00	91.66	159.00
St. Paul's	18.25	25.28	23.00
University	725.98	410.40	479.57
Winbourne	293.57	206.88	88.30
Bethel	78.85	62.83	45.70
Blackwater	200.00	200.00	235.00
Bluff Creek	24.50	10.00	
Bogalusa: E.S. Memorial	784.98	784.82	1,083.92
Carpenter's Chapel	43.00	25.11	44.31
Meadow's Chapel	63.31	11.87	
Clinton	121.75	164.75	154.50
Clear Creek	88.00	48.00	95.00
Deerford	181.00	152.65	160.06
Denham Springs	286.00	258.00	134.00
Donaldsonville	33.04	18.58	38.35
Grand River	37.56	352.81	243.65
Fisher	117.17	31.00	
Mt. Hermon		25.00	45.00
Franklinton	480.00	517.00	377.00
Gonzales		46.21	57.70
Faithful	54.68	65.00	62.23
New River	92.25	30.30	51.25
Greensburg	281.04	134.10	106.75
Wesley Chapel	53.00	47.00	62.00
Hammond	701.55	1,241.29	352.05
Jackson	139.64	153.17	64.50
Ethel	97.32	61.01	78.36
Kentwood	151.91	115.02	113.64
Live Oak	124.50	101.05	107.85
Livingston	5.00	11.00	20.00
James Chapel	13.06	22.72	30.59
Loranger	40.50	50.00	53.25
Cooper's Chapel	12.36	20.00	14.50
Lottie	181.00	51.75	176.50
Rosedale	16.75	112.65	78.20
Magnolia	11.25	15.75	6.21
Pine Grove	94.00	45.25	130.00
Montpelier	76.20	36.12	32.64
Plaquemine	543.51	441.34	452.30
Ponchatoula	425.00	535.00	400.00
Port Allen		9.71	18.00
New Roads	19.50	37.64	19.50
St. Francisville	152.00	41.77	117.54
Tunica	54.50	37.50	25.64
Center	20.00	38.00	35.00

Darlington	20.00	17.00	20.00
Day's	78.73	62.00	81.00
Slaughter	325.64	382.98	535.15
Springfield	10.00	47.00	11.00
Huff's Chapel	5.00	12.00	11.00
Maurepas	33.00	12.00	11.00
Tangipahoa	152.76	131.63	181.59
Pine Ridge	17.50	16.00	10.00
Tickfaw	230.66	202.01	221.67
Independence	13.40	46.40	36.50
Walker	57.52	94.65	115.03
Friendship	73.76	71.18	81.00
Mangum	20.00	30.00	55.00
Wesley Chapel	106.57	78.49	91.65
Lee's Landing	34.89	48.44	48.42
Concord	99.82	50.15	27.50
New Hope	14.50	28.00	34.00
Zachary	249.61	497.07	258.36
Unclassified	317.00	272.00	277.50
TOTAL	11,410.57	12,139.17	12,991.45

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Abbeville	405.25	446.41	571.20
Berwick	821.03	1,001.95	883.00
Church Point		71.32	75.55
Petriville	8.00	7.00	
Crowley: First Church	886.56	745.79	752.18
Wesley		11.25	17.60
Ebenezer	102.00	118.00	148.00
Esterwood	49.00	57.00	35.90
Franklin	673.50	594.00	755.00
Golden Meadow	59.00	100.00	110.00
Grand Isle	37.92	28.25	31.18
Houma: First	477.26	383.55	600.00
Houma Heights	5.80		
Bayou Blue	11.85		
Indian Bayou	194.96	251.56	315.07
Kaplan	244.92	299.81	250.15
Iota	133.31	159.11	48.50
Maxie	148.75	223.00	227.00
Jeanerette	68.31	55.63	51.10
Lydia	6.00	15.00	35.58
Week's Island	30.00	30.00	15.00
Lafayette: Asbury	215.35	76.55	519.63
Davidson Memorial	370.01	279.35	283.60
First Church	1,170.53	1,119.43	1,247.81
Ivanhoe		48.25	48.25
Lockport	64.49	30.00	107.57
Melville	97.77	57.65	78.60
Palmetto	79.50	50.00	28.00
Morgan City	250.00	250.00	255.00
New Iberia	791.35	872.36	1,037.96
Opelousas	295.05	320.00	250.00
Patterson	97.70	128.62	78.00
Pecan Island	88.00	121.41	96.86
Port Barre	122.85	81.61	87.00
Krotz Springs	10.00	13.20	8.20
Waxie	5.00	11.00	11.25
Raceland	13.50	7.15	11.72
Rayne	114.27	34.10	37.65
Branch	22.00	12.00	23.00
Thibodaux	292.90	638.06	250.00
Vacherie	65.00	72.00	87.00
Unclassified	49.00	117.00	72.44
TOTAL	8,577.68	8,890.12	9,541.55

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Bell City	25.00		50.00
Hayes	210.25	212.60	236.00
Cameron	357.65	154.40	178.02
Grand Chenier	141.95	78.00	82.29
DeQuincy	270.58	258.82	327.83
DeRidder: First Church	218.21	544.51	572.25
Wesley	45.68	78.35	53.00
Elton	164.60	159.83	154.90
Eunice	133.08	183.70	168.49
Florien	56.50	88.00	49.00
Gueydan	322.47	466.95	438.44
Hackberry	30.25	37.50	34.00
Hornbeck	31.09	39.37	30.00
Holly Grove	31.14	50.00	50.00
Iowa	412.00	330.00	284.60
Jennings	326.14	280.86	306.00
Kinder	20.00	32.00	20.00
Lake Arthur	186.16	212.75	77.75
Lake Charles: Fairview	44.05	50.50	45.17
First Church	2,690.69	2,226.11	3,134.89
Eastwood	9.30	16.55	12.07
Moss Bluff	11.00	226.86	169.69
Oak Park	182.44	201.65	151.00
St. Luke	6.25	31.25	6.32
Simpson	271.97	234.98	262.46
University	403.00	414.38	473.86
Westlake	119.75	62.00	199.03
Leesville	458.60	642.65	682.50
Maplewood	126.86	84.02	256.53
Merryville	28.00	15.00	22.90
Broadlands	10.00	10.00	21.50
Oberlin	55.50	40.00	45.00
Pine Grove	25.00	25.00	50.00
Raymond	172.35	166.32	324.90
Basile	16.00	43.60	28.00
Sulphur: Henning Memorial	421.26	507.29	787.00
Wesley			113.22
Sweetlake	83.00	43.36	99.50
Vinton	157.00	331.50	132.35
Welsh	255.00	473.92	270.00
Unclassified	72.00	229.83	14.00
TOTAL	8,601.77	9,284.41	10,414.46

MONROE DISTRICT

Bastrop: First Church	798.62	726.41	911.41
Memorial	66.00	69.95	136.01
Beekman	88.45	135.65	158.80
Bartolomew	45.00	40.00	25.00
Sunrise	10.00	10.20	
Bonita	14.50	16.33	49.33
Jones	23.92	35.79	18.70
Collinston	108.48	94.10	101.69
Swartz	63.55	66.30	61.25
Columbia	257.60	301.16	236.93
Hebert	62.50	60.00	60.00
Crowville	266.55	287.77	213.86
Baskin	51.50	26.00	59.50
Delhi	412.74	359.47	230.00
Epps	118.66	100.88	89.56
Floyd	76.75	112.49	100.88
Ferriday	151.14	226.10	200.31

Gilbert	202.40	383.20	314.00
Beouf Prairie	256.83	220.50	222.38
Grayson	109.47	80.00	78.69
Harrisonburg	32.25		
Kelly	81.70	54.78	43.11
Holly Ridge	45.71	25.35	97.50
Crew Lake	35.00	50.00	48.00
Kilbourne	86.00	85.00	70.00
Goodwill	50.25	27.15	19.49
Locust Grove	23.18		
Lake Providence	561.59	501.37	546.96
Lapine	35.00	45.00	44.06
Luna	30.00	30.00	30.00
Walnut Grove	40.00	40.00	30.00
Little Creek	127.33	39.29	116.25
Union	113.59	88.27	89.91
Mangham	173.19	185.00	147.00
Mer Rouge	376.40	348.92	593.88
Bonne Idee	90.51	79.41	76.54
Monroe: First Church	2,879.66	2,929.55	2,156.53
Gordon Avenue	94.85	140.00	53.00
Memorial	502.78	825.77	638.49
St. Paul's	390.38	421.08	300.00
Southside	246.41	297.97	191.30
Stone Avenue	184.00	172.00	172.00
St. Mark's		44.50	166.81
Newellton Union	160.00	255.00	413.50
Oak Grove	286.50	295.87	326.50
Oak Ridge	313.20	418.78	255.83
Pioneer	159.61	144.09	149.28
Campbell's Corner	15.00	14.75	
Forest	20.00		
Rayville	483.30	379.46	362.92
St. Joseph	156.00	122.50	73.00
Wesley Chapel	145.00	144.00	151.00
Sicily Island	191.25	207.00	86.50
Sterlington	75.70		
Fairbanks	11.50		
St. Andrew's		44.95	94.25
Tallulah	573.11	548.00	445.00
Vidalia	122.62	113.86	83.75
Waterproof	106.50	74.70	40.00
West Monroe: Brownville	37.50	26.19	32.00
Claiborne	256.76	190.90	324.76
First Church	1,672.91	1,422.50	1,421.79
McGuire	297.41	261.77	175.51
Winnasboro	895.70	857.61	1,063.44
Wilhite			35.00
Wisner	225.39	163.50	213.05
Unclassified	441.50	794.00	535.00
TOTAL	16,029.90	16,262.14	15,181.26

Scarritt College Receives Grant From Hurley Foundation

A grant of \$33,100 to Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee, has been announced by the Ed E. and Gladys Hurley Foundation of Shreveport, La., and Dr. D. D. Holt, President of the college.

The grant is to provide scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$1,000 to 42 students for the 1963-64 academic year. Fourteen of these students received the maximum amount of \$1,000 each. Three students received \$900 scholarships, 3 received \$800, and 12 received \$700 each.

The Hurley Foundation assigns scholarships each year to Scarritt students who meet the academic and financial qualifications. Three more scholarships were granted this year than last year.

"Scarritt's relationship with the Hurley Foundation is unusual in higher education," says Dr. Holt. "These scholarships come out of the income from \$1,700,000 corpus in the Foundation, and help students who otherwise could not get a college education."

The Hurley Foundation was set up in 1958 after the death of Mr. Ed E. Hurley. The trust is administered by the First National Bank of Shreveport. The Hurleys originally became interested in Scarritt through their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. George Sexton. She was a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

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LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

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ter for the Audio-Visual Seminar. It is for delegated persons from Annual Conference agencies. Graduate school credit, transferable anywhere, will be offered.

The Laboratory School is limited to professional and semi-professional workers in Christian Education: conference staff members, pastors, directors of Christian education, educational assistants, leadership instructors and laboratory leaders. It is open only to those

Willson Lecturer

The 1963 Willson Lectures at Mount Sequoyah will be held this year on July 16-19, and will be delivered by Dr. Edwin P. Booth of the Boston University School of Theology.

who can register for the full two-weeks. The Laboratory School has two divisions: (1) For leaders of Children, and (2) For Leaders of Junior High Youth, Senior High Youth, and Adults.

The groups and instructors for Leaders of Children are: Nursery-Rev. Richard P. Jameson, instructor, and Mrs. Charles F. Learner, Mrs. John M. Trainor, associates; Kindergarten-Mrs. Don Parkinson, instructor, and Mrs. Harvey Cunningham, Mrs. L. F. Venard, associates; Elementary 1 and 2-Miss Lula Doyle Baird, instructor, and Mrs. Lester Hart, Mrs. Lyle McWilliams, associates; Elementary 3 and 4-Mrs. Lloyd C. Beall, instructor, and Mrs. Clark J. Matthews, Mrs. J. W. Morgan, associates; Elementary 5 and 6-Mrs. Delbert W. Hill, instructor, and Mrs. George Danskin, Mrs. D. M. Ray, associates.

Overviews for first quarter units (September-November, 1964) in *Christian Studies for Methodist Children* will be used in sessions with the children.

The schedule for Leaders of Youth and Adults is: first week-(1) For Leaders of Junior High Youth, Mrs. Harry E. Williams (2) For Leaders of Senior High Youth, Rev. Edward L. Crump, Jr. (3) Seminar for Prospective Youth Laboratory Leaders, Rev. Bill H. Weir; second week-(1) For Leaders of Junior High Youth, Mrs. Harry E. Williams (2) For Leaders of Adults, Rev. Howard W. West, (3) Seminar for Prospective Laboratory Leaders in the Adult Division, Miss Doris P. Dennison.

Dr. Edwin P. Booth, Boston University School of Theology, will deliver the Willson lectures July 16-19 at 7:30



THE REV. LAWRENCE GILBERT, conference youth director, is shown, left, with new MYF officers for the conference. They are: Will Finnin, New Orleans, president; Mary Bradshaw, Cotton Valley, vice-president; Janelle McCammon, Lafayette, secretary; Dennis Sanford, Oak Grove, treasurer; Charlene Kuhnell, New Orleans, publicity chairman; Mary Bingham, Simsboro, beyond-the-local-church co-ordinator.

p.m. on "Studies in Biography."

Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of Little Rock Arkansas, will deliver the morning and evening sermons on Sunday, July 21.

Fellowship and recreation will be directed by Rev. James J. Spurlin.

Registration fees, including insurance, are: Adults in two weeks Laboratory School-\$18.00; Adults in one week Leadership School-\$9.00; Adults in one week Laboratory School plus one week Leadership School-\$13.00; Boys and girls (3-11 years old) -\$5.00 Junior High and Senior High Youth-\$8.00 Adults in Audio-Visual Seminar-\$15.00.

Accommodations at the Assembly grounds are from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per night per person. Meals are served in the cafeteria.

Anyone desiring to attend should contact Dr. Henry Bowdon in Shreveport, Telephone number 868-5362, immediately. Dr. Bowdon will attend the school. The address of the assembly grounds is: Western Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Arkansas, telephone Hillcrest 28152.

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Dr. Dolphus Whitten, Jr., administrative vice president of Oklahoma City University, has been named acting president of that school.

MYF Officer's Workshop Set For July 21-27

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Officer's Workshop, for officers in the local church MYF and beyond-the-local-church organizations, will be held at Istrouma Methodist Camp, Baton Rouge, July 21-27. It is a training opportunity for senior high MYF officers. Each local church may send one young person, fifteen to eighteen years of age, who is an officer in the MYF for 1963-64. Adult workers with youth may attend also. More than one local church representative may register, and will be accepted if the quota of enrollment is not reached before the last week preceding the workshop. Any district or sub-district officer may attend.

Registration will be Sunday, July 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. The workshop will close on the following Saturday, after breakfast. Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, conference director of youth work in Shreveport, is in charge of pre-registration.

Dean of the workshop is Mr. John Oldham. It is sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT (continued)

McIntyre	180.00	148.00	139.00	Sibley	87.50	76.25	62.70	Stonewall	98.10	56.50	109.55
Dubach	248.00	220.00	250.00	Grand Bayou	14.00	30.00		Logansport	355.24	207.73	299.50
Eros	226.94	187.77	202.11	Simsboro	232.80	230.28	195.00	Longstreet	120.00	120.25	93.24
Antioch	119.55	51.00	89.78	Antioch	158.25	72.25	73.84	Shiloh			13.50
Franton Chapel	20.00		10.00	Salem	63.21	143.14	203.00	Many	232.81	659.00	672.40
Evergreen	50.00	50.00	50.00	Springhill	510.96	810.07	755.00	Mansfield	1,003.60	1,001.25	1,163.67
Farmerville	432.26	347.16	337.56	Summerfield	37.00	38.00	58.87	Mooringsport	179.50	111.55	99.26
Gibeland	177.25	236.96	272.60	Wesley Chapel	20.00	20.00		Oil City	139.00	100.25	120.00
Oak Grove	100.00	100.00	100.00	Wilhite	10.00	20.50		Pelican	269.33	280.31	300.61
Harmony Chapel	152.00	170.00	212.42	Unclassified	800.00	661.00	420.00	Converse	50.00	23.00	40.36
Wesley Chapel	85.91	89.95	141.15	TOTAL	32,134.96	32,145.29	31,058.22	Noble	32.55	45.00	35.00
Haynesville	1,683.25	1,428.55	1,539.10					Plain Dealing	114.12	312.41	361.48
Colquitt	70.00	100.00	50.00					Pleasant Hill	54.50	62.50	56.50
Heflin	214.36	169.47	217.59	Barksdale	41.00	76.85	99.25	Bayou Scie		1.00	
Brushwood	183.60	159.84	167.56	Belcher	355.51	332.00	398.25	Mitchell	55.00	50.00	52.50
Hilly	35.57	44.66	30.05	Gilliam	411.97	249.79	575.31	Rodessa	196.00	119.50	139.00
Hodge	442.76	415.81	354.90	Benton	1,007.75	938.90	749.27	Shreveport: Broadmoor	1,206.65	967.01	1,839.99
Homer	1,130.13	1,022.23	708.80	Bethany	50.00	54.00	45.00	Caddo Heights	176.00	141.00	72.90
Jonesboro	1,125.75	1,313.58	1,403.31	Blanchard	103.40	87.93	25.00	Cedar Grove	157.73	310.60	298.24
Lisbon	156.25	110.40	98.35	Bossier City: Curtis Park	34.00	30.00	71.75	First Church	3,726.47	3,301.02	2,246.27
Arizona	51.36	21.95	22.35	First Church, Bossier City	605.30	546.93	785.81	Mangum	864.75	729.28	964.53
Marion	420.50	235.00	253.50	Coushatta	485.14	656.26	495.75	Morningside	90.25	84.65	63.25
Bird's Chapel	46.18	40.30	23.00	Cross Roads	17.00	45.00	50.00	Noel Memorial	2,308.74	2,019.65	2,065.65
Minden: First Church	3,701.32	2,565.34	2,234.79	Elerbe Road	87.50	65.00	70.00	North Highland	123.15	198.79	189.56
Lakeview	375.85	174.25	268.60	Grand Cane	61.02	37.65	30.43	Park Avenue	155.94	185.75	87.38
Mt. Pleasant	25.95	39.64	43.00	Bethel	56.36	42.30	40.00	St. Luke's	40.00	227.85	353.97
Zoar	11.00	50.00	58.50	Greenwood	154.76	209.26	217.75	Summer Grove	442.00	524.75	535.31
Pine Grove	131.00	131.75	102.25	Hall Summit	27.20	16.30	23.10	Trinity	47.75	99.84	128.60
Bethlehem	20.00	15.00	20.00	Carroll Creek	10.00	5.00	5.00	Wesley	23.83		23.10
Pleasant Valley	130.00	145.00	125.05	East Point	132.00	132.00	127.00	Wynn Memorial	105.00	395.00	250.00
Quitman	93.70	81.00	33.90	Holly Springs	2.00		5.00	Vivian	765.85	691.18	916.22
Ringgold	149.76	170.96	206.13	Wesley	10.00	10.00	10.00	Zwolle	52.00	138.06	129.70
Rocky Mount			20.00	Haughton	247.27	218.00	161.45	Unclassified	218.70	446.00	936.45
Ruston: Grace	389.30	266.70	283.53	Love Chapel			49.85	TOTAL	18,089.40	17,725.74	19,085.84
Trinity	13,530.97	15,717.14	14,554.45	Ida	143.00	144.00	175.18	Contributions from Out-of-State	506.00		
Shongaloo	97.00	62.55	138.32	Hosston	210.66	132.89	123.00	Statewide: Unclassified	1,499.38		
Whitehall	30.00	42.80	19.00	Keatchie	101.00	50.00	50.00				
				Keithville	31.00	35.00	45.00				

How to Start

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NEW CHURCH

by H. L. Johns

(Editor's Note: Dr. Johns, a member of the Louisiana Conference, is a director of church extension on the staff of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions. He is special responsibility for the Southeastern Jurisdiction.)

Planning to start a new Methodist Church? It's a thrilling idea! Many ministers and churches are giving attention to starting new churches. This year and for years to come Methodists will be building hundreds of new churches.

The Methodist Church is in a race with population. If we are to get ready for 1965 and 1975, and the year 2000 with the population potentials predicted by census experts, we must "Stir up the Gift of God that is within us"—and get busy. If we start new churches, let's do our best to start them right.

The Methodist Church has accumulated a great deal of experience in this endeavor. From the time of Bishop Francis Asbury to the present day, bishops, district superintendents, leaders of board of missions, pastors and laymen pioneering in new fields have been learning the lessons involved. Drawing on such resources, we offer suggestions on how to start.

The first step is to discover where a new Methodist church is needed. In some places missions should be started, but it is imperative that most of the new churches become self-supporting. Usually these new churches develop rapidly into strong supporting units of Methodism. To delay them, therefore, is to delay Methodism itself!

Suburbia is the obvious place for a new church. The influx of large numbers of people in and near our American cities has developed thousands of new communities. Many new churches are needed in the suburbs.

There is need in the inner city itself, where Methodism must continue to minister, indeed must take the initiative in starting new congregations there especially for the new groups of people moving in. As never before, these are people with Protestant background, Remodeling structures, revising programs may be the answer when some existing churches take a new look at themselves and their responsibilities.

Let us combine our skills in evangelism and church extension and attack this "number one" problem—the deteriorating inner city structure, too often the breeding place of crime and sin. We must do more than try to maintain the remnants of a former glory! Importance of the city is pointed up by the fact that over 100,000,000 people in our nation now live in 168 metropolitan areas.

However, it is not yet time to write off the great rural areas of America. True, changes are taking place. In many counties population is decreasing, modes of life differing from the olden days. Only through careful study and willing cooperation will the rural churches continue to render their great service. Some rural churches will relocate, some will consolidate, while others will improve their programs and add facilities.

Our bishops are wise to ask us to seek out places that may have been neglected, facing the opportunities of service which these present. Certainly this could include a second church in county-seat towns and small cities.

Find the area of need and opportunity and begin planning now.

Every annual conference board of missions is asked by the Discipline to survey its church extension needs and make a priority list of projects, thus indicating the time-table by which the conference will promote church extension in its true sense. For this, an area, conference, district or city survey is essential. Pertinent facts can often be secured from studies made by city planners, utility companies, school officials. For example, electric and telephone companies have to look ahead to extend their cables to service developing areas. The knowledge they possess fits into church extension planning. Often they will share with us.

Where a comity committee is actively functioning, secure a Methodist allocation for the territory desired. In many cases, the place of opportunity is perfectly obvious, merely waiting for the Methodists to wake up and get started. It is concern, prompt action, effort and money that are needed.

At last Methodist leaders reach a conclusion: "We must begin a new church in this specific place." Another instance of modern pioneering begins. Methodism is splendidly organized to do the job through:

1. The bishop—who is interested and should be consulted in planning.
2. The district superintendent — whose key leadership assembles the forces for success in the enterprise.
3. Methodist pastors and laymen in the community—who are interested in meeting the needs, in proper spacing and location of new churches, and who will help by survey work, religious census and visitation evangelism efforts, and financial support. A real new enthusiasm comes into the Methodist community when establishing new churches.
4. Conference, district, city boards of missions—these render invaluable help.
5. The strong mother church—offering generous support as a sponsor, often giving the site, members, ministerial leadership, financial assistance.

6. The local people in the area selected—do not forget them! They have an all-compelling interest in building their own house of worship and in forming the new congregation. Sometimes we "build it for them," but isn't it far better for the new church's people

to enter into the planning? That is the healthy way.

At this point, the district superintendent faces three immediate problems: 1. Membership — a community survey and visitation evangelism program is essential to find prospective families and charter members. A gathering of these new people for planning leads to definite organization. 2. Temporary meeting place—until a first unit can be erected. The church will arrange to meet in a school, home, theater, barns, etc. A wide variety of experience has been followed. 3. A pastor—experienced, well-trained leadership is required; as soon as possible get the pastor appointed and on the field. Temporarily the superintendent, a pastor or associate from a nearby church, a retired minister or local preacher or a layman may serve the new group.

The Division of National Missions has a checklist to guide you in selecting a site. Basic factors are: size, spacing, location, cost, etc. The new church should be well located, a proper distance from our existing churches, easily available to the people it will serve. By all means, get sufficient land for the future—never less than three acres, and five-acres or more when available. It is encouraging that this standard is now widely accepted. Get a fee-simple title with the Methodist trust clause for the new property as required by the Discipline. The site should be paid for when construction begins.

You will be using what you build on this site for a long time. Build correctly, and the use and enjoyment of the property will be vastly increased. With the first unit, it is wise to lay out the general over-all development of future buildings. Architects are familiar with this. Using a property plot plan with full site information, they can show the mass and location of successive building stages for sanctuary, chapel, educational facilities, social room etc. Off-street parking must be carefully and attractively planned, as today it is quite necessary.

Sound architectural plans are a must. The Division of National Missions has a competent Department of Architecture where plans are reviewed as a free service to the church. Some 1200 sets of plans are reviewed annually. The architects are professionals, skilled in church planning. They often suggest changes which will be both helpful and economical. Send plans in the preliminary stages before working drawings are begun.

Financing the project makes one wish that every church had a "money tree." However, help can come from many sources:

1. The annual conference is often generous with new church projects, sometimes giving the cost of the site and a substantial sum toward the first unit.
2. Districts have developed active programs, often taking chief responsibility. The budgets of some of Methodism's great districts exceed the church extension budget of numerous annual conferences.
3. The \$10 or Builders clubs have become a popular method of bringing financial help to new churches. Members of existing churches agree to contribute \$10 each time the conference makes a call on behalf of a new church, usually limiting the calls to three or four a year. There are many variations of the plan.

4. A conference-wide church extension day offering is effective in some conferences.

5. A district fund-raising crusade is a possibility. One district in 1957 raised over \$300,000 in this manner for purchasing new sites.

6. Sale of property in re-location of churches provides funds.

7. New in Methodist usage is the provision in the 1960 Discipline, Paragraph 173, Section 2, which authorizes a local church to mortgage its property to secure a loan for aiding a new church. This has been done in several instances.

8. Financial help is given by the strong sponsoring church under the Mother church plan. Perhaps the site is given, the new minister's salary paid in whole or in part, and the building loan underwritten.

9. There are two kinds of aid from the Division of National Missions. The Section of Home Missions has some funds available to supplement pastoral support in new projects for the first two or three years. In the Church Extension Section are limited funds for donations. There are also loan funds.

How to apply? Consult your district superintendent, conference board of mission leaders and the Discipline. Careful consideration is given to all requests, and priority is given to missions and new congregations.

The new church offers the people of the parish a varied program—services of worship, church school, opportunities for religious growth of children, youth, adults many community service activities, fellowship etc.—in short, a church home.

The new church must be organized and constituted. The Discipline, has a meaningful form for this. Some annual conferences give special recognition to the new churches started the preceding year.

As the church gets under way, it assumes responsibilities and soon has a budget to be subscribed and a full program of work. It must assimilate its members, grow into self-support.

We must build many more each year to get ready for 1965, 1975 and 2000. These new churches will enlist thousands of folks in the Methodist fellowship, many of them as yet unborn. Here is the future of Methodism in America. It is being decided now.

Is your annual conference ready to launch careful plans for locating and building new churches? Is your district ready to take advantage of its opportunities with sensible, long-range plans? Is your own church sponsoring a new congregation?

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the multitudes because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples: "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few; Pray Ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

This word from our Divine Master reminds us to give our best to build the houses of God so needed in our own country in order to bring Christ to our people. This is not the only task facing The Methodist Church, but it is an important one and today deserves top priority.

No church is representing its Lord just because it is living at peace with the community.

CONFERENCE TO MERGE

Japanese Methodist churches in the far west ended their 24th annual meeting June 23 at Los Angeles and began their last year of work as an independent unit—the Pacific Japanese Conference.

The 31 churches, scattered in seven states, will merge in 1964 with other Methodist conferences. Their final and disbanding meeting was set for May 21-24 at Pine Church in San Francisco, mother church of the Japanese group, started in 1886.

The conference showed a 5.5% membership gain for the past year, probably the best performance of any conference in the west, according to Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco, who presided at the sessions.

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DEFENSE MAY NOT MEAN SECURITY

The Civil Defense program does not provide security, may lead to a "shelter-centered society" and tends to divert efforts away from seeking world order, a House of Representatives committee was told June 21 in Washington, D.C.

Opposing the current civil defense bill (H.R. 3516), Herman Will, Jr., associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, testified on behalf of the board's Division of Peace and World Order.

Will said in part: "In a world threatened by nuclear war, there is no security for the people of the U. S. apart from a world in which all people are secure. This means that our goals must be the avoidance of nuclear war, agreement on an end to nuclear testing for military disarmament and the strengthening of international organization. The Civil Defense program . . . may create an ambivalence of attitudes that

would weaken both the popular will to peace and popular support for accepting the risks which are inherent even in sound agreements on a test ban and disarmament."

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WORLD SERVICE OVER TOP

Contrary to previous reports, World Service receipts for the past fiscal year have now exceeded the fifteen-million-dollar goal, it was announced June 28 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill. The correct total is \$15,004,502.28, a gain of 1.45 per cent over last year.

Dr. Cooke said that the revised report was occasioned by the discovery of an error in the listing of funds by the receiving office. Funds designated for World Service had inadvertently been credited to other funds.

The grand total for the year's receipts of all general funds—\$30,312,997.41—remains unchanged. This was a gain of 6.03 per cent for the year.

Dr. Cooke's revised report shows slightly smaller amounts in two funds. The revised total for the General Administration Fund is now \$890,649.15—a gain of 1.27 per cent over last year. The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund totaled \$530,771.15, a 2.25 per cent increase.

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SPEAKS OUT IN SAN ANTONIO

Bishop Paul V. Galloway of San Antonio, Tex., has expressed the hope that all Methodists will help in that city's plan of voluntary desegregation.

In a letter dated June 27 and addressed to all Methodist pastors in the San Antonio District, Bishop Galloway asked that each minister "speak in the spirit of Christ this Sunday (June 30), asking that people help San Antonio

desegregate its business establishments in a Christian manner."

The bishop also reminded his pastors that "there is no law in The Methodist Church to keep a man of any

race out of The Methodist Church. When we dedicate a church, we dedicate it that it may be a place of prayer and worship for all people."

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News of Louisiana Methodism in Pix



OPEN HOUSE was held at the new parsonage of the Blackwater Methodist Church, June 30. The 3000 square foot home was built under the direction of the following Building Committee: Guy M. Denham, chairman; Henry B. Bliss, W. Avery Joseph, J.C. Devall and the Rev. Angus L. Carruth. Mr. W.C. Carmena was general contractor.



TRINITY CHURCH, Ruston, honored Dr. Henry Rickey, New Ruston District Superintendent, and Mrs. Rickey, and the Rev. Charles Strack, new Minister of Education, June 23. Shown in picture are: The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, pastor; Dr. Rickey; the Rev. Marvin McFarland, associate pastor; Mrs. Rickey; Mr. Strack; Dr. Paul Pennington, Official Board Chairman and Mrs. Pennington; and Mrs. S.L. Cole, president, WSCS.



MEMBERS OF THE MYF of Ville Platte Methodist Church are seen at a recent barbecue in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Wade.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the Belcher Methodist Church is shown in front of their church. Mrs. Jerry Faust is director, Mr. Tom Pitts is organist, and the Rev. C.B. Krumnow is pastor.



"WIDENING RELATIONSHIPS" was the study of the Kenner Methodist Church Vacation School during the week of June 10. The total enrollment was 157.

Conference Youth Assembly, Centenary College



MISS SUE BOYDSTON, enrollment counselor of Centenary College serves a group of young people, all of whom will attend Centenary next year. The Rev. W.M. Nolan stands behind Miss Boydston.



THE REV. BRADY FORMAN, dean; the Rev. Luther Booth, speaker; Sherman Carroll, president, 1962-63; and the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, conference director of youth work.



THE REV. BRADY FORMAN officiates at the registration desk.



MEMBERS OF THE Youth Council for the new year.



TOP OFFICERS elected to serve for the year: Dennis Sanford, Oak Grove, treasurer; Will Finnin, New Orleans, president; Mary Bradshaw, Cotton Valley, vice-president and Janelle McCammon, secretary.

School of Missions Planned For First Week in August

The Louisiana Methodist Conference School of Missions and Christian Service will begin at Centenary College, Monday, August 5, under the sponsorship of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. The theme of the school is "Called to Serve."

In announcing the meeting, Mrs. G. W. Dameron of Pineville, conference president, said, "This is an opportunity for increasing our knowledge of the overall missionary program which we support. In addition, officers and secretaries of lines of work are given specific training in departmental clinics for their respective jobs."

Three hundred delegates are expected to attend from the Methodist churches of the state. A selected group of young women of college and senior high school age will also attend. Three girls will be coming from each district.

Mrs. Wideman Watson of Homer is chairman of the School of Missions and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson of Shreveport is dean.

Guest leaders from outside Louisiana include Mrs. George V. Metzel of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. R. Russell Heaner of Texas; Miss Virginia Thomas, Tupelo, Miss.; Mrs. Paul Arrington of Jackson, Miss.; and Mrs. C. C. Coffee and Mrs. Cecil Matthews of Lubbock, Tex.

Mrs. George Sexton of Shreveport, former president of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, and a longtime Bible class teacher at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the speaker for the Bible hour each evening.

Other Louisiana leaders for the school include: Mrs. C. B. McGowan

of Baton Rouge; Mrs. Sam Dunbar of New Orleans; and Mrs. Guy M. Hicks of Alexandria.

The courses to be offered in the school are: "The Changing City Challenges the Church," Mrs. Metzel and Mrs. McGowan; "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia," Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Heaner; "The Christian Family and Its Money," Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Coffee; "An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics," Mrs. Matthews, Miss Thomas, and Mrs. Hicks."

The school will open with the assembly at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, and will close Friday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m.

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North Carolina Layman Speaker For Laymen's Retreat, Aug 3-4



Mr. Anderson

The visiting speaker for the Seventh Annual Louisiana Conference Methodist Laymen's Retreat, August 3-4, will be Walter F. Anderson, director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation. The Retreat is sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities, of which Mr. Howard L. Daughenbaugh of New Iberia, is chairman. Methodist laymen from throughout the state will assemble on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport for the weekend retreat.

An inspirational program on the theme "Jesus Christ Is Lord" will be presented. Mr. Anderson will speak Saturday evening at 7:30 and Sunday morning at 8:00. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, bishop of the Louisiana Area, will deliver the sermon at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday. Kenneth Griffith and Dr. Jolly B. Harper of Shreveport will direct the Communion Service in the open-air theater, Sunday at 6:30 a.m.

Three staff members of the General (national) Methodist Board of Lay Activities from Evanston, Illinois, will be present to lead discussion groups. They are Vernon Sidler, Methodist Men; Bill McPherson, Lay Speaking; and Charles D. Whittle, The Twelve (prayer groups). Two other discussion groups will be: "Is Your Church a House of God?" - Dudley Snow of Shreveport; and "Personal Prayer" - Tom Matheny of Hammond.

The Retreat will get underway at 3:30 p.m. Saturday with a business meeting in Brown Chapel. Mr. Daughenbaugh will preside. The devotional will be given by Ernest Arnold of New Orleans, associate district lay leader. Dr. J. J. Mickle, president of Centenary College, will welcome the group; and Herbert C. Moffett of West Monroe will report on the 1000 Club (persons who contribute \$10 three times each year to new churches in the conference). Tom Matheny will speak on "What Are We doing For Our Young People (College Students)?" Mr. Matheny is co-chairman of the Conference Board of Lay Activities.

Robert P. Lay, Shreveport, a member of the General Board of Evangelism, will preside at the Saturday evening service. Herman L. Bass of Jonesboro will preside at the 8:00 service Sunday. Eugene Smith of West Monroe will lead the singing at all the services.

Others on the program are Thomas A. Pitt of Shreveport, Associate Direc-

tor of the Louisiana Methodist Area Council; D. Allen Collette of Lake Charles, district lay leader; Rodney Young of Crowley, Lafayette district associate lay leader.

Meals will be served in the college cafeteria. Invocations will be given by Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of the college; Thomas W. Wilson of Shreveport, associate district lay leader; and Bob Croom of Lafayette, associate lay leader.

Registration will begin Saturday at noon in James Hall with Dudley Snow, Shreveport district lay leader, in charge. The Retreat will close at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. A meeting of the Board of Lay Activities will be held after the services Saturday evening.

The visiting speaker, Walter F. Anderson, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. Before becoming Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, he was Chief of Police in Charlotte. He entered law enforcement as a patrolman in Winston-Salem in 1925, and later became Chief of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Mr. Anderson holds life membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police and served as its President 1950-51. He served as president of the F.B.I. National Academy Associates from 1941 to 1947 and as a member of the Instruction Staff of the F.B.I. National Academy.

Mr. Anderson is an active layman in The Methodist Church. He is teacher of the Wesley Bible Class of Fairmont Methodist Church. He is past president of the Board of Evangelism for the North Carolina Conference; a member of the General (National) Board of Evangelism; a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and a delegate to the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

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It is too bad when the service station attendants can't even tell you where the church is.

Centenary President to Retire

Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary College since 1945, has announced that he will retire on May 31, 1964. Dr. Mickle requested retirement in a letter to Paul M. Brown, chairman of the Centenary Board of Trustees. Dr. Mickle pointed out that he will be 66-years-old next June, and also that he had mentioned this fact at the annual board meeting in May.

In his answering letter, Brown

summarized the colleges' vast program of physical development under the Mickle administration, and the growth of the endowment fund from less than a million dollars to its present market value in excess of \$8,000,000.

The Louisiana Methodist will carry a fuller story on President Mickle's retirement next week.



THE LOUISIANA DELEGATION which attended the Town and Country meeting last week in Minneapolis.

Editorials

Leisure Time Ministries

AT a recent national denominational meeting proposals were advanced that ways should be found of ministering in such seemingly unlikely places as the "Strip" in Las Vegas and on the ski slopes of Squaw Valley. Dr. Thomas B. Douglas of the United Church of Christ reported to his own group that a minister, employed by a hotel in Las Vegas, is at work conducting Sunday services at the hotel and making himself available for personal counselling.

In the lake sections around Hot Springs a very active program of Sunday morning worship services has been initiated with laymen of the Arkadelphia District providing valuable impetus to this new type of ministry.

For a long time we have seen that one of the problems of increased leisure time in our country would be guidance in what to do with these days and hours made available through the revision of the work day and week. Though some may object that it never has been done before, the church is now coming to grips with the fact that if we are to witness to many Americans of the saving power of Christ we must go where they are.

Many conferences of Methodism have been experimenting with what has been called "unconventional evangelism." They are sponsoring services in drive-in theatres, in store-front chapels, and in every conceivable kind of vacation and leisure-time spot. Wherever these innovations are being implemented there we are seeing Christians who are dedicating their imaginations as well as their wills to the task of Christian outreach.

Of course this challenge has deeper implications than those of reaching Sunday morning fisherman and vacationers away from home for a short while. As the American workman continues to work fewer hours and days he will have a proportionately greater amount of time on his hands for the proper use of which the church should help prepare him. One of the most satisfying uses of

leisure time for many people is in the program of the church itself. The minister who is able to recruit the member with time on his hands and give him a new understanding of the stewardship of time is helping to enrich his life.

This whole field of ministering to our people in the midst of their leisure is truly a commendable rechanneling of time and effort in a way that can richly reward all of those who participate. It can do much to convince the unconvinced that the church cares for him.

Can Christians Build A New World?

DR. S. PARKES CADMAN once told of a Persian legend which pictured four angels watching God create the earth. "Why did he make it?" asked one. "How did he make it?" queried another. "Give it to me," said the third. The fourth angel said nothing but went away to make another world.

This legend suggests four attitudes which men take toward the world in which they live. The first is that of the philosopher seeking God's reasons for creation. The second is that of the scientist wanting to know more of God's methods, while the third is the selfish materialist wanting to grasp all of life and all of the world for himself. The fourth attitude is that of the creative spirit whereby the Christian goes forth to make a better world.

Too often when we talk about building this new world we look to the superstructure and not the foundations as the place to begin. It will avail little if someone works out the minutest details of how we ought to live together in our world if the individual does not have the foundations laid for the success of the plan in his heart.

In the building of a house the most important first consideration is that of seeing that everything is in plumb. When the walls of a building are straight the weight of every piece of material helps to keep the structure strong, but when the walls are the slightest bit out of plumb gravity is forever at work to destroy it.

The Great Wall of China was a most unusual fortification for its time, costing much in money and labor, and when it was finished it seemed an ideal way to gain security. Yet within a few years of its completion it had been breached three times by its enemies. In none of these cases was the wall broken, but the entries were made by bribing the gatekeepers. It was the human element that failed proving how essential this is for the survival of any part of creation.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Town and Country Conference

From Tuesday through Thursday of last week we were on the campus of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis sharing in the rich program of the fifth quadrennial Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country. More than 1200 delegates came from every corner of the nation because of their sincere concern for the rural church and their deep conviction that the course of religion tomorrow is related to what we do in the small church today.

One of the added thrills of the meeting was to see friends from other parts of the country in which we have been privileged to serve. We were especially delighted to see so many Methodists from the Ohio Area where we were privileged to work for almost four years.

Arkansas and Louisiana were well represented at the meeting and this made us real happy. Approximately eight per cent of the delegates came from the two states where our papers go. But not only were our people there, they were also providing much of the leadership. Our executive secretaries, E. J. Holifield of the Arkansas Area and Rex Squyres of Louisiana, were leaders of discussion groups and a number of our people made reports of successful projects in town and country.

Arkansas took special pride in the awards that were given for outstanding leadership in town and country. Of three quadrennial awards made, two went to members of the North Arkansas Conference, A. W. Martin and Glen Sanford. Delegates from both Louisiana and Arkansas were heard to say that in the discussion groups it became apparent that both states were out in front in the imaginative planning that has already gone into the rural parishes of our two states.

As always the Town and Country Conference has been one of the outstanding meetings of the quadrennium.

No man has done his duty until he has done his best.

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New Life for

Trinity-Asbury Charge

Trinity Methodist Church has had her most successful year since Methodism had its beginning in Buras-Trimpe in 1951 under the leadership of The Rev. Palotta.

The building facilities of the sanctuary and parsonage were greatly enlarged when a building located near the church building came available through the Gulf Oil Co.

The first official use of this new building was the fish fry given by the Men's Club. After the annual overnight fishing trip as guests of the Empire Menhaden Co., the fish were used for this fish-fry.

The Methodist Men maintain the church lawn, provide an excellent choir for special occasions and promote all worthwhile civic interests. Again this year, the club supported Methodist-related interests such as the Alaska University library fund.

Twenty-six people have united with the church this conference year, 11 of them coming on profession of faith. Seven of them came from the Roman Catholic Church. They are participating in a most wonderful way and are leading the way for a number of the church people to a deeper appreciation of the church and her work.

A great deal of the impetus that has come to the life of the church at Asbury and Trinity Churches has come from the pastor the Rev. Fred Mead, who serves both congregations.

Members of the Asbury Methodist Church, Venice, have been conscious of God's blessings in many ways during the past year.

More than a year ago the church

that is made up of a small membership was struggling under the handicap of insufficient classrooms and many other building limitations.

When the new minister, the Rev. Fred Mead arrived on the scene with a faith that something should and could be done, this was the needed spark of enthusiasm that set in motion a number of blessings.

The minister took the problem to the district superintendent, Dr. Carl Lueg, who readily agreed that since the members were willing to do the work he felt sure he could secure the needed funds to do the job. With his encouragement a grant of \$1,150 was secured from the District Board of Missions.

The first phase of the project was to reduce the size of the sanctuary, with an attractive partition. Beige tile was installed in the chancel. Five classrooms were constructed in the remaining part of the church plant that was not previously partitioned.

The final project was the installation of central air conditioning units that were purchased with donations. This will let the people enjoy the fruits of their labor during the hot summer months.

Besides building in a material way, Asbury members feel that they have also built in a spiritual sense. Nineteen numbers have been added to the church roll, six children coming from the preparatory class taught by Mr. Mead. A children's choir has been organized and they participate in the church services.

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With the Sub-Districts

AUBREY G. WALTON

The monthly meeting of the Aubrey G. Walton Sub-District was held on Monday night, June 10, in Many. The meeting was opened with a hymn, followed by altar prayer. The host pastor, the Rev. Robert Bengston, then introduced the Rev. Kirby Vining from Leesville, who spoke to the group.

Following the business meeting the group adjourned following the MYF benediction. Recreation was directed by Brother Johns.

The following new officers had been installed at the previous meeting: Norman Booker, Many, president; Judy Wells, Pleasant Hill, vice-president; Olivia McNeilly, Many, secretary; Judy Crutchfield, Zwolle, treasurer; and Virginia Gallaspy, Pelican, reporter.

CRUSADER

The Crusader Sub-District had its high attendance for the year at its May meeting held in the Antioch Methodist Church.

Missionary Roy Davis, back in the United States from India, showed slides and gave a brief talk of the work in that land.

Also on the program was a roundtable discussion by the new council of the sub-district. Their discussion centered around the plans for the coming year.

The new officers are: Mike McKee, president; Steve Martain, vice-president; Babe Green, secretary; Patsy Houck, treasurer and Carolyn McFarland, reporter.

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PRESIDENT TALKS AT AU

President Kennedy took the occasion of a commencement address at Methodist-related American University, Wash-

ington, D. C., to announce plans for a three-power, high-level discussion seeking a nuclear test ban treaty and to declare that the U. S. will not be the first to resume nuclear testing in the atmosphere.

The bulk of the President's talk June 10, to a record 991 graduates and some 9,000 others, concerned his ideas of and hopes for peace, which he called "a process, a way of solving problems."

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LIST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Methodist Student Movement will have seven regional leadership training conferences late this summer, it has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Glen Otis Martin, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the Board of Education's Department of College and University Religious Life, to which the MSM is related.

They are scheduled as follows: Southeast — Lake Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 23-30; Pacific Southwest — San Diego, Calif., Aug. 24-30; South Central — Lakeview Assembly, Palestine, Tex., Aug. 24-31; Great Plains — Lake Poinsett, S. D., Aug. 24-31; Northeast — Watson Homestead, Painted Post, N.Y., Aug. 25-31; North Central — Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., Aug. 26 to Sept 1; Pacific Northwest — Pine Crest Camp, Colorado, Sept 2-7.

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WILL WITHSTAND PRESSURE

The Methodist Church will not be intimidated from pressure on the far right or far left to depart from the tradition of considering controversial social issues at its annual conferences, Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area said recently on the eve of the annual session of the Southern-California-Arizona Conference.

Representative Pictures from Trinity-Asbury, New Orleans District



THE REV. FRED MEAD with the Children's Choir at Asbury.



Asbury Methodist Church



Easter Worship Center, Asbury



INSTALLATION OF the officers of the Men's Club at Trinity Church.



FELLOWSHIP FISH FRY given by the Methodist Men at Trinity.



FELLOWSHIP BUILDING and Minister's Study, Trinity.



WELSH First Methodist Church held Vacation Church School June 16-23 with Miss Grace Lawson and Mrs. Oakley Lee as co-directors. In the three pictures above are some of the 55 pupils enrolled. From the top is the kindergarten, Primary and at bottom is the Junior Department.

COLLINSTON METHODIST PLANS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans have been completed for the annual Vacation Bible School at the Collinston Methodist Church. The school will open on Monday, June 10 and continue through June 14. The theme will be "Widening Relationships." Included in each day's activities will be worship, Bible study, memory work, recreation, singing, and handicraft.

Mrs. A. H. Harper will be the principal of the school. Mrs. B. B. Handy will serve as pianist and Mrs. David Pipes as song director.

The Beginners' Class will be taught by Mrs. Sam Norsworthy and Miss Pat Richards.

Mrs. Maud Pyron and Miss Annie Ruth Miller have been selected to teach the Primary Class.

Mrs. Elton Tilbury will teach the Junior Class. Mrs. Louis Keller will work with the Junior High Group.

Refreshments will be served each morning by the members of the W.S.C.S.

A sharing program will conclude the week's work on Friday evening, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

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SOUTHSIDE PARSONAGE

The parsonage of the Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, was the setting for a reception last week for the Wesleyan Service Guild, honoring prospective and new members.

Mrs. Myrtle Mae Foster was hostess for this delightful affair. During the



YOUTH ACTIVITIES week is being held at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, July 14-19. Leaders include the three people pictured above, from left, Kenneth Lee, Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy, and Tommy Davis.



SHONGALOO Methodist Church held open house June 30 for District Superintendent and Mrs. Henry A. Rickey. Above left are Mrs. Rickey, Mrs. Rickey and the host pastor, the Rev. C.D. Pinkard. At the right are the hosts, Mary Simms, Lanelle Peek, Millia Simms, Bonnie Jackson, Jan Fomley, Lilla Simms, Connie Sexton and Carmen Medisette.

evening she shows colored slides of many of the activities of this unit that she has taken over for five years since its organization, climaxing an evening of genuine fellowship and togetherness.

Two new members joined the unit, increasing its membership to twenty-two.

Mrs. Catherine Holloway is the new president, and the Rev. Lea Joyner is the pastor.

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MISS FLEMING COMPLETES STUDY

Shreveport — Dell Fleming, daughter of Dean Bond Fleming of Centenary College, has just completed a semester of close-range study of federal government operation as a participant in the Washington Semester program sponsored by Methodist affiliated American University.

Miss Fleming entered the program from Millsaps College, where her father was head of the Department of Philosophy before coming to Centenary last summer.

The Washington Semester program enrolled 97 students from 51 colleges this semester. Their studies included regular classes, seminars, research papers, attending sessions and hearings of Congress and meeting many government officials.

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START NEW LITURGY CENTER

Some \$8 million is being sought for building of a work center for liturgical studies at Boca Raton, Fla.

Applicants for study at the center will be selected from all parts of Christendom, said the Rev. Romey Marshall, Methodist minister and a founder. An international ecumenical committee will cosponsor the center along with the Episcopal School Foundation of Palm Beach County.



CLEAN-UP TIME at Camp Istrouma was held by 12 Scouts and four men of the Kenner Methodist Church. Above are Jim Bolton, Scout James Gardner, Mr. James Gardner and Scout Tommy Byl.



ELMO COX son of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Cox of the Jonesboro Methodist Church, was elected Program Area Chairman of Fellowship of the Conference MYF at the state meeting June 27. He is the first youth from the Jonesboro church to be elected to the council.

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH 'HOLD MYF MEETING

The youth of the Springfield Methodist Church held a meeting on July 7 to reorganize their MYF. The following officers were elected to serve:

President, Gwyn Ball; vice-president, Arthur Thayer; secretary-treasurer, Linda Wall; program chairman, Lois Ball; reporter, Beverly Anderson; and Mrs. John Sayes was elected counselor.

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BROADMOOR, BATON ROUGE, HOLDS VACATION SCHOOL

Members of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge completed their eighth annual Vacation Church School June 28 with an evening open house to which parents of the participating children were invited. Mrs. W. H. Mollenshead served as director of the school for the church which also celebrated its eighth birthday in June.

A total of some 46 teachers joined the department superintendents in presenting the study on "Widening Horizons." Mrs. John Davis was kindergarten superintendent; Mrs. Wilbur Williams, primary superintendent; and Mrs. C. Minard Watson, junior superintendent. Mrs. Art Thiel was in charge of the Nursery for the children of the teachers, and Mrs. Roland McKenzie was refreshment chairman.

Some 244 children registered for the five day school, with the average attendance being 232. Through a series of planned worship programs, stories, pictures, games and other activities, they learned about boys and girls with different backgrounds. Crafts, coordinated with the theme, were most popular, and the rooms attractively displayed many colorful hand-made items with foreign accents for the open house.

In addition to the large group of adults who worked in the school, a valuable service was given by 19 young persons in the church who assisted in the classrooms, on the playground, and in serving refreshments.

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No man can really believe his neighbor was made in the image of God without treating him just a little better.

Methodist Hospital Names Chairman For Building Program

Mr. Pendleton E. Lehde, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Methodist Hospital Building Fund announced the acceptance of Mr. Urban C. Wilkinson as Campaign General Chairman. Mr. Lehde expressed the delight of the entire Board in securing Mr. Wilkinson for this important job.

Mr. Wilkinson is a native of Louisiana having been born and reared on a sugar plantation below New Orleans. He attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in the School of Chemical Engineering.

Mr. Wilkinson has spent 39 years of service with Esso Standard Oil Company and Humble Oil and Refining Company. He is presently Consumers Sales Manager for Humble Oil and Refining Company, New Orleans area, which takes in Louisiana, parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

During his 39 years of residency in the city of New Orleans, Mr. Wilkinson has served as Chairman of the Street and Highways Committee of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Executive Committee of International House. He is the past president of the Propeller Club.

The Methodist Hospital is conducting a fund raising campaign to erect an ultimate 450 bed hospital in the Gentilly area of East New Orleans.

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One can be as much of a sinner by being a rightest as by being a leftist.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL class for older youth and young adults has been organized at the Moss Bluff Methodist Church where the Rev. Sam Holladay is the pastor.

THE REV. GEORGE ROSS, pastor of the Winfield Methodist Church, was the evangelist for revival services at the Mt. Moriah Methodist Church, June 24-29. The pastor is the Rev. B.E. Bond.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE Official Board of the Iowa Methodist Church are: C.H. Findley, Jr., chairman; Alvin Metzger, vice-chairman; and Miss Marion Funk, secretary. The pastor is the Rev. William C. Blakely.

RECENTLY-ELECTED new officers of the Official Board of West Lake Methodist Church are: L.H. Cashen, chairman; Clifford Johnson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Curtis Richard, secretary; and Mrs. Lewis Appleby, church treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Garland Dean.

THE REV. PORTER CARAWAY, SR., who served until the last conference session as chaplain at the Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, is working now on the staff of First Methodist Church of that city as minister to shut-ins. The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

THE REV. WARREN WALL, Protestant Chaplain at the Louisiana Correctional Institute and School, was guest preacher at DeQuincy Methodist Church at the morning service on July 7 and at the evening service on July 14. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, June 23, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spillman celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They have been active members of the New Hope Methodist Church for many years. The Rev. Ellis "Sonny" Bankston is pastor of the New Hope and Concord Churches.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, honored their new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ira A. Love, with a fellowship hour following the evening service, June 30.

JONESBORO METHODIST CHURCH held their Vacation Church School during the first week in June with an average attendance of 71. Visitors were invited to attend the closing program at which refreshments were served. The Rev. Eskel Tatum is the pastor.

RECENTLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Official Board of the Blackwater Methodist Church were: Guy M. Denham, chairman; J.W. Davis, vice-chairman; Mrs. John L. Murray, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. J.G. Talk II, treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

THE SENIOR MYF of the Olla Methodist Church enjoyed a day at Gum Springs National Park, just outside Winnfield, Thursday, June 27. There were 18 young people and five adults to participate in swimming games and fellowship. The pastor is the Rev. Ted J. Smith.

CHAPLAIN VERNARD UTLEY of Barksdale Field was the guest preacher for Family Night at Springhill Methodist Church, June 30. He brought his Senior High Youth Group from the Base to share the

program with the senior highs of the Springhill Church. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

MISS ELMA ASBY, A METHODIST missionary and registered nurse, serving at Myadiri Mission in Southern Rhodesia, was guest speaker for the evening worship service at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, July 7. Miss Asby spoke at a number of different places in the Baton Rouge District in the period of July 7-18.

GUEST PREACHERS at Blackwater Methodist Church include the Rev. James M. Wilkes, July 14; the Rev. T. Wayne Perrott, July 21; and the Rev. Stone W. Caraway, July 14 and 21. These are preaching during the vacation of the pastor, the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

DR. D.L. DYKES, pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest evangelist, and Bill Mann of Dallas was the guest soloist and song leader for evangelistic services held at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, July 14-18. The pastor is the Rev. Barry Bailey.

LEADERS FOR THE MISSION STUDY, "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World" at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, beginning July 11, were Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy, member of the Louisiana State Youth Commission, and wife of the pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles; Mrs. Lamar Davis, Mrs. Leonard Cooke and Mrs. James L. Stovall, wife of the pastor of University Church.

GUEST PREACHERS FOR THE 68TH Annual Session of the Lake Arthur Camp Meeting, July 5-14, were the Rev. John C. Hilbun, pastor of Glendale Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the Rev. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendent. Lamar Robertson, Director of Music at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, lead the singing.

THE REV. ROY MOUSER, pastor of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, was guest speaker for the evening worship service at Jefferson Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, June 23. He told of his recent tour of the Indian Mission Conference work in Oklahoma and used tape recordings and colored slides. The pastor of the Jefferson church is the Rev. Stone W. Caraway.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the Tallulah Methodist Church, at their joint meeting on June 10, honored the Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Watson with a tea. They left June 15 for their new appointment at Grace Methodist Church Ruston. On June 16 a reception was given honoring the new minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Clark Bell.

THE WSCS OF THE KENNER Methodist Church has received Jurisdictional Recognition credit for all of their study courses completed this year. Recently completed was "Responsible Adults for Tomorrow's World." A guest speaker from Alcoholic Anonymous added much interest to this course. The pastor, the Rev. Martin Corley, taught one session.

THE JUNIOR MYF of Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans, recently enjoyed a watermelon party at Pontchartrain Beach. They have elected the following officers: Tommy Crawford, president; Claudia St. Clare, vice-president; Kathy Fiantt, secretary; Dana Dameir, treasurer; and Katy Johnson, publicity. The Rev. John T. Redmon is the pastor.

MR. L.C. STAR of First Methodist Church, Minden, was the guest speaker at Lakeview Methodist Church in that city on June 30 at the morning worship hour. The evening speaker was Mr. Patrick Nation, principal of Lowe Junior High School. The pastor, the Rev. L. Gray Wilson was hospitalized at P. and S. Hospital, Shreveport.

THE REV. OAKLEY LEE and family were honored with a reception Sunday evening, June 23, by the First Methodist Church of Welsh. They were presented a silver bowl as a memento of the occasion.

Mrs. Nick Carter served the cake which she had baked in the shape of an open book and elaborately decorated. Mrs. W.H. Patterson was in charge of the punch bowl.

MR. DAN MORSE has been added to the staff of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, as Director of Religious Education and Youth Worker. He comes from a similar position at First Methodist Church, Paris, Tex. He is a native of Louisiana, having spent most of his life in Winnsboro. He attended Centenary College where he sang in the Centenary Choir. The pastor of this church is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

THE CONSECRATION SERVICE for the reconstructed building of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, will be held July 28 at 10:50 a.m. with Bishop Aubrey G. Walton officiating, assisted by the Rev. Benedict A. Galloway, who was pastor at Natchitoches, when the building was constructed in 1952-53, and the Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent. "Open House" will be held the same afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. The pastor is the Rev. George Pearce, Jr.

THE VACATION SCHOOL for the Oak Grove Methodist Church was held June 17-21. The theme was "Christ's Way My Way," and the enrollment was 45 children and 12 teachers and helpers. Teachers included Mrs. Helen Hilton, Sherry Thomason, Mrs. Betty Jean Dove, Charlotte Reed, Wilma Rutledge, Mary Jo Bennett, Mrs. W.L. Foster, Mrs. Ruby Nolley. Mrs. Laura Rodgers was the director and the pastor is the Rev. J.C. Zerangue, Sr.

THE MONROE DISTRICT ministers and their families enjoyed their annual picnic on June 20 in the fellowship room of the Rayville Methodist Church. The ten new families who had moved into the district were introduced by the district superintendent, the Rev. E.R. Haug. A delicious picnic supper was served by the parsonettes to the 125 present. At the close of the evening everyone met in the sanctuary for a special dedication service directed by the district superintendent.

DUE TO AN INCREASING ENROLLMENT, in their nursery-kindergarten Day Care Center, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, is expanding facilities in its existing children's building. Among other improvements, a complete kitchen is being installed so that a well-balanced noon meal may be served. This church provides this service for working parents of all denominations in their city. Their pastor is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY was observed June 9 in the Luling Methodist Church. At this time Bibles were presented to Laura Gillen and Ronnie Sweatman, graduates of Hahnville High. Devotional books were presented to Lloyd Lewis Gardner, Southeastern State; Dewitt Summers and Jimmy Worrell, LSU. The pastor, the Rev. James Adama, made the presentations on behalf of the church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Walter Bondurant is the secretary of student work.

SHERMAN LOUIS CARROLL of the Columbia Methodist Church has the national winner in the Future Business Leaders oratory competition recently, according to an announcement by the Rev. Minns S. Robertson, pastor. Sherman has been president of the Louisiana Conference MYF during this past year and was valedictorian of his graduating class at Columbia High School. He plans to enter Centenary College in September to begin his studies for the Methodist ministry.

FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, held its Vacation Church School June 9-16 with 45 children enrolled. The highlight of the school was the interesting speakers, Miss Meritta Gairocita of Argentina, who attended La Grange High School as an exchange student, and Miss June Foreman, a native of Japan. Workers in the school included Mrs. Richard Boese, Mrs. Olin Herbert, Miss Patsy Demeritt, Miss Carolyn Goleman, Mrs. C.E. Precht, Mrs. Kenneth Sweeney, Mrs. Andrus Demeritt, Mrs. Carl Ewalt, Miss Jane Demeritt and Mrs. Delmar Hebert. The pastor is the Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR JULY 28, 1963: WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER?



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3 through 11. Printed Lesson Text: Genesis 4:1-10.

MEMORY SELECTION: Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22:37-39.

AIM OF LESSON: To stress the importance of sincere worship; to warn against the dangers of a jealous spirit and to emphasize the responsibility each of us has for the welfare of others.

In last Sunday's lesson we studied the rebellion of Adam and Eve against God and God's will. The lesson told also of how Adam and Eve were put out of the Garden of Eden and told to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

Our lesson text last Sunday closed with the last verse of chapter 3. Today's lesson text begins with verse 1 of chapter 4. It may be interesting to note that the Background Scripture is the same for both lessons, Genesis 3 through 11. It begins with the temptation in the garden and runs to the call of Abraham.

Some have found difficulties in chapter 4 of Genesis by reading it as if it were a record of consecutive events. The chapter begins with the record of the birth of Cain and Abel. As they grew up Abel became "a keeper of sheep but Cain was a tiller of the ground." There is the record of the sacrifices they offered to God. When his offering was rejected, Cain became jealous and killed his brother. God came down and condemned Cain to "be a fugitive and wandered on the earth."

Verses 16-17 immediately following read, "Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden. Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bare Enoch." The big, perennial question, which has puzzled many is, "Where did Cain get his wife?" An even stranger question that might be asked is, "Who were the people Cain feared might kill him when God condemned him to be a wanderer?"

These are unanswered questions. If we had the answer it is doubtful that it would render any special service beyond settling some interesting speculations.

THE INSTINCT TO WORSHIP

Verses 1 and 2 of our lesson text tell of the birth of Cain and Abel, the first sons of Adam and Eve. Verses 2 and 3 tell us the Cain and Abel made offerings to God of the results of their labor.

It is interesting to note how quickly and naturally these first sons of our first parents became worshipers of God. They seemed instinctively to sense the fact that they should worship God and that a part of that worship was to offer a sacrifice to God.

This instinctive inclination to worship a supreme Being has been a characteristic of human life if at all extensive, there we find evidences of the worship of some form of supreme Being.

It was this instinct to worship which was passed on the unborn generations of earth, that caused Cain and Abel, in the morning of time, to bring sacrifices and offer them in the worship of God.

VALUE OF OFFERING DEPENDS ON US

We are told that "Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground and Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions." Furthermore, we are told that "The Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had not regard."

We were interested, of course, to know why one offering was accepted and the other rejected.

Some suggest that God was more pleased with a blood offering than an offering of the fruits of the field. This theory is based on the feeling that "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22. It is our feeling that, at this early date, the substance of the offering had nothing to do with their acceptance or rejection by the Lord.

The difference in the offerings did not lie in the substance offered. Each brought of the substance of his labors. The difference in the offerings did not lie in the manner in which the sacrifice was offered. The difference did not lie in the time of day or the day of the week the offering was made.

The difference in the offering was in the spirit in which the offerings were made. One evidence of the difference of spirit may be found in the description of the offerings. It is said "Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground." Abel brought of the FIRSTLINGS of his flock and of their FAT PORTIONS." With Cain any fruit of the ground seemed to be good enough. For Abel only the best of his flock was good enough. The manner in which they chose their sacrifice indicates a difference in spirit. We find also in Hebrews 11:4 this statement, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." There was something in the spirit, the motive and the faith with which Abel offered his sacrifice that made it acceptable to God. It is our feeling that Cain's sacrifice would have been just as acceptable to God if it had been offered in the same spirit.

Of this we may be sure; God is not arbitrary and he does not play favorites in accepting or rejecting a worshiper as through by some inexplainable, divine whim or fancy. God said to Cain, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? and if you do well, sin is couching at the door." In so many words God told Cain that his offering was not accepted because "sin is couching at the door."

THE DEADLY DANGER OF JEALOUSY

One sin that was couching at the door of Cain's heart was jealousy. It is hardly possible that this terrible spirit of jealousy developed after the offering of their sacrifices. It was likely in Cain's heart before the sacrifices were offered. Cain's frustrating experience with the sacrifice apparently caused his jealous spirit to develop into a murderous spirit.

There are few things that can disturb one's peace of mind more than a spirit of jealousy. To envy the success of others and be jealous of their accomplishments creates in one a state of mind almost as dangerous to himself as to others. Unchecked the end results are bad.

Jealousy and selfishness are twin sins that supplement each other in destroying happiness and

peace of mind wherever they are permitted to operate.

FROM REBELLION TO MURDER

Adam and Eve rebelled against God. It is only a short step from sinning against God to sinning against man. Sin unhindered grows in power and is cumulative in its effect. Our first parents rebelled against God. Cain went a step further and killed his own brother.

After the sacrifices were made and Cain knew that his sacrifice had been rejected, he apparently went into a jealous rage. Abel had in no way wronged him. He had merely succeeded where Cain had failed. This caused Cain to decide to destroy him.

Verse 8 of the Revised Standard Version reads, "Cain said to Abel his brother, 'Let us go out to the field.' and when they were in the field Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him." The courts of our day would call this premeditated murder. Cain thought no one knew of his foul deed. However, God apparently met him on the way home and confronted him with his crime.

WHERE IS THY BROTHER?

This question, coming so soon and so unexpectedly, must have startled the guilty conscience of Cain.

We may be sure that God is asking of Christian America today, "Where is thy brother?" In the morning of time God establishes the principle that man has a responsibility for the welfare of his fellowman.

A man asked Christ, "Who is my neighbor?" Christ's answer indicated that we are neighbors of anyone in need, if we meet our responsibility. Perhaps some would ask today, "Who is my brother?" It is our feeling that Christ's answer regarding being a neighbor is applicable to the question, "who is my brother?" We are brothers to anyone who needs our service if we meet our responsibility to help him.

It is not necessary for us to look very far to find those who need our help, our friendship and our love as brother to brother. We may judge from this question God asked Cain that he expects us to know where our brothers are.

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

At first Cain denied to God any knowledge of the whereabouts of his brother. He went even further, by his question, and denied any responsibility for knowing where Abel was.

God by-passed both of these denials as unworthy of notice and held Cain responsible for Abel's death and he held him accountable also for normal, human responsibility of caring for and protecting his brother. In effect God was saying you are your brother's murderer when you ought to have been his protector and keeper.

We are our brother's keeper because, as some one said, "We are our brother's brother." Brotherhood implies a personal responsibility which we cannot escape. Today it is commonly accepted in the Christian way of life that we are our brother's keeper. We cannot escape this responsibility by asking questions which we hope will be confusing.

VOICES THAT TESTIFY AGAINST

The Jew thought that one's life was in his blood. Hence the Jewish writer of Genesis was saying in effect that the life of Abel cried out to God from the ground.

America has a direct responsibility to help many of the underprivileged nations of earth. Their voices will cry out to heaven against us if we fail to help them.

Those of us who enjoy some special privileges and advantages have a personal responsibility to help the less fortunate about us. Their voices will cry out against us in the courts of the eternal God if we fail them.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Evangelist Billy Graham, in London for a brief holiday following a European Crusade, has indicated that he sees in the current British vice scandal a "note of encouragement" for religious leaders. "The thing that has encouraged me is the moral shock," he said in an interview. "It shows that the British have more moral and spiritual strength than many people thought."

Dr. Graham was in England when he made these observations and we are in no position to contradict him, but from the capital that is being made of the whole mess by the principals in the case, we haven't felt that the total population was too shocked to keep from spending their money on the scandal sheets that are making Christine Keeler wealthy.

A young Protestant Episcopal clergyman, who was named one of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce Ten Outstanding Men of 1962, was barred from speaking to the recent national convention of this organization in Souisville, when he tried to present a petition against segregation practices. When the Rev. Robert Castle, Jr., of Jersey City, N.J. came to the platform to read the statement, president Douglas Blankenship ordered the microphones turned off.

Many of us in the Little Rock area will remember the tremendous statement on civil rights which Father Castle made when he received his "outstanding young man" citation in Little Rock last winter.

Mrs. Madalyn J. Murray, an avowed atheist who started the legal proceedings which resulted in the Supreme Court's banning required devotional prayers and Bible reading in public schools, has announced in Baltimore that she will establish an atheistic colony near Stockton, Kan. She said an organization called Other Americans, Inc. has been created under Maryland State laws to operate the colony.

It seems that this puts Mrs. Murray into a category a little different from that of a mother who did what she did just to protect the interests of her child. She announced that the purpose of the colony would be "to promote and advance the philosophy of materialism by whatever means the Board of Directors may determine."

The President of the United States received the normal honors of a visiting chief of state when he recently entered Vatican City to call on Pope Paul VI. Upon meeting the pope, Mr. Kennedy shook hands instead of kneeling to kiss his ring as is customary when Catholics call upon the pontiff.

President Kennedy became the third U.S. chief executive to call upon a Roman Catholic pontiff. The first was President Woodrow Wilson, who had an audience with Pope Benedict XV in 1919. President Dwight D. Eisenhower visited Pope John XXIII in 1959.

The Catholic Star Herald, newsweekly of the Camden, N.J. diocese, recent charged editorially that Dr. Edward R. Annis, president of the American Medical Association, "more than any other individual in America" has blocked "the honorable medical care" of the aged proposed in the Medicare plan.

A statement by Dr. Annis berated editorial

writers of the publication for "ignorance" and "distortion" in its presentation of a continuing controversy over medical care for the aged.

Although the rate of loss was below that of the two previous years, membership of the British Methodist Conference dropped by 4,243 in the past year, according to the report made at the Conference's annual sessions at Preston. 24,188 new members were received during 1962, but this was offset by 14,259 deaths and 12,044 withdrawals from membership.

A resolution denouncing "corrupting forces of evil entrenched in our society" was a-



POPE PAUL VI and President Kennedy, first Catholic U.S. chief executive, are shown following their 40-minute private audience at the Vatican. President Kennedy was the third U.S. President to visit a Pope during his term in office; President Wilson called on Pope Benedict XV in 1919 and President Eisenhower visited Pope John XXIII in 1959. Four other Presidents -- Grant, Taft, Hoover and Truman -- called on Pontiffs after leaving office.

adopted by the Baptist General Conference at its 84th annual meeting in Vancouver. The conference, representing 600 churches in the U.S. and Canada, singled out as evils alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, indecent literature, gambling and films and television programs exploiting sex and murder.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, announced on his return from Rome recently that Pope Paul VI is unwilling to allow him to become a fulltime missionary in Latin America. On more than one occasion the Boston cardinal has indicated his willing to surrender his diocese if he could receive permission to become a missionary to Latin America.

Israel's Education Ministry has announced that Moslem and Christian religious education in state high schools serving Arab children will begin in the fall. It said that during the

current summer vacation period, special courses will be held for teachers in cooperation with ecclesiastical authorities.

Some 40,000 Baptist, representing seven major denominational bodies will gather in Atlantic City in May of next year to observe the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist missionary work on a national scale in the U.S. The joint meeting will climax the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Prior to the joint meeting the American and Southern Baptist Conventions will hold simultaneous but separate annual sessions in Convention Hall, May 18-22.

Congress has approved a joint resolution accepting a gift by the state of South Dakota of a statue of the Rev. Joseph Ward, pioneer Congregational missionary and educator, as that state's famous American to be commemorated in Statuary Hall.

Articles of incorporation setting up Appalachian Regional Hospitals, Inc., which will take over five miner's hospitals in Eastern Kentucky, have been filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State. From headquarters in Harlan the corporation will operate hospitals in Harlan, Hazard, Whiteburg, Middlesboro and McDowell.

Sharp differences in the approach Roman Catholic seminaries take to teach moral theology were recently revealed in sessions of the Catholic Theology Society of America meeting in St. Louis.

Attorney General Walter E. Alessandrini has advised Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania that legislation offered to provide bus transportation for private and parochial school pupils is constitutional. The informal opinion also was given to Rev. Edwin D. Eshleman, chairman of the House Education Committee now studying a bill to provide bus transportation for non-public school students.

Challenges facing a changing "Protestantism in American Society" was discussed in four companion articles in the July 12 issue of Commonweal, a national weekly magazine edited by Roman Catholic laymen.

The House of Clergy of the Anglican Church Assembly recently rejected a proposal specifically permitting the use of the New English Bible in the Holy Communion service. Instead the clergymen passed a motion calling for any version of the Bible in the service, provided it has been approved by the Convocations of Canterbury and York and by the Church Assembly. Such actions means that the New English Bible may be used although not mentioned specifically by name.

Roman Catholic nursing nuns have moved out of a hospital in Nawalapitiya, Ceylon in accordance with a government order terminating the services of sisters in state-operated institutions in the predominantly Buddhist island. In recent years there have been strong agitation among Buddhists against the association of Catholic nuns with government-operated hospitals.

According to a decision in Athens by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in Greece, the hierarchy will meet on Oct. 1 to determine whether to send delegate-observers to the second session of the Second Vatican Council. The church did not send observers to the first session of the council.

Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, in a strong-worded defense of the Polish hierarchy, insisted that religious freedom is basic to peaceful coexistence between Church and State in that Iron Curtain Country. The cardinal received a tumultuous reception on his recent return from Rome.

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LOUISIANA METHODIST AREA COUNCIL

Lona Wilson, Editor

Education.....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



Church School-Rally Day

This day has always been an important one, but under the new setup in our Conference, it is more important than ever before. The Board of Education has only \$1,500 from the Louisiana Commission on World Service and Finance to carry on its work. The funds which the Board of Education makes available to the districts for the educational work of the district staffs must come from the Rally Day offerings. Let us start now to plan for this offering on the last Sunday in September. If we really do the work we need to do in its new district setup, we must have more funds. It will take \$10,000 from our Rally Day offerings to give us the money we need to pass on down to each district for the work that needs to be done. This means that either we must receive from this special day offering or from an item in the budget, about 10 cents per member from every church in the Conference. It would be wonderful if the Conference Board of Education could say to each District Superintendent, "We will make available to you the money you will need to carry on the work of education in every district." This dream can come true if all of you will push this offering on Church School-Rally Day or see that an amount is placed in your church budget to take care of it. Let us do it, without fail.

Pastors' School

For a number of years the Louisiana Pastors' School has not reached as many preachers as it should have reached. We ought to have at least 300 people present for this school. Alfred Borwn and his Board of Managers have given us this year one of the richest programs we have ever seen for a Pastors School. Bishop Eugene Slater, one of our own Louisiana men, will be the preacher for this important week. We want to make him feel proud that he is from Louisiana by giving him a great audience to preach to each night. The instructors whom the dean has secured are leaders in their field. They will be talking about things which we really need to know about. The climax of the very fine week will be the banquet which we have each year for our own Bishop. In spite of his recent hospital experience, Bishop Walton is planning to be with us at Pastors' School.

The Area Director's Planned Visits to the Districts

Beginning the week of July 7, the Area Director is making the rounds of the Shreveport District with the District Superintendent. We will be in seven meetings during the week, discussing and explaining the entire Conference program. Our services are at the disposal of all the District Superintendents when they are ready for us to come to their districts. We are here to serve—use us.

Area Director, Available to Supply Pulpits during Pastors' Absence

The Area Director will be glad to supply pulpits during the absence of pastors whenever it is possible for him to do so. When churches use him just to supply the pulpit, it is necessary to request that his expenses be paid by the church he serves. This request is made because the Area Council travel fund cannot absorb extra travel. We are sure you will understand the necessity of this regulation.

Lay Activities.....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



The Rev. Ed Haug, Joe Solomon,
Howard Daughenbaugh, Pete Medak.



Dr. Sam Ralett, Mrs. Tom Pitt,
Mr. and Mrs. Joe French.

The second South Central Jurisdictional Lay Activities Workshop has just been concluded. Some 250 Conference, District and Associate District Lay Leaders met together at Mt. Sequoyah for the weekend following the Fourth of July. This was a profitable time spent in deliberation on the program of Lay Activities in our jurisdiction.

The Louisiana Conference was well represented. Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, our Conference Lay Leader, led a delegation of seventeen District and Associate District Lay Leaders, a number of whom brought their wives. Louisiana's Mr. Robt. P. (Bob) Lay led the Conference Lay Leaders' discussion group and Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, addressed the entire group on Friday evening and morning and evening on Saturday. Rev. E. R. Haug, District Superintendent of the Monroe District was the representative from the Cabinet.

Many from our conference will remember Mr. Roy J. Grogan, Conference Lay Leader of the Central Texas Conference, as a popular speaker in this area. Roy led a very meaningful Sunrise Hilltop Service on the subject "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God." Another frequent visitor to Louisiana from Texas is Mr. Eugene F. Jud, Director of the Texas Methodist Stewardship Movement who conducted one of the discussion groups for District Lay Leaders.

A wealth of talent from the General Board of Lay Activities was present to act as Resource Persons for the various discussion groups. Dr. Robt. G. (Bob) Mayfield, General Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, presented the subject of Lay Leadership. Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, Director of Stewardship, presented the program on Stewardship. Mr. William B. McPherson, Associate Director for Lay Speaking, gave an interesting discussion on Lay Speaking, and Mr. Vernon L. Sidler, Associate Director for Methodist Men, led the groups on Methodist Men's Clubs. These were authoritative discussion periods with the latest information on all of these areas of Lay Activities being presented and should prove invaluable to all our people.

The music was led by Mr. Bill Mann, Revival Song Leader from Dallas, Texas. The final service of Worship and Rededication on Sunday morning was led by Bishop Eugene Slater, Resident Bishop of the Kansas Area and the Bishop assigned to the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities.

Good reports are coming in about plans to attend the Conference Layman's Retreat at Centenary College, August 3 and 4. Dudley Snow, who is in charge of reservations, tells me that Paul Beraud of Lafayette has written him saying he has a "bus load" ready to make the trip. I understand Dr. Sam Rawlett and Walter Harris of the New Orleans District are running a race to see who can have the most men in attendance. Sam has chartered a bus and has thirty-three men from Munholland Memorial Church alone. Can anyone top this? If so, let us know. Looks like we will have a wonderful time together.



Joe Solomon, the Rev. Ed Haug,
Pete Medak. M



Howard Daughenbaugh and Mrs.
Tom Pitt.

Missions and Evangelisms.....

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Asso. Area Director



A Workshop for Chairmen of local church Commissions will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 16-18. Official Boards and Commissions should begin now making plans for their Missions Chairman of another member of the Commission to attend.

A thrilling story of mission support by the Downsville Methodist Church is told in the July-August issue of "The Methodist Story" and reproduced in our "Louisiana Methodist." According to the article, one of the most important factors increasing their interest in missions was the participation of their chairman, Mrs. R. J. McGehee and her husband, in the Sequoyah Missions Workshop of 1957.

This is the tenth annual Workshop for our South Central Jurisdiction.
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Could you afford a long siege in the hospital, with costly doctors' bills, expensive drugs and medicines? Many people lose their savings, their cars, even their homes. Don't take chances with your financial security. Remember—once the doctor says it's your turn to enter the hospital, you can't buy coverage at any price.

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A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

People Are Their Own Worst Enemies

LOCKING OURSELVES OUT -- Which is worse -- to be shut in or to be shut out? If a public opinion poll were taken in America, it would probably reveal a greater dread of the former than of the latter, for if there is any one thing which we Americans seem to want above others it is freedom.

The young crave the chance to live their own lives. Women are still fighting to free themselves from the handicaps put on their sex by our man-made social order. Men rebel against regimentation of the work and business. Crowds of our Negro fellow-citizens stage parades, chanting "We want Freedom." And we prize our liberties the more highly because of the loss of freedom now being suffered under dictators abroad.

Nevertheless, we repeat the question: Which is worse, to be locked in or to be locked out? Consider the home where a daughter feels herself restricted by the rigid rules of her parents. But is it as bad as being an orphan without a home to which one can turn for sympathy and guidance? Or think of a husband who is tied to a nagging wife. Bad, yes. But after all, is his situation quite so pathetic as that of Enoch Arden, who returned to look from the outside at a home from which he was shut out? Or take the American citizen who feels the irritations of his tax burden and resents the legal fences limiting his free enterprise. Unpleasant, but is it half so bad as to be a man without a country?

Firmly embedded in our thinking is the fear of losing our liberties, but no less clearly should we consider the danger of locking ourselves out - a danger which threatens us through certain tendencies now apparent.

For one thing, we may lock ourselves out of tomorrow's full life by standing in our own way.

In October, 1842, Emerson entered in his Journal this sentence: "Henry Thoreau made last night the fine remark that as long as a man stands in his own way, everything seems to be in his way." One of the most common blunders is to blame others for blocking our paths, when in reality we are standing in our own way.

The spoiled child comes to think that every rule of the household is a hampering restriction on his own happiness. The more rope he is given, the more he complains that it is choking him. The housekeeper who dwells only on her own desires finds her duties seemingly more burdensome, no matter how many labor-saving devices may be at her disposal; and because so many wives and husbands make such a point of standing on their own rights, light housekeeping and comfortable homes do not save families from the divorce court.

The libertine who puts his own desires and appetites first soon comes to look upon all social decencies and moral codes as old-fashioned, narrow-minded puritanical blue laws. Breaking the rules of his own self-control, he blames all the laws of social control. The lawless individual whose idea of personal liberty is license to do as he pleases considers every form of government a barrier to his freedom.

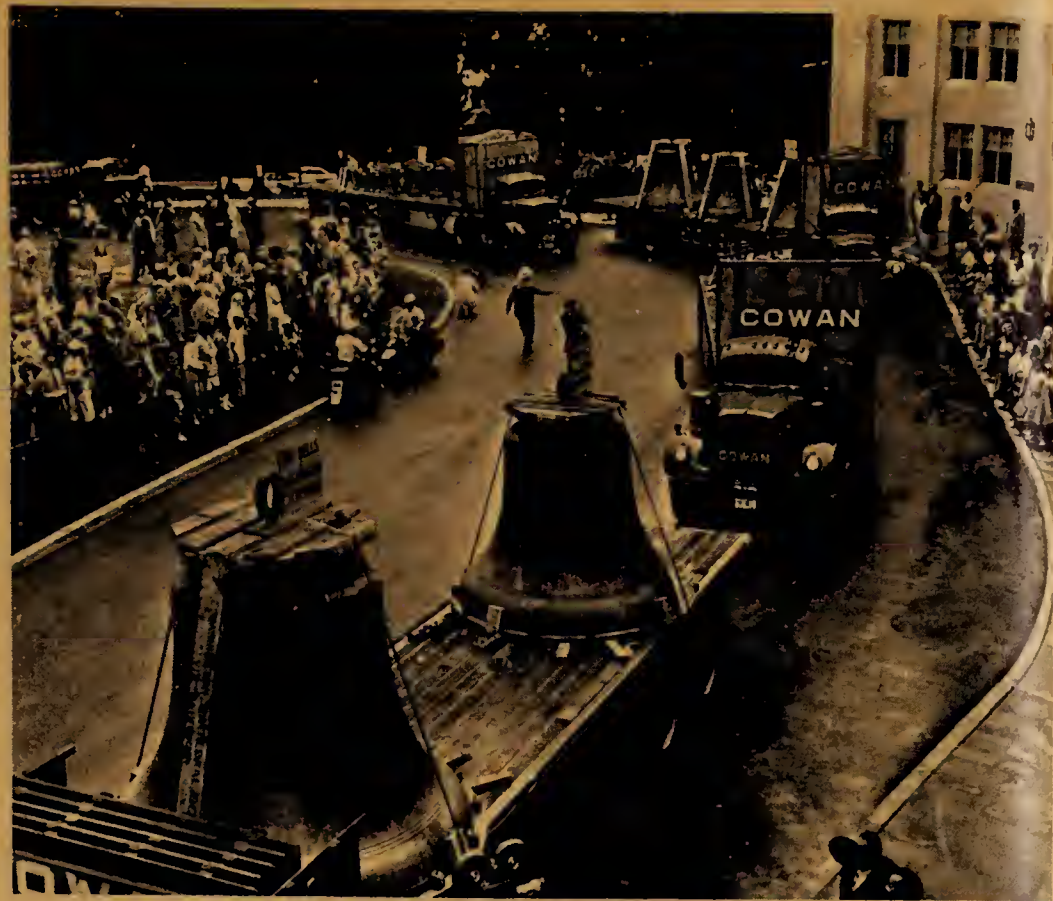
Yes, when we are standing in our own way, we always think someone is stopping us. And in this fact is to be found one of the basic causes for personal unhappiness and social unrest. As individuals and groups and nations, we talk interminably about standing on our rights, and in that attitude we seldom see our opportunities and our duties.

America is concerned as never before with the great cause of securing civic and social rights for those who have too long been denied them. We must remove the barriers which have separated the members of God's family. But merely to remove walls does not beget a family spirit.

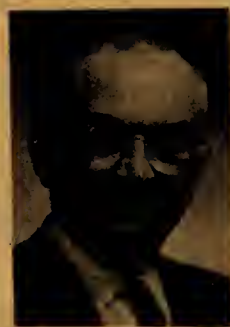
A young woman in her late twenties came to a psychiatrist complaining that she was being left out of things. Her relations with her family were being estranged. Her friends were not inviting her to their parties. She felt herself being shut in with a wall of loneliness. The doctor delved into the past and discovered that she had never put herself out to enter into the family life. If guests whom she did not like came by, she went to her own room. If the family planned activities which did not please her, she stayed away. Thus she lived FOR herself until she found that she was living TO herself.

If we never put ourselves out FOR others, we shall eventually be locked out BY others.

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BELLS BY THE TRUCKLOAD for the Washington Cathedral (Protestant Episcopal). The 63 bells weighed a total of 120 tons; they will be placed high in the Gloria in Excelsis Tower of the cathedral. When the project is completed, Washington Cathedral will have the only tower in the world with both a carillon and a ring of bells.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

WALLS, CONCRETE AND OTHERWISE

The recent visit of President Kennedy to West Berlin brought into sharp focus a well-known situation; the wall between East and West Berlin erected by the Communists. Television and the newspapers showed pictures of signs and curtains that had been erected by the Commies to prevent our president from seeing East Berlin. Or maybe it was intended to prevent the East Berliners from seeing the President. Broken glass is imbedded in the top of the wall to prevent anyone from climbing over it. A high wall with broken, pointed glass sticking out of the concrete is striking proof of how cruel human beings can be.

But unfortunately human beings are cruel. Terribly cruel. They keep building walls between themselves and others of God's children. And today we find ourselves being isolated rapidly into small compartments, separated from others by seen and unseen walls. Walls of hate. Walls of prejudice. Walls of distrust. On top of those invisible walls we have built sharp instruments of pain and suffering.

There is tragedy in this building of walls. Those who erect them are separating themselves from friends and fellow-citizens. We sometimes brag about building walls of separation from our black brothers. We want to feel that these walls will keep us safe from Communism and other evils. But all that we do to the Commies is to furnish them plenty of cause to laugh in glee at our confusion and our division.

We seldom realize that when we

build walls for ourselves we also build them for our children. If we cut ourselves off from our fellowman, it usually means that we are also cutting our children off too. And isn't it sad that a little child learns to hate before he knows what he is hating? Just because a parent has built the wall of hate around his family.

These same walls do something much worse. They separate us from God. Because as sure as we pour out hate upon God's children, a part of it spills over against our Heavenly Father. When we push our fellowman away, we unconsciously push away Him who made us all.

This fact of walls is not new. It is as old as man. The pity of it is that we have not learned much from all the generations of the past. Paul the apostle had to contend with it as he tried to bring both Jews and Gentiles to Christ. He actually wrote about the "wall" that separated man from his fellow-man. But Paul also offered a formula as old as the idea of walls. Listen to him as he speaks to the church at Ephesus:

"...but now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility..."

Jesus shed His blood on a cross to break down walls between mankind. When we continue to build them we may be making it necessary to shed our own blood to tear them down. Why not try the better way of Christ and His love?



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Educational Mission of The Church

By the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., Pastor
Munholland Memorial Methodist Church
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Jesus said "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." To be born of the spirit is the beginning of the new life in Christ. Indeed without this new life citizenship in the kingdom would be impossible. However, it must be remembered that when the baby is born, he must be cared for and nurtured until he grows up into the fullness of his manhood. What a difference it makes in a home when a baby is born! The whole schedule of the family is changed and becomes centered around the baby. Yet the responsibilities of earning a living and carrying on the work of life's everyday labors must be continued. So likewise in the church. With the new birth of souls comes the responsibilities of their care and nurture. Many babes in Christ have died in infancy because of sheer neglect and lack of the proper spiritual nourishment for their growth. The redemptive fellowship must give more attention to the care of our babes in Christ until they are brought to spiritual maturity. This is what our Lord had in mind as a most important part of our great commission.

The Church thus becomes the School of Christ where we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. The public and private worship of God feeds our souls and gives us strength and courage and confidence. We enter the School of Prayer and learn the meaning of thanksgiving, adoration, petition, intercession. Through the reading of God's Word, through the study of the teachings of our Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit guides us into "the truth that makes us free." Through regular participation in the Holy Communion, we grow in our knowledge of God's self-giving love which is the very heart of life in God's new kingdom. "For God so loved the world that He gave." We, too, learn the meaning of forgetting ourselves for others in holy love that is the heart of the redemptive fellowship called the church.

In the School of Christ we also learn the meaning of bearing our Christian witness in a world that does not always receive it kindly. Many times the world kicks back in persecution to our witness. As we stand by our convictions, we find that many times there is a great cost and personal sacrifice. We learn the meaning of patience and come to know the importance of the promise "they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall

walk and not faint."

We come to realize the meaning of service to God and man. The School of Christ is the School of Service. The Master said, "He that would be greatest among you shall be the servant of all. Here we begin to see our life's vocation that our God-given abilities, developed to their highest order, were meant to be sacrificed on the altar of the world's need. Thus our vocation becomes our ministry to God, our contribution to humanity. Life becomes tremendously significant in the work of our hands, for God is using our hands to build His Kingdom on the world.

In the little booklet, "Foundations of Christian Teaching" in Methodist Churches," the writer says "Christian teaching in the Methodist Church is the responsibility of a whole host of people—ministerial and lay, professional and volunteer. In 40,000 churches throughout the nation, on any Sunday morning, hundreds of thousands of Church School teachers go about their tasks with children, youth and adults. To this number must be added the general and departmental administrators and officers, the youth counselors, the workers in weekday activities, the leaders in camping, the musicians, and other specialists. Under the supervision of each minister in charge and each local Commission of Education, these people carry forward the teaching program of the Methodist Church. Not only the total number of persons, but also the variety of tasks involved indicates the scope and complexity of this important ministry of the church." Thus Methodist hands, hearts and minds are being used to teach our people the meaning of Christian discipleship.

The Methodist Church School literature is a unified whole that builds in each age group upon what has gone before. The material is so planned that when a child starts attending Church School regularly at the Nursery level and continues through the Adult Department, he completes a comprehensive study. Just as in gardening—there are

Build A Devotional

IS THE LADDER GONE?

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Proverbs 14:34

Several years ago it was popular to tell youth of the cartoon showing a ladder from a "Lincoln-log-cabin" to the White House. We were saying that the way was open for everyone to climb to the highest honor that this country affords. It was basic in a democracy that no barrier except ability stood in the way of any citizen of this nation.

In a leading news weekly magazine there was a disturbing article which pointed out that only a rich man could now climb that ladder—not from a log cabin but from one mansion to another. The credence we place in this analysis is a personal evaluation. However, to have such an analysis ought to give each citizen pause for concern. We deny the right of royalty by blood but accept "royalty by wealth" without too much question.

The crux of the question does not rest in a "starry-eyed" idealism but in the simple fact of evaluating a man according to basic principles in harmony with our philosophy of life. A facade, whether wealth or poverty, is poor substitute for character and ability in statesmanship. Any man's motivating ideal and his integrity as he faces those ideals is a major concern for each citizen in the choice of leadership.

In thinking of the qualities of character and ability in leaders in political, social and economic life, we need to remember that in large measure the "rulers" reflect the basic attitudes of the governed. The private citizen who sells his franchise for any price has made a poor bargain, even at its best.

It is amazing how "I-scratch-your-back-now-you-scratch-mine" determines all too many issues rather than the merits of the issues themselves. When a state legislature speaks of a "third house" it has absconded with the trust the people have placed in them.

We need to put the ladder back, not from the standpoint of a cabin or a mansion, but from the roots of our national life. We need to make it clear that whoever climbs that ladder to any place of leadership must furnish the basic credentials of character and ability that defies degradation from any source. That purifying stream must start from the grass roots of our national life.

The wise man was right, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

—R.B.

season for the planting of certain seeds, and they will not grow well if planted out of season—so it is in teaching. Children in the Nursery Department learn to recognize the word "Jesus," and a few simple stories about him. As four and five year olds, they learn to think of Jesus as one who loved children and "went about doing good." As they grow in age and understanding, so their Church School literature grows in depth, until they are ready to acknowledge personally their discipleship to Jesus Christ.

It is easier to admit that we are mistaken than to admit that we are stingy.

Let The Children Come

I would like to share with you this week four prayers that were written by juniors who attended Laboratory School at Tanako. They were studying about our country and our church. They learned that John Wesley preached his first sermon in America from the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians. They read this chapter many times and at the end of the week some of the boys and girls could say it from memory. Will you take your Bibles and read this chapter and then use these prayers for your personal worship?

"Dear God, we thank thee for our churches and that we may attend them. We are thankful that we have a place of worship.

"We are most thankful for freedom of religion. Thank you for everything you have made. In Jesus name we pray . . ."

Susan de Linde
Hot Springs, Ark.

"Dear Father in Heaven,
"We thank you for this day;
"We thank you for the Churches.
"We thank you for Camp Tanako;
"Bless our fathers and mothers."

Mary Sue Cox
Hot Springs, Ark.

"Dear God, thank you for this camp and its teachers.

"Thank you for the Bible and for your house, the Church.

"Thank you for trees, leaves, grass and flowers.

"Most of all we thank thee for thy son, Jesus.

"Please forgive us of all our sins.

"May we always praise thy name in heart, life, and voice.

"In Jesus name, Amen."

Rita Hargrove
Lodges Corner, Ark.
... Aunt Feather

THE EXODUS

When God bade Moses, "Bring Israel Out of dark Egypt's pagan land!"
Then Moses felt most inadequate --
To fulfill such a great command.

And who am I, to go to Pharaoh
For I am slow of speech, he plead;
And Israel's children will not believe!
"I will be with you!" his God said.

Then Moses departed from Horeb
The holy mountain place of God.
To Egypt and the grand exodus;
And with him went the mighty rod.

The Red Sea parted, rocks gave drink
At command of the great rod's stroke;
On Sinai, Moses' face shone bright ---
The holy presence of God spoke!

In the years of the Wilderness ---
The sign of God stood ever by;
The cloud by day, the fire by night
And the day's Manna from the sky.

By guidance of a powerful hand
The children of the Israelites;
Came to the land of milk and honey,
And to the end of their long flight!
Sybil Nash Abrams

There are those among us who are "foodcoholics."

Twenty-four Louisianans Attend National Town, Country Meeting

Twenty-four Louisianans are among the 1,200 Methodists who attended the national Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country last week in Minneapolis. The conference was held July 9-12 on the University of Minnesota campus. Called by the Methodist Council of Bishops, the Town and Country Conference is the highlight of the denomination's Quadrennial Emphasis for 1960-64. The theme of the meeting is "The Church at Work in a Changing World." The purpose

Camp Leaders Hold Training Conference For Two Districts

The New Orleans and Baton Rouge Camp Leaders Training Conference was held at Istrouma Methodist Camp on May 24 and 25. Leaders for the Training Conference and the two District Directors of Camping were Rev. James Jones of Zachary, La. and Rev. Robt. Potter of New Orleans.

Resource people included: Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, Conference Youth Director, Shreveport, La.; Miss Shiela Nuttall, Conference Director of Children's Work, Shreveport, La.; Rev. John W. Hassler, Minister of Education, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Kathleen Williams, Mangum Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.; Rev. Cecil Benoit, Minister of Education, First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La.; Rev. Geo. Oakum, Bethel Methodist Church, Greenwell Springs, La.; Rev. Walley Baker, Associate Minister, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans.

Friday evening session was spent on the theological and psychological aspects of camping. Saturday morning, camp counsellors were introduced to program materials for junior high and senior high camps.

Nothing ever grows where the sun always shines; there is a need for clouds in every man's life.

is "To explore the mission of the church in town and country life with emphasis given to the small church and its ministry to clergy and laity, to the changing patterns of population and culture in town and country areas, to the world revolution and to the development of a cooperative and united ministry as our response to the lordship of Jesus Christ."

Each person attending was chosen by his annual conference. Louisiana delegates were: Rev. Rex Squyres, Kinder, conference secretary of Town and Country; Mrs. Rex Squyres; Rev. Garland Dean, Jr., Westlake, chairman of the conference Town and Country commission; Rev. Ira Robinson, Elizabeth, Alexandria district secretary of Town and Country; Rev. Carey Martin, Ponchatoula, Baton Rouge district; Mrs. Carey Martin; Rev. Karl Wood, Rayne, Lafayette district; James L. Gray, New Iberia, Lafayette district; Rev. Dan Tohline, Raymond, Lake Charles district secretary; Mrs. Dan Tohline; Rev. Wallace Blackwood, St. Joseph, Monroe district; Rev. Kenneth K. Carrithers, Gonzales, Baton Rouge district; Rev. James Hodges, LaPlace, New Orleans district; Rev. Tillman Brown, Quitman, Ruston district; Rev. Conrad Edwards, Shreveport; Rev. C. B. Krumnow, Belcher, Shreveport district secretary; Mrs. Martha Overbey, Urania, Rural Worker for Woman's Society; Miss Shiela Nuttall, Shreveport, conference director of Town and Country work; Dr. Carl Lueg, New Orleans District Superintendent; Mrs. Carl Lueg, Mrs. Ira Robinson, Mrs. Karl Wood, Mrs. Conrad Edwards, and Mrs. C. B. Krumnow.

Rex Squyres and Garland Dean, Jr. are two of about 20 discussion leaders for the conference in Minneapolis.



SHREVEPORT DISTRICT sub-district set-up meeting for Hall Summit, Cross Roads and Carrol Creek-Holley Springs charges, was held July 7. Participating were the men above, from left, who are Dr. Henry Bowden, Area director; the Rev. Jolly B. Harper, district superintendent; the Rev. Finas Corie and the Rev. Douglas Davis, two of the pastors of the charge.

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NEWS OF THE AREA COUNCIL

Advance registration is necessary. Churches without registration forms may secure them from the Area Council Office, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana. Official Boards are encouraged to make it financially possible for their Missions Chairman to attend. This is a commonly accepted practice. The cost, exclusive of transportation, will be a \$5.00 registration fee and approximately \$20.00 for room, meals, ground fee and insurance.

A list of available missions speakers is needed for our area. The Area Council Office is seeking to set up a file for use by those needing assistance: Retired missionaries, ministers and laymen who have traveled mission fields at home or abroad, all should be included for possible use by local churches or groups engaged in mission study or related emphases. This may be of particular interest as we approach the time when many of our churches are making preliminary plans for the coming church-wide-mission study. Pastors are asked to send the name, address and mission experience or interest of anyone in their church who may possibly be of assistance to others.

Local Church Commissions on Missions seeking assistance in their work are asked to call on their District Missionary Secretary for help. There is one in each district, as follows: Alexandria District, Rev. Byrl J. Moreland, Jr., 3223 Madonna Street, Alexandria, La.; Baton Rouge District, Rev. James W. Ailor, P. O. Box 1349, Baton Rouge, La.; Lafayette District, Rev. Harold Hine, 101 Pontiac Road, Lafayette, La.; Lake Charles District, Rev. C. W. Quaid, 1611 Highway 14, Lake Charles, La.; Monroe District, Miss Lea Joyner, P. O. Box 1092, Monroe, La.; New Orleans District, Rev. J. C. Skinner, 3108 Lloyds Avenue, Chalmette, La.; Ruston District, Rev. James W. Lawton, P. O. Box 181, Dubach, Louisiana; and Shreveport District, Rev. Arthur M. Baker, P. O. Box 5535, Shreveport, La.

The Chairman of our Louisiana Conference Board of Missions is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown, 119 Lee Street, Slidell, Louisiana. Our Conference Missionary Secretary is the Rev. Jack Cooke 1125 Fern Street, New Orleans 18, Louisiana.

RUSTON DISTRICT PREACHERS, PARSONETTES' ANNUAL PICNIC

On Thursday, June 20, the Ruston District held its preachers and parsonettes' annual picnic at the playground provided by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter, the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Minden. There was a joint meeting of the preachers and parsonettes, at which time all members of the group were introduced and new comers to the District were welcomed. The new District Superintendent Dr. Henry Rickey, presided.

Following this meeting the preachers and parsonettes met separately for the June business meeting. The president, Mrs. Ralph Cain (Adonna), presided over the Parsonette meeting. New officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Eddie Morgan (Pat); Vice-President (and Yearbook Chairman), Mrs. Beverly Bond (Marie); Secretary and Reporter, Mrs. Terral T. Lowe (Evelyn); Treasurer, Mrs. L. Gray Wilson (Ann); Courtesy Chairman, Mrs. J. E. Hearn (Alta).

Members of the group enjoyed swimming, food, and fellowship.

DEACONESSSES HONORED

Women who have been Methodist deaconesses for fifty years or more are being honored in special services throughout the country.

Eleven deaconesses were honored at a special service in First Methodist Church, Alhambra, California, recently Miss Emma Burris, executive secretary of Social Welfare and Medical Work of the General Board of Missions in New York City, presented the certificates and pins.

Chicago Temple honored six deaconesses.

Miss Mary Daniel was especially honored in San Francisco, when she received the special Mission Methodist Parish award, a plaque of the praying hands. Dr. E. W. J. Schmitt, pastor, wrote: "This is the first award of this kind that we have presented, but we

hope that there will be others we can honor in this way. The basic idea of the award is that it is given to someone who has demonstrated what it means to be the hands of Christ. The idea of the award is based on Theresa of Avila's meditation 'Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours.' Her greatest reward, said Miss Daniel was "doing God's work; that's satisfaction enough. And I care a good deal about people, too."

Most churches where such recognitions have been held have also emphasized the call to full-time church-related vocations. Accounts of these and other recognition services will appear in THE METHODIST WOMAN and other publications.

MOSS BLUFF WSCS OFFICERS

The Officers of the Moss Bluff Woman's Society of Christian Service were installed at a recent morning worship service by the pastor, Rev. Sam Holladay. Immediately following the installation, the secretary of youth presented the high school senior from the church with a gift from the society. Marica Hoffpauir was the valedictorian of the Class.

Mrs. C. A. Mayo, president elect, presented to the retiring president, Mrs. Larry Green a Special Membership from the society. Mrs. Glenn Williams had the honor of pinning the pin on Mrs. Green.

The senior class of the Sam High School of Moss Bluff were entertained with a breakfast on Senior Day by the Woman's Society. Rev. Sam Holladay addressed the class on "Self Discipline."

Bruce Williams, director of public relations for the Los Angeles Area, was recently honored by the Southern California-Arizona Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. They made him a life member of the Woman's Society and presented him with a tie clasp bearing the insignia of the organization.

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MRS. CHARLES B. MCGOWAN

MRS. GEORGE S. SEXTON, JR.

MRS. CECIL R. MATTHEWS

Mrs. Cecil Matthews, whose home is in Lubbock, Texas, received all her formal education in Texas.

Her husband is Minister to Students in the Wesley Foundation, Texas Tech, Lubbock, where she also serves in several capacities, including those of counselor and teacher.

Mrs. Matthews has held many positions in the Northwest Texas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has served as Vice-President, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Missionary Personnel and Dean of the School of Missions and Christian Service.

MRS. SAM DUNBAR

Mrs. Sam Dunbar, of New Orleans, has a long record of valuable service in The Woman's Society of Christian Service having held offices in local, District, Conference and Jurisdiction Societies. When the districts were first organized she was elected District Secretary of Promotion. Following this, she served as Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Conference Secretary of Supply Work.

For eight years Mrs. Dunbar was Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work. During this period she visited the mission work in the fields of Southeast Asia with members of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. She terms this opportunity and privilege one of the highlights of her life. The experience provides rich background for her teaching, especially in connection with a study about this area of the world.

MRS. R. RUSSELL HEANER

Mrs. R. Russell Heaner (Dorothy Bearden) was born and reared in East Texas, attending High School and Junior College in Tyler. She was graduated from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, with an A.B. degree in 1942. She received her M.A. degree from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1946, and later did post-graduate work in Union Theological Seminary, New York City, Cornell University, and the University of Texas.

Immediately following graduation from Scarritt, she went to India and was appointed to City and District Social Evangelistic Work, living in Lahore. While in language school a year later, she was transferred to Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, and served the remainder of her term there, arriving home in April, 1951.

After serving briefly in the Department of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, New York City, Miss Bearden decided to become Mrs. Heaner, wife of a Methodist minister in the Southwest Texas Conference. The Heaners have two children, Sarah Dorothy and John Russell.

MRS. C. C. COFFEE

Mrs. C. C. Coffee of Lubbock, Texas, who will teach "The Christian Family and Its Money", is now serving her second quadrennium as a member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, Woman's Division of Christian Service. She is a member of the Committee on Finance and is Chairman of the Committee on Pensions of the Woman's Division.

She has gone on mission tours to Africa, South America, and the Rim of East Asia. She attended the World Federation of Methodist Women and the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, and she has been a delegate to the General Conference.

MRS. PAUL ARRINGTON

Mrs. Paul Arrington's home is in Jackson, Mississippi, where she is active in church and civic organizations. She has served for twelve years on the local Y.W.C.A. Board. Other interests include membership in the Woman's Auxiliary of Goodwill Industries, the League of Women Voters, the Pan American Round Table and the Fortnightly Club.

For sixteen years she was a member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, serving as Vice-President of the Woman's Division for eight years, and as Vice-President of the World Federation of Methodist Women for a like number of years.

As one of three women delegates from her denomination, she attended the meeting of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois. She has been a delegate to the World Methodist Conference at Oxford, England, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and Oslo, Norway.

MRS. GEORGE V. METZEL

Mrs. George Metzler is a native of Oklahoma, daughter of a Methodist minister. Her husband, who is Registrar at the University of Tulsa, is also a product of the Methodist parsonage. The Metzels have two children, a daughter and a son.

Mrs. Metzler's education includes an A.B. degree from the University of Oklahoma and special study at the University of Tulsa. She has taught in public schools, in the area of intermediate grades.

At the time of the Annual Meetings of the South Central Jurisdiction and the Oklahoma Conference in Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, in February, 1963, her Conference presented Mrs. Metzler with a Sustaining Membership in the Woman's Society, the first to be given in the Oklahoma Conference. This membership represented a gift of \$1000 to Missions in her honor. She is at present serving as President of the Oklahoma Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

MISS VIRGINIA THOMAS

Miss Virginia Thomas is a graduate of Grenada College, a Methodist College for girls, which is no longer functioning. She received her M.A. degree in Religious Education from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She has done further graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Miss Thomas taught Bible and Religious Education in Grenada College, and later at Millsaps College for many years. After a period of service as Director of Religious Education at Belmont Church in Nashville, Tennessee, she returned to her home church in Tupelo, Mississippi, to serve in the same capacity there.

MRS. GUY M. HICKS

Bess Carroll Hicks was born in Washington, D. C. and reared in Minden, Louisiana. She was graduated from Meridian College, Meridian, Mississippi, with a B.A. degree, and did graduate work in Columbia University School of Journalism, New York City.

She taught in Meridian and Shreveport High Schools, and then was reporter on the Shreveport Times until her marriage. She is the wife of Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Minister at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana.

She has been an official visitor to all three of the World Methodist Conferences: Springfield, Massachusetts, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and Oslo, Norway.

A gifted writer, Mrs. Hicks has had a number of her poems and articles appear in various religious publications.

MRS. CHARLES B. MCGOWAN

Mrs. Charles McGowan, whose home is in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was born and educated in Mississippi. Most of her younger life was spent in Jackson, Mississippi, where she attended High School. She is a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, and has done graduate study at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York City.

For many years Mrs. McGowan taught in the public schools of Jackson, Mississippi. During World War II, she was a teacher in one of the War Relocation Authority Japanese Camps. Here she worked with the Japanese who had become displaced persons due to the war scare.

She has been active in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for many years. She has served in most of the offices on the local level and as a district officer. She has also served as Secretary of Supply Work of the Louisiana Conference and at present is completing an unexpired term in the same office, filling the vacancy left by the late Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry.

TOPICS, TEXTS, GUIDES AND INSTRUCTORS:

1. *The Changing City Challenges the Church*
Text: *These Cities Glorious*, by Laerence H. Janssen
Guide by C. Richard Brown
Supplementary Book: *My Brother Is a Stranger*, by Bruce Hilton
Instructors: Mrs. George V. Metzler and Mrs. C. B. McGowan
2. *The Christian Mission In Southern Asia* (Ceylon, India, Nepal, Pakistan)
Text: *Christian Issues in Southern Asia*, by P. D. Devanandan
Supplementary Book: *Branches of the Banyan*, edited by Addison J. Eastman
Guide by Maryruth Nickels
Instructors: Mrs. Sam Dunbar and Mrs. R. Russell Heaner
3. *The Christian Family and Its Money*
Text: *The Christian Family and Its Money*, by David Graybeal
Guide by James Hamilton
Instructors: Mrs. Paul Arrington and Mrs. C. C. Coffee
4. *An Introduction To Three Spiritual Classics* (Fenelon, *Christian Perfection*; Wesley, *Christian Perfection!* Underhill, *The Spiritual Life*)
Text: *Teachings Toward Christian Perfection*, by Olive Wyon
Guide by Dorothy McConnell
Instructors: Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Miss Virginia Thomas and Mrs. Guy Hicks

Churchwide Study: *Our Mission Today* by Tracey K. Jones, Jr.

Bible Hour: The Books of Hosea, I John, Ruth and Jonah
(Bring your Bible)
Leader: Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1963

- 9:00 A.M.-12:00—Sale of Literature and Meal Tickets, James Dormitory on College Campus.
12:00- 1:30 P.M.—Lunch, Cafeteria, College Campus.
2:00 P.M.—Assembly, Brown Memorial Chapel, College Campus.
2:30- 4:10 P.M.—First Session of Study Classes.
5:15- 6:15 P.M.—Evening Meal, Cafeteria.
7:00- 8:00 P.M.—Bible Hour, Brown Memorial Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, THROUGH THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- 6:00 A.M.—Morning Devotions
6:30- 7:30 A.M.—Breakfast
8:10- 9:00 A.M.—First Class Period
9:10-10:00 A.M.—Second Class Period
10:00-10:20 A.M.—Intermission
10:20-11:50 A.M.—Clinics
12:00- 1:30 P.M.—Lunch
1:30- 3:30 P.M.—Rest and Study
3:30- 5:00 P.M.—Special Meetings
5:15- 6:15 P.M.—Evening Meal
6:30- 7:30 P.M.—Presentation of Churchwide Study and materials for each study.
7:45- 8:45 P.M.—Bible Hour, Brown Memorial Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- 6:00 A.M.—Morning Devotions
6:30- 7:30 A.M.—Breakfast
8:10- 9:00 A.M.—First Class Period
9:10-10:00 A.M.—Second Class Period
The School will close with this session. Must attend this session to receive credit.

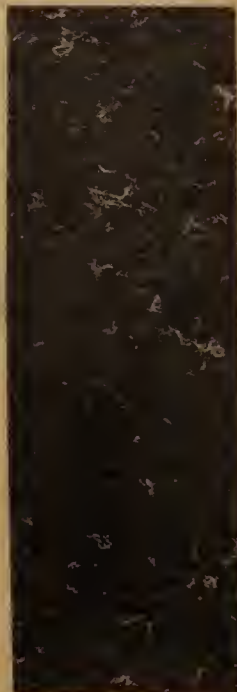
MRS. GEORGE S. SEXTON, JR.

Lucile Baldwin Sexton, a native of Virginia, was graduated from Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia and Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

After serving as President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, she became the first President of the South Central Jurisdiction Society and was a member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service—Board of Missions, The Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sexton had the unique privilege of being a member of five General Conferences, the last two of the former Southern Methodist Church, in 1934 and 1938, the Uniting Conference in 1939, and the first two of the Methodist Church, in 1940 and 1944.

Mrs. Sexton has long been active in church work, serving as teacher of a large Bible Class in the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, for many years.



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Went Forth

By Richard H. Bauer

(Editor's Note: These testimonies by newly commissioned Methodist missionaries as to why they have chosen the missionary vocation were compiled by Dr. Bauer, who is the executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Nashville, Tenn. They originally appeared in the Committee's bulletin, CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS GUIDE, and are used with permission.)

"We rejoice to recognize you as missionaries and deaconesses of our church, and we thank God that you have dedicated your lives to His service throughout all the world. We follow you with our prayers, we will support your work with our gifts, and together we will strive to minister to the needs of our fellow men and to bring to them the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

With these words, the assembled congregation of 1,200 at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Cincinnati in January related themselves to the newly commissioned missionaries and deaconesses of our church.

This year eight persons, seven of them deaconesses, were commissioned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Two were commissioned by the Division of National Missions, and 14 by the Division of World Missions. Others will be commissioned in the months immediately ahead at special services as their training is completed. The service of commissioning is always a thrilling experience, and especially in this day of perplexed world conditions it is heartwarming to recognize these who will be bearing "the message glorious" to people in all stations of life.

The statements that follow were written by representative individuals of the total group. They reflect the sense of call, the response to need and the relationship of the person to the total life of the church. It is hoped that these statements will be shared with others, thus inspiring further commitment to church vocations through the mission of the church.

Robert and Patricia Gonja of Palmerdale, Ala., going to Sumatra to do church development work:

"Why go as missionaries? Why not go? Instead of demanding that God give you a special call to a difficult field, why not ask for special permission to stay home?"

This question, prompted by a seminary professor, was perhaps the clincher in our decision to go as missionaries. The total decision involved several years and many factors, but the numerical need stands out predominantly. Why remain in an area where every town has several churches, while there are vast areas of the world where people have never heard the Gospel of Christ?

We believe that every person is equally valuable in God's love and that all people are alike in their need for a Savior. We believe that it is God's will that all people know and confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We believe that the Holy Spirit is actively working toward this end and is seeking to lead us in proclaiming Jesus as Lord.

In considering these beliefs and trying to think in terms of total world

needs, we felt that the greatest need today was in the mission field and that we should apply for that type of work. We have a strong conviction that God

Says 40% of Methodist Churches Do Not Give to Advance

Even after 15 years of the Advance Special program, more than 40 per cent of the Methodist churches took no part in 1962 in this program of missionary giving, the Methodist Board of Missions was told at its annual meeting January 15-17 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, said that a survey just released shows that 15,989 churches made no contribution to missions or overseas relief through the Advance during fiscal 1962 (the 12 months ending May 31, 1962). On the other hand, he said, 24,051 churches out of a total of 39,050 gave something to Advance Specials last year.

Dr. Fisher reported to the Board of Missions on behalf of the Advance Committee of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. The Committee coordinates the promotion of Specials. (Advance Specials are a voluntary program, whereby Methodist churches, church groups and individuals give to missionary and overseas relief projects of their own choosing. The agencies authorized to receive Advance Special gifts are the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, commonly called MCOR).

"We are grateful for the large number of churches that contribute to the Advance," Dr. Fisher told the Board, "but we are deeply concerned about the churches that have had no part in this second mile giving."

"We need to remind our Methodist people that the Advance crosses every barrier of race, color or creed. Iron or Bamboo Curtains cannot shut out the effectiveness of its witness. It crosses

has called us to this type of work, but the way in which he called us is outlined in this way of reasoning. Once we had made the decision, then we definitely felt his approval on the choice. That is why we go.

Diane Kennedy of San Jose, Calif., going to Uruguay to teach:

Making a vocational decision is probably not easy for any young person, but when a Christian seeks to make such a decision, an element of the unknown and the uncontrollable enters in. It was that element of the unpredictable with which I struggled as I endeavored to decide whether I would seek God's will for my life and try to follow it, or whether I would choose my own life's work. It wasn't an easy decision to make. I knew if I sincerely sought to do God's will that I could not condition the future with my own ideas and preferences, but would have to be ready to accept all that God should lay before me.

Only a year after making the all-important decision that nothing was more important to me than living in communion with God and doing his will, I felt an inner impulse to prepare myself to become a teacher in a mission school. With a faith so small as mine and so little spiritual experience, I hardly dared to admit to myself that

I felt this to be God's call for me. As time passed, I felt increasingly sure that this was God's will for my life, but I did not trust my own spiritual discernment enough to strike out on an adventure which almost no one encouraged me to undertake.

For that reason I chose to go as a short-term missionary. I felt sure that at the end of three years I would know whether God did want me to teach in a mission school or not. That would help me to choose a course of graduate study which would really prepare me for my life's work.

My three years as a short-termer confirmed that call, and I returned home with the conviction that the world situation today demands a revitalized and creative Christian mission and that I have a place in that mission. And so I have entered into my graduate study with a deep sense of purpose as I prepare myself to return to the field as a regular missionary, thankful for having had the opportunity to serve three years and thus prove my vocational calling, and joyful that I am free to say, "Here am I, send me."

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The most important thinking any man ever does is the thinking he gives to God.

Briefs - - - -

FAVORS FOREIGN AID

Funds proposed for foreign aid are "not only reasonable," but may have the effect of being "insurance against a vastly more costly expenditure of resources and lives," a Methodist testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee June 21. The Rev. James H. Pyke, professor of missions and world religions at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., and a former missionary in the Far East, spoke on behalf of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

In support of the Foreign Assistance Act (S. 1276), Dr. Pyke recalled the 1960 General Conference statement that "economic assistance . . . for the improvement of underdeveloped areas is an example of both Christian love and practical international brotherhood."

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WILL MARK JUBILEE

A half century of inspiration and recreation that have brought Methodists of the Southeastern states to Lake Junaluska, N. C., will be climaxed in a Golden Jubilee program the week of July 28-Aug. 4. This will mark 50 years since the church acquired and began developing the property.

Several hundred participants are expected for the series of talks and meetings, according to the Rev. Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., Lake Junaluska Assembly superintendent.

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BISHOP WARD OVERSEAS

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Area left June 22 on a two-month visitation in Southeast Asia. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ward and their youngest son, Gerald. The trip is Bishop Ward's official foreign visitation for the current quadrennium.

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No scientist has yet been able to explain how the earth began, or when man's conscience first asserted itself.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Ruby Harrell

The passing of Mrs. Ruby Cotham Harrell on June 7, 1963, brings great sorrow to the entire community as well as the Tillar, Ark., Methodist Church, as did the passing of her husband, J. J. Harrell, on May 31, 1962.

We shall always cherish in our memory the long and varied Christian service of Mrs. Harrell to our community and to our church of which she became a member in 1912. Her quiet consistent character was an inspiration to us all.

She was on the building committee of the Tillar Methodist Church that was erected in 1913.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Leo Wylie of Pine Bluff; a sister, Mrs. Una McCray of Hot Springs; and a grandson.

Service of memory was held June 9 at Tillar Methodist Church by the Rev. Robert L. Riffin and the Rev. Irl Lancaster.

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S. M. Shane

Samuel Monroe Shane, the son of John A. and Clara Shane, was born February 26, 1881 in Green County, Arkansas, and died April 9, 1963, at his home in Paragould, Ark., after several months of illness. He spent his entire life in this county. He was a good man, who walked, talked and lived with God.

He was married to Miss Arlie Thompson, May 19, 1907, and she preceded him in death June 19, 1961, which was their 54th wedding anniversary.

Brother Shane was converted and joined The Methodist Church early in life, and was active until his health failed him. For many years he was a member of the Board of Stewards in the Methodist church, and at his death, he was an honorary member of the board. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Paragould for more than 50 years.

A good man, a good friend, and a good Christian has now gone from among us. We will miss him, but one day, we will be reunited with him on the other side of life, if we will be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Fannie McKelvey, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and nine nieces.

Funeral Service was held in Paragould, with the Rev. T. T. McNeal, his pastor officiating, and assisted by the writer. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery.

J. W. Moore,
Retired Minister

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D. M. Hayes

Funeral services for Daniel Moore Hayes, Methodist lay leader and president of the Dixie Furniture Company, New Orleans, were held June 5 at the First Methodist Church, New Orleans. Burial was in Metairie Mausoleum.

Mr. Hayes was an active Methodist lay leader. He represented the First Methodist Church New Orleans, at many state and national meetings and was a leader in the building of the new First Methodist Church building. He also contributed to small Methodist churches in Southwest Louisiana, aided several students in Methodist seminaries, and assisted financially in missionary work.

Mr. Hayes founded his furniture company in 1916. He was a native of New Iberia and had lived in New Orleans for 50 years. He was 88.

He is survived by his widow, the former Carrie Alford, and one brother, Larry Hayes of Avey Island.

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C. S. McIntosh

Clyde Singeton McIntosh, Sr., Princeton, Louisiana, was born June 15, 1894, and departed this life July 3, 1963. He was first married to Vergie Temple, who preceded him in death. To this union three children were born. They are: Mrs. Merle Kendrick, Bossier City, Louisiana; Mrs. H. E. Roberts, Topeka, Kansas; and Clyde S. McIntosh, Jr., Monroe, Louisiana.

He was married in 1936 to the former Marie Akins Scott. She, along with the children mentioned above, survives. He is also survived by a brother, R. E. McIntosh, Carlsbad, New Mexico; a sister, Mrs. Earl Gilpin, Omaha,

Texas; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; several nephews and nieces.

He was a member of the Haughton Methodist Church, where he served on the Official Board for many years. He served faithfully as usher of his church for many years and was Lay Member from his church to the Louisiana Annual Conference at the time of his death.

He was a Mason and a member of Haughton Lodge No. 95, where he had served as Worshipful Master in the past; also Past Patron of Eastern Star Evergreen Chapter No. 28. Although he was retired from his work as a carpenter and cabinet maker, his friends were continually calling upon him for service in this field because of his proficiency and skill in this field of work.

Brother Mac, as he was so affectionately known, will be greatly missed in his church, lodge, and community. We have a deep feeling that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services were conducted July 6 by the Rev. Bob Carter, pastor, assisted by the Rev. I. A. Love, former pastor.

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Edgar T. Welch, 82, first president of the General Board of Lay Activities in united Methodism, died June 25 at Westfield, N.Y. The well-known food company executive had been president of the Board of Lay Activities from 1939 to 1944 and was for many years a member of the church's Board of Missions.

Benton Clyde Clark, 94, widely-known Methodist layman and 12 times a delegate to the General Conference, died June 24 in Oklahoma City. He

had been a Methodist steward for 73 years and a Sunday School teacher or superintendent for 69 years. He had been Oklahoma City district lay leader for 34 years.

Howard C. Baldwin, 72, a Detroit attorney and a member of the church's Board of Publication, died June 26. He was vice president of the Kresge Foundation and a prominent leader in Michigan Methodism.

Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, is establishing a memorial room in memory of the late Dr. Roy L. Smith, a Southwestern graduate in the class of '08. President C. Orville Strohl is eager to have photographs and other items of interest relating to Dr. Smith's long career in The Methodist Church.

Bishop and Mrs. W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area are completing an assignment for the Council of Bishops. Their duties in the Orient have included visits to Taipei, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and other mission centers. Bishop Smith presided at the Hong Kong and Taiwan Provisional Conferences.

Michael K. Beard of South Point, Ohio, a senior at American University, has joined the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C., to organize and help develop its project of Washington Study Programs.

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MISS SHEILA Nuttall visits with Dr. Glenn Sanford of Philadelphia.



THE REV. REX Squyres, left, is shown as he leads one of the Quest Groups.



DR. VIRGIL MORRIS leads one of the Study Groups at the meeting.



THE REV. KARL Tooke, now of Philadelphia, visits with the Rev. James Hedges of LaPlace and Mr. James Grey of New Iberia.



THE REV. K.K. Carithers, the Rev. Carey Martin, and Mrs. Martha Overby.



THE REV. AND MRS. Carey Martin and the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Tohline.



A GROUP of delegates seen on the University of Minnesota campus.

Three Names to Centenary College Board of Trustees

Charles T. Beard, Shreveport manufacturer, former Gov. Sam H. Jones and Rev. George W. Harbuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Monroe, have been elected to the Centenary College Board of Trustees, President Joe R. Mickel announced last week.

President Mickel said that the three new trustees will replace O. S. Carpenter of Houston, Rev. Karl Tooke and H. Leslie McKenzie of Baton Rouge, all of whom recently resigned from the Board. They assume their new duties immediately.

The president explained that Board members are actually elected by the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church, but that the Board may fill vacancies as they occur pending the next meeting of the Conference.

Paul M. Brown is Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Howard Crumley is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Beard, president of Beard-Poulan, Inc., is a life-long Shreveport resident. He has also served as vice-president and assistant general manager of the J. B. Beard Co., Inc., and as president of Bowlero, Inc.

Educated during his earlier years at Byrd High School and Culver Military Academy, Beard later attended the University of Michigan and the University of Texas, leaving the latter institution for wartime flying service with the U. S. Marine Corps.

He has held high office with the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, the United Fund, the Shreveport YWCA, the Boy Scouts and the American Red Cross.

Jones, Governor of Louisiana from 1940 to 1944, was born in Merryville and reared in DeRidder. After attending LSU, he served as an Army officer in World War I. After returning to civilian life he studied law at night while serving as deputy clerk of court, and was admitted to the bar in 1922.

He was a member of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1921—its youngest member—a district attorney for nine years and a member of the Federal Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. He has devoted much of his life to military and patriotic societies, church and civic duties and the economic development of Louisiana.

A Lake Charles resident for many years, Jones is a member of the official board of the First Methodist Church

in that city.

The Rev. Mr. Harbuck is a native of Timpson, Tex., and received his college training at the University of Houston, where he took the B.S. degree in 1938. He later earned the Bachelor of

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BULLETIN

For the past ten days Bishop Walton has been in bed at home as a result of complications which have developed from the operation. It will probably be several weeks before he is entirely well.

He is, therefore, cancelling all of his engagements for August in an effort to provide ample time for complete recovery.

Bishop and Mrs. Walton appreciate the concern of the people of Louisiana and they request you to continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



THIS BEAUTIFULLY REBUILT building of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, destroyed last year by fire, will be consecrated Sunday in services led by the Rev. B.A. Galloway, a former pastor.

Dr. Mickel Announces Retirement Plans

Dr. Joe J. Mickel, president of Centenary College since 1945 and the guiding hand behind its greatest period of development, announced last week that he will retire on May 31, 1964.



In a letter to Paul M. Brown, chairman of the Centenary Board of Trustees, Dr. Mickel pointed out that he had reached the age of 65 in June of this year, and that at the annual meeting of the board last May he had expressed doubt that he should continue much longer in the presidency. He then set May 31, 1964, as his desired retirement date.

Brown expressed the Board's "sincere regret" at the decision in an answering letter. He wrote that "each member of the Board, and I am sure the people of the entire area served by the college, will always have a deep appreciation of the outstanding accomplishments of your administration."

Dr. Mickel became president of Centenary in May, 1945, succeeding the late Dr. Pierce Cline. Under his leadership the college embarked upon a program of development which was to become something of a model for private liberal arts colleges.

Operating on the basis of a Master Building Plan, Centenary has replaced most of the structures which were built prior to Mickel's appointment. When the new School of Music is completed early in 1964, it will be the 13th new

building completed in 13 years. Only the Administration Building, Jackson Hall, Haynes Memorial Gymnasium and a part of Rotary Hall will then remain of the pre-1945 plant.

Buildings already completed during Mickel's tenure include the new million-dollar library, the Science Building, the Majorie Lyons Playhouse, the R. E. Smith Religious Activities Building, the Moore Student Center, the cafeteria, three women's dormitories, a new men's dormitory and an annex on an older one. In addition, the outdoor amphitheatre has been rebuilt and the campus has undergone extensive beautification.

During the same period the college's Endowment Fund has grown from less than a million dollars to a present mar-

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Dr. Keith Mason Accepts Honduras Mission Challenge

Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport physician and surgeon, will go to Honduras August 15, in response to an appeal from the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. He will spend two weeks giving practical medical training and instruction to the Rev. Eric S. Bryant at the Methodist (English) mission station in Utila, Bay Islands.

In 1959, Dr. Mason spent two months working in medical missions in Africa, at the Methodist Hospitals in Ganta, Liberia, Wenbo-Nyama and Tunda in the Belgian Congo, and at Nyadiri in Southern Rhodesia.

He is the son-in-law of retired Bishop Dana Dawson of Shreveport. He traveled with Bishop Dawson to the Holy Land and the Near East in 1956. Dr. Mason was a member of the Sherwood Eddy Seminar in the summer of 1957 and visited three Iron Curtain Countries: Russia, East Germany, and Yugoslavia.

The Rev. Mr. Bryant's call for aid was issued by Harold N. Brewster, M. D., medical secretary of the National Board of Missions in New York. Although the information was circulated through all Methodist news service, Dr. Mason was the only physician who offered his services. The Louisiana Information Office sent the appeal to Dr. Mason.

Dr. Mason will travel at this own expense, and he and his family count this as their "vacation." Mrs. Mason and three of their children will stay in Guatemala City while Dr. Mason is at Utila. Their eldest son, Keith, Jr.,

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR AREA COUNCIL OFFICE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, THE METHODIST CHURCH

New mailing address for the Area Council Office is now in effect, as follows:

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Editorials

Interdependence of Ministers

A RECENT publication of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. stresses the interdependence of the suburban and the inner city church pastor. The booklet summarizes findings of a series of discussions during the last two years in various parts of the country dealing with the church's ministry in suburban and city areas. Called "Declaration of Interdependence," the book was published by the denomination's Division of Evangelism and the Department of Urban Church.

After cutting through some rather stilted language for persons who are vitally a part of rural and inner city work one finds that the basic thesis of the publication is that in their denomination, just as in every other, ministers serving in both of these important areas share many of the same problems and are vitally interdependent.

One sensed this interdependence in attending the recent National Methodist Town and Country Conference at the University of Minnesota. A great number of city preachers were in attendance, and in the discussion groups one kept hearing the affirmation that the total work of the church could not be compartmentalized. Everyone seems to sense that ministers who serve in either of these areas need to be specialists and the persons responsible for the appointment of ministers keep underscoring the fact that this must be recognized as a vital part of the Methodist itinerant ministry.

One fact we are becoming increasingly aware of it that the inner-city church, set as it is amidst the myriad of inexpensive apartment units, is the gateway to the city for many persons who make the shift from rural areas. Although many of these persons move as quickly as possible to the suburbs, vast numbers of them are never able to reach the economic level necessary for that change. Unless they are found early by the inner-city

ONLY MEN OF STRONG FAITH



IF AGNOSTICS ARE ALLOWED TO MAN OUR SATELLITES, WE MIGHT JUST AS WELL JOIN THE OTHER SIDE... ALMOST 100 PER CENT OF THE FAILURES IN HUMAN RELIABILITY TESTS FOR THE MISSILE PROGRAMS ARE THOSE WHO ARE NOT PRACTICING A RELIGIOUS FAITH. — MAJ. GEN. ROBERT P. TAYLOR, U.S.A.F.

church and made a part of its life their background of training in and loyalty to the church will be lost. Because many such persons are never won by such an appeal they maintain a nominal membership in the old home church but in reality cease to be vitally a part of the church.

For this reason, and for many other very practical ones, rural and inner city ministers do not have to be told that they are interdependent.

A Suggestion for Recruitment

A N unusual "parish vocations kit" is being employed with success in securing candidates for the priesthood, delegates were recently told at the annual meeting of Serra International, a Roman Catholic lay group which promotes religious vocations. We have a feeling that there is something very worthwhile contained both in the idea of such a recruiting device and in such a lay organization which concerns itself so with the problem of ministerial recruitment.

The parish kit, which has been used so effectively in gaining applicants for Catholic seminaries in this country, was developed by a Louisville, Ky., real estate salesman, who says that "Religious life was much more popular several generations ago than it is now. The secularism of recent decades has made it seem more important to youngsters to grow up to be a lawyer or engineer than a priest."

Included in the "vocations kit" are such items as altar boy programs, poster and essay contests, speakers' programs, films, player-cards and children's plays oriented toward vocations for priests and nuns.

As important as the gimmicks contained in this package may be, it is far more important to note that our Catholic friends have developed a layman's organization which has recruitment as its major objectives. This needs to be taken quite seriously and examined carefully. We have included in every discussion of the subject the important place that the minister has occupied in influencing decisions for church-related vocations and especially for the ministry. Perhaps we have been overlooking an important person as a recruiting agent for preachers—this is the Christian layman who has come to see the urgency of the situation. The "vocations kit" may be quite effective but we have a strong feeling that the sincerity of the laymen preparing and distributing it may be far more important.



EDITOR'S CORNER

ON THE GULF COAST

One of the most picturesque of all the areas in which we are privileged to travel is the Gulf Coast, with its monumental live oak trees graced by the delicate filigree of Spanish moss. It was in this section that our family recently spent a few days of vacation, going on to the Mississippi coast for three days.

After preaching on Sunday, July 14 at St. James and Metairie Methodist Churches, where the Rev. J. William Matthews is the pastor, we stayed on in New Orleans until Monday. Here we had a chance for a visit with Bishop and Mrs. Walton. We were sorry to learn that complications kept the bishop in bed.

Even though he is staying in longer than he anticipated, Bishop Walton is "on top" of all that is going on in the Area and quite interested in the development of the program of the Area Council.

We saw the tentative floor plan for the new episcopal residence. Indications are that it will be a unique residence of which all Louisiana Methodists will be proud.

On the way to Biloxi from New Orleans, we saw a tornado in the making. Just in front of us we saw the bottom tip of a black cloud become a tiny twister that dipped down momentarily to do slight damage.

Another experience which the Knox family will remember for a long time was our first ride across the Ponchartrain causeway. Many travel it regularly and take it for granted, but our first trip across was as refreshing as a boat trip.

It was a short, but most pleasant vacation trip along the coast.

It is hard to hold out against a smile.

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Missionary Says Foreign Aid Is Good Insurance

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Funds proposed for foreign aid are "not only reasonable," but may have the effect of being "insurance against a vastly more costly expenditure of resources and lives," a Methodist testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (June 21)..

The Rev. James H. Pyke, professor of missions and world religions at Wesley Theological Seminary, and a former missionary in the Far East, spoke in behalf of the General Board of Christian Social Concern.

In support of the Foreign Assistance Act (S. 1276), Dr. Pyke recalled the 1960 General Conference statement that "economical assistance . . . for the improvement of underdeveloped areas is an example of both Christian love and practical international brotherhood."

"The basic argument for foreign aid is moral," said Pyke. He pointed out that the situation in which Americans as six per cent of the world have half its income, and in which many others are "always poor, hungry, sick and ignorant," can be seen only as "not in accord with the principle of elemental justice." In such a situation, "the conscience of the Christian cannot but be troubled." Even though the Christian does not know "why Providence has showered upon America such unaccountable and undeserved abundance, . . . he is convinced that with the Divine bounty is inexorably linked a Christian responsibility to share with his fellow humans."

Dr. Pyke said the board is among those concerned about the amount spent for foreign aid but believes that the amount needs to be viewed in the light of great needs still existing and in comparison to the amounts spent for military defense.



DR. HENRY P. VAN DUSEN, who retired June 30 as president of Union Theological Seminary, New York, was named by the non-denominational school to a newly-created traveling professorship. He will visit Christian churches around the world, promote world Christianity and serve as a contact with Union alumni.



THE "HOLY SPULCHRE" LOCK, inspected by a visitor to a "traveling museum" at Wildwood-By-The-Sea, N.J., reportedly was installed on the west gate of the Holy Sepulchre by Crusaders during the 12 Century. Made of extremely hard and durable sycamore, the wooden lock was used constantly for 600 years and was an object of veneration for pilgrims visiting Jerusalem. The original was removed in the early years of the 20th Century and Turkish official gave to an American in 1908. Note small wooden lock at lower left; it is believed to have been used in 336 B.C.

Florida Conference Ministry Candidates Will Have To Pass Psychological Tests

LAKELAND, Fla.—All candidates for the ministry in the Florida Methodist Conference (SEJ) will have to pass psychological tests, effective in 1964.

The new regulation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, under study for a year, was adopted at the Annual Conference sessions here June 4-8.

The basic objectives of the psycholo-

gical guidance program is to "enhance each candidate's self-understanding of his own motives and methods in the ministry," the board said.

"Screening benefits, while largely incidental, could help prevent great embarrassment to the Church through early detection of deviations and unacceptable patterns of response to stress," the board added.



THE REV. WILLIAM J. BOONE, a Methodist, has been named chaplain at International Airport by the Protestant Council of the City of New York. Currently chaplain at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital, the 32-year-old-clergyman will assume his new post Aug. 12. It will be the first Protestant chapel at any U.S. airport.



JOHN W. ROLLINS of Wilmington, Del., a Sunday school teacher and successful businessman, is the winner of the 1963 Horatio Alger Award given annually by the American Schools and Colleges Association for substantial contributions to society. He teaches the tenth grade at Aldersgate Methodist church in Wilmington, of which he is a trustee.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

July 28—Sunday	Gen. 27:18-29
July 29	Gen. 27:30-40
July 30	Gen. 28:10-22
July 31	Gen. 33:1-11
August 1	Gen. 37:1-11
August 2	Gen. 37:12-24
August 3	Gen. 37:25-36
August 4—Sunday	Gen. 39:1-18

It was stressed, however, that the findings of the guidance program are but one of several bases for determining a candidate's suitability for the ministry.

The board will employ a professional consultant to help test candidates for admission on trail.

Jacksonville Bishop May Move Offices

LAKELAND, Fla.—The 1964 Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference of the Methodist Church will be asked to move the episcopal residence and office of the Jacksonville Area to Lakeland.

The action was voted at the June 4-8 annual sessions of the Florida Conference.

The resolution was presented by the Rev. Robert C. Holmes, Tallahassee district superintendent.

He pointed out that Lakeland, already the seat of conference boards and agencies, is in the center of the state both from a geographical and Methodist membership standpoint.

The bishop's headquarters has been in Jacksonville at the northeastern top of the state since the area was established in 1948.

The area comprises the Florida and Cuba conferences, and is administered by Bishop James W. Henley.



DR. R.H. EDWIN ESPY, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches since 1958, was elected to the cooperative agency's top administrative post. He succeeds Dr. Roy G. Ross, who retired June 30 after holding the general secretary position since 1954. Dr. Espy is an American Baptist layman who directed the National Student YMCA for 11 years.

Rebuilt Natchitoches Church Will Be Consecrated Sunday

The 80% new First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, La., will be consecrated Sunday, July 28, 10:50 a.m., with Bishop Aubrey C. Walton officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Benedict Galloway, who was pastor when the now-reconstructed buildings were erected in 1952-53. Also assisting will be the Rev. Fred Flurry, district superintendent, and the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor. An open house will follow that afternoon, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Church suffered a disastrous fire in March, 1962. The Sanctuary was

destroyed except for the masonry side walls, the tower area and the front portico. The top floor of the Educational Building was completely destroyed and the ground floor was badly damaged by smoke and water. Now, the church, except for foundation and walls, is all new, modern, more functional and has nearly 30% more floor space. The reconstruction contract was \$213,274.00, for a plant now valued at \$310,000 plus \$20,000 in furnishings. Architects were Walker and Walker, Shreveport; the contract, E. C. Breedlove, Natchitoches.

The rebuilt sanctuary consists of 7,000 square feet. Among the features are flexible recessed lighting with intensity controlled by dimmers, solid single-piece wood mahogany pews with curved seats, Roman Red carpeting, and stained glass windows of abstract design created by Edward Anderson. The ten tall windows are of Blenko blown glass, utilizing the historical colors of religious symbolism. The chancel is paneled in dark brown organ cloth with wood strips every twelve inches; it was designed to house a pipe organ being built by Schantz Organ Company, due to be installed in 1964.

The Sanctuary also has a ramp and a space for wheel chairs. There is, off the Sanctuary, a new choir room.

Major re-arranging involved moving Fellowship Hall and the library to the former patio, centered between the Sanctuary and the Education Building. The Hall is 1,700 square feet, a one-story brick veneer structure with exposed laminated wood beams and columns. The tile floor is marked for shuffleboard and squareball games. Using folding tables, the Hall will seat 200 for dinner meetings. Via a serving counter, it adjoins an all new kitchen—built-in electric range, two dishwashers, two stainless steel sinks, ceramic floor and capacious storage space.

Also added in the area is a parlor for small social affairs and for use during weddings. All parts of the church have year-around air-conditioning.

The Education Building is not only all new inside but re-arrangement also makes for better utilization. Sixth, seventh and eighth year groups have been moved downstairs; and there is room upstairs for additional classes when the need arises. It encompasses 16,000 square feet. Many of the classroom chairs were salvaged by men of the Church who scraped, sanded and painted. There are many "extras" with the new building, other than those listed above. Members of the Home Builders Sunday School Class provided carpeting and will provide furnishings for the parlor. The Thomas F. Porter Bible Class provided carpeting, mahogany paneled walls and furniture for the Board and Commission Room. The street in front of the church has been set back to all out better loading and unloading of cars and telephone

cable has been placed underground.

The acoustics and public address system in the Sanctuary are of the best. The sight-line from the pews has been raised. Adjacent property has been purchased for a parking and recreational area.

The plan of reconstruction was approved by the Quarterly Conference May 27, 1962. The building committee was headed by Leo T. Allbritten. Members were Hugh Bernard, Mrs. Jack Fisher, Hampton Carver, Henry Hyams, Cary Johnson, Jr., Guy W. Nesom, W. K. Norman and Mrs. T. G. Williams.

Nesom headed the Sanctuary committee, assisted by Mrs. Carl Dethloff, Dudley Fulton, Mrs. Ronald Martin, Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Ed Pierson, Mrs. Alfred Ducournau, Firal Ryder, Dr. Charles Palmer and Larry Fisher.

Mrs. Williams headed the sub-committee for Fellowship Hall and the kitchen, assisted by Mrs. T. L. Miller, Dwight Davis, Otis Dunahoe, Thomas Hennigan, Mrs. Sam Shelton, Mrs. W. R. Younger, Mrs. Joe Lewis, Dr. Tandy McElwee and Lamar Bates.

Mrs. Fisher was chairman of the sub-committee on the Educational Building, assisted by superintendents of each of the Church school departments, the chairman of the Commission on Education and Katy Watkins, who represented the youth of the Church.

"It has just been wonderful," the Rev. Pearce remarks, "the way in which many members of our Church have risen and met the challenge. We have a better Church building now and, I believe, because of the response to this crisis, a better Church."

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You never hear a communist complaining about the fact that the party is always talking about money.



CHARLES PARK of Springhill Methodist Church received his local preacher's license from the Rev. Luman E. Douglas in one of his last acts as district superintendent of the Ruston District. his pastor, the Rev. Ralph Cain is at the left.



SHOWN AT THE FINAL SESSION of the recent Citizenship Forum at St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, were: James Seglund, Christian Social Concerns chairman; Ambassador DeLesseps S. Morrison; and the Rev. J. Philip Woodland, the pastor.

Citizenship Forum Completed At St. Luke's, New Orleans

Dr. Johns Makes Gift of Journals

Dr. H. L. Johns, Director, Section of Church Extension of the Division of National Missions and a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, has recently presented the library of the episcopal office of the Louisiana Area a set of nine bound volumes containing the Journals of the Louisiana Annual Conference for 1904, and 1919 through 1962. These volumes are given in loving memory of Dr. Johns' father, the Reverend Henry S. Johns (1866-1933), who served forty-eight years in the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Bishop Walton deeply appreciates this gift to the episcopal library and wishes to announce through the channels of The Louisiana Methodist that these Journals are available at any time to anyone who would like to use them, either by referring to them in person or through inquiry by mail addressed to the Bishop's secretary, Mrs. Arthur C. Kerr, 1715 American Bank Building, New Orleans 70130. When Bishop

Ambassador De Lesseps S. Morrison, United States Representative on the Council of Organization of American States concluded a four week series of "Citizenship Forums" held at the St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.

The Citizenship Forum was held to encourage greater participation of all citizens in the political affairs of our city, state, and federal governments by acquainting them with the forms of actions open to them and the importance of their participation at each level of government.

The Forum series was begun at the Sunday worship services June 9th with an address by Dr. Theodore R. Weber, Associate Professor of Social Ethics, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. Speaking on "Vocation and Involvement" Dr. Weber laid the Biblical and theological basis for the church's concern for political life.

James E. Fitzmorris, Jr., New Orleans City Councilman at large spoke on the topic "Your City Government and Voter Participation." The following week, Judge Fred Cassibry, of the New Orleans Civil Courts spoke on the subject "Your State Government and Your Place In It." Both speakers stressed the importance of voter interest, and the eagerness of elected representatives to know what is wanted by their constituents.

The Forum was climaxed with an address by Ambassador Morrison, "The Need for Greater Participation in Federal Politics."

The Citizenship Forum was a project of the Christian Social Relations Commission of which James L. Seglund is the chairman.

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Walton's term of administration in the Louisiana Area is completed, he will leave these valuable reference works in the episcopal library of the area.

The pastor who leads his people dare not get too far ahead of them.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE COMMISSION ON WORSHIP of the Louisiana Annual Conference will meet Monday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the library room of James Dormitory at Centenary College, Shreveport.

MR. GEORGE SHANNON was the speaker for the July 15 meeting of the Methodist Men of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN'S Club of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, are sponsoring an ice cream supper at their church on Friday, July 26. Their pastor is Dr. Albert S. Hurley.

THE METHODIST MEN of First Methodist Church, Lafayette, enjoyed a watermelon party at which they entertained their wives, on July 17. Their pastor is the Rev. R. R. Branton.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Wisner, gave special recognition to those who have been participating in its baseball program, at the evening worship service on July 14. The pastor is the Rev. N. D. Pearce.

THE CHOIR OF PARKER MEMORIAL Methodist Church, New Orleans, will present a program of American Folk Hymns at the evening worship service on Sunday, July 28. Their pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

FOLLOWING THE EVENING WORSHIP Service on July 14 there was a reception in the Fellowship Hall of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cooke and their family.

THE REV. AND MRS. HAROLD PRICE of Lake Charles are the parents of a daughter, Amy Louise, born on Monday, July 8. Mr. Price is the associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT of First Methodist Church, Minden, attended the Youth Activities program at First Methodist Church, Homer, Friday, July 19. Their pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill and the Homer pastor is the Rev. William Fraser.

THE CONGREGATION OF NORTH Baton Rouge Methodist Church will go to Camp Istrouma, Sunday, July 28, following the morning worship service for a Church Day at the camp. Their pastor is the Rev. Roy Mouser.

AT THE EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, July 14, the congregation of the Springhill Methodist Church saw the religio-science film "Voice of the Deep" which was produced by the Moody Institute of Science. Their pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

THE REV. HAROLD PRICE, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was the guest preacher at the De Quincy Methodist Church for the morning worship service, July 14. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

A RECENT ISSUE OF THE Bulletin of First Methodist Church, Crowley, contained congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hoffpauir, Sr., who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary

on July 5. We would like to add our words of congratulations also.

RECENTLY-ELECTED NEW OFFICERS of the Official Board of the Abbeville Methodist Church are: E. W. Henry, chairman; Howard Pickett, vice-chairman; Mrs. Maurice Detraz, secretary; and Lewis Wood, treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Tracy Arnold.

THE REV. GEORGE H. WILSON, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Greater New Orleans, was the speaker for the Key Men's breakfast of that organization on Friday, July 19. He told of the recent annual meeting of the Association of Council Secretaries which was held at Lake Geneva, Wis.

THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL of the Oak Ridge Methodist Church was held June 10-14 with 43 children enrolled. Teachers for the school included Mrs. Jack Carey, Mrs. King Mott, Mrs. Joe Mott, Mrs. Abner Wimberly and Mrs. James McLendon. The pastor is the Rev. George Cunningham.

A BUS TRIP TO HOT SPRINGS, Ark. closed the Youth Activities Week program of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston. Leaders of discussion groups for this week included Miss Annie Cawthon, Dr. Winston Hackbarth, the Rev. James Lawton and the Rev. Eddie Morgan. The pastor is the Rev. Wilson L. Watson.

A RECENT BULLETIN FROM Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, carried word of the death of Mr. John Kienie in Burbank, Calif. He was the son of the Rev. John J. Kienie, who once served as the pastor of First German Methodist Church, New Orleans, which is now Napoleon Avenue Church.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF the Executive Committee of the Commission on Education of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Leslie Herlong was recommended to receive the God and Country Award, which is granted to Boy Scouts for outstanding service to their church. His pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

THE REV. AND MRS. JAMES E. Christie were honored at a reception at First Methodist Church, Franklin, on Friday evening, July 12. The event was sponsored by the WSCS and the Official Board of the church to which Mr. Christie was appointed at Annual Conference.

THE REV. J. WILLIAM MATTHEWS, pastor of St. James and Metairie Methodist Churches, was the speaker for the noontime devotional services at the Church House, New Orleans, under the sponsorship of the Church Federation of Greater New Orleans, the week of July 15.

THE REV. ALFRED A. KNOX, editor of the Louisiana Methodist, was the guest preacher for the morning worship services at the St. James and Metairie Methodist Churches, Sunday, July 14. The Rev. J. William Matthews is the pastor of these two churches.

A RECENT BULLETIN OF Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, announced the resignation of William H. Marslender as superintendent of the Adult Division of the Church School, because his family was moving to Ranger, Tex. He is being succeeded in that post by Jack Williamson. The pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

DR. EARL HOTALEN, director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, preached at the Hebert and Columbia Methodist churches on July 14, while the pastor, the Rev. Minns S. Robertson was on vacation. The Rev. J. J. McKeithen, Sr. filled the pulpit of the Columbia Church at the evening worship hour on this same Sunday.

AT THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, on July 14, Mr. Cecil N. Gould of the Nowela Boy Scout Council, presented new charters for Troop 104 and Explorer Post 104, which are sponsored by the church. Mr. E. L. Best, the Institutional Representative, received the charters. The pastor is the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr.

SPEAKERS FOR CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE WEEK at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, included the Rev. Wilson Watson, the Rev. Eddie Morgan, the Rev. Paul Cassels, the Rev. Bill Hall and the Rev. James Lawton. The theme of the week was "How Big Is Your World?" with discussions led by Justine Jones and Shirley O'Dell. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

SPEAKERS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK at Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, July 14-19, included the Rev. Stone Caraway, the Rev. Ed Sylvest, the Rev. Douglas McLean and the Rev. John Johns. On Tuesday evening of that week the group joined in the meeting of the Sub-District MYF at Live Oak Methodist Church, at which Jo Ellen Hargis, the sub-district president, was the speaker. The Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the Istrouma pastor.

DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 8, 13 members of the MYF of First Methodist Church, Welsh, went by bus on a mission tour, visiting Sager Brown, McDonnell, Dulac, St. Mark's Community Center and the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans. The tour was the result of the church's continued interest in Christian vocations. It was sponsored by the WSCS. Miss Grace Lawson and the pastor, the Rev. Oakley Lee, accompanied the group.

TANGI-ST. HELENA MYF Sub-district installed the following officers at the June meeting held in the Amite Methodist Church: president - Louis Yarborough, vice-president - Glenda Morgan, secretary - Lyn Kirby, treasurer - Dorothy Jean Watson, reporters - Norma Yarborough and Bob Emanuel, MYF und treasurer - Monti Sue Hutchinson, parliamentarian - Nelson Lindsey, district delegates - Susan McMichael and Scott Tycer, sub-district counselor - the Rev. Lonnie Sibley, district delegate - Robert Tillery.

DR. ROBERT GOODRICH, pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, was the evangelist for revival services at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, July 8-12. The services were held in conjunction with the Youth Activities Week of that church. Mrs. Fran Shirley, wife of the Rev. Fred Shirley, pastor of Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, was soloist for the services Wednesday through Friday evening. The Rev. Sam Nader is the pastor.

ON JUNE 16, THE METHODIST Youth Fellowship of Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, installed the following officers for the new year: president, Senior High, Brett Kriger; Junior High, Ricky Kingrea; vice-president: Senior High, Horace Shows; Junior High, Diane Reynolds; secretary: Senior High, June Watson; Junior High, Laura Ross; treasurer: Senior High, Margaret Wascom; Junior High, Betty Rose. The pastor is the Rev. Harvey Williamson.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PASTOR, the Rev. Alfred M. Brown, who was vacationing with his family in California, the Sunday morning worship service of the Slidell Methodist Church was recently conducted by laywomen of the church. Mrs. Yolanda Gilbert, WSCS vice-president, served as chairman, assisted by Mrs. James Levy, Sr. Mrs. O.L. Scogin told of the services rendered by the women of the church, and Mrs. Beverly Morgan reported on the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Ushers for the service were Mrs. M. Nixon, Mrs. B. Dossett, Mrs. N. Bailey and Mrs. H. Garrett. Mrs. Lionel Pichon provided special music. Following the installation of the Wesleyan Service Guild officers for the year, Mrs. J.H. Robert and Mrs. Scogin were presented Life Membership pins.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR AUGUST 4, 1963: THE VENTURE OF FAITH

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12 through 14. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 12:1-9.

MEMORY SELECTION: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out not knowing where he was to go. Hebrews 11:8.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the fact that God calls people into his service and to stress the importance of following God's call by faith, where ever that call may lead.

In recent weeks we have studied about God as the Creator of all things. We have also studied about man's rebellion against God and the first murder. Today, in the call of Abram, we study about the origin of a great race of people - the Jews - who have been called "the chosen people of God."

Up to the time of today's lesson, God's plans for the human race had broken down one after another. God started with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and apparently planned that this would be their home. They both failed him and were put out of the Garden.

As the human race developed it seemed to grow from bad to worse until we are told in Genesis 6: 6 that "It repented the Lord that he had made man" and God said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the fact of the earth."

However, Noah and his family were preserved out of the wicked mess and with them again God, began his plans for building his kingdom. After about four hundred years, as God looked out on the world, there seemed to be but one man among the teeming masses that God felt that he could trust and depend on. That man was Abram in the land of Ur of the Chaldees. Ur was about six hundred miles directly east of Jerusalem. It was much further than that by the route it was necessary to follow going from one to the other because of the Syrian Desert which was between them.

More than once it was necessary for God to change his plans in building his kingdom but his purpose never changed. Hence he called Abram and with him began again with his plans.

BACKGROUND OF ABRAM'S LIFE

Terah, the father of Abram, lived in Ur of the Chaldees. We are told in Genesis 11:31 that Terah took Abram his son and his grandson Lot, the son of Horan, Terah's son and Sarai his daughter in law, Abram's wife; and went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees to go into the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there."

In reading this verse which pictures the bold start of Terah "To go into the land of Canaan," we cannot but feel that he, even before Abram, had a call of God to get out of Ur of the Chaldees and go to Canaan where God could use him and his family. On the way, however, it was necessary for him to pass through Haran, a city located in a very fertile spot on the Belikh river, a tributary of the Euphrates river. This city was a kind oasis, in a rather barren land, on the long hard journey from Ur of the Chaldees to Canaan.

Having reached Haran, which was more than half way on his journey to Canaan, Terah seems to have settled there and the vision of Canaan and the new life were lost to him. Terah's sole claim to

fame is the fact that he was Abram's father. Later Abram, at God's call, went on to Canaan and took place among the immortals of earth.

ABRAHAM THE MAN

Abram's childhood was spent in Ur of the Chaldees, located in what is now Iraq so much in the news today because of its large oil reserves and its political importance. The moon-god was worshiped where Abram grew up. With the heathen surroundings of his earlier years, it is difficult to understand how he could become the founder of a great race of people that has had such influence on world history.

Abram, later called Abraham, came to be called "The father of the faithful." Three times in the Bible he is referred to as a friend of God.

A DIVINE CALL

The last verse of the eleventh chapter of Genesis records the death of Terah, the father of Abram, there in Haran. The first verse of the twelfth chapter records God's call to Abram which reads, "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's home, into a land that I will shew thee."

Some say that the call of Abram was the most significant event that happened since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Important as the results of this call was to the angoing of the work of God's kingdom, there was no effort on God's part to withhold from Abram the seriousness of it all.

God told Abram, that he must get out of his own country. It meant also a breaking of ties forever with his native land. Not only must he leave his own country but he must leave his kindred behind except his wife and his nephew Lot. He must also cut all ties with his father's house. In addition to this Abram must be willing to go into any land God might choose for him. We have heard the expression, "breaking up housekeeping." This and much more God was asking Abram to do.

Knowing as little as Abram did, at that early time, about Jehovah God, it must have required the exercise of a faith that only one of Abram's caliber would possess.

A DIVINE PROMISE

Abram not only received a divine call he received a divine promise. After stating the rather severe conditions Abram must meet in answering God's call, the Lord then made him some very meaningful promises provided that Abram had the faith to believe the promises would be fulfilled.

The word "and" stands between the command of verse one and the promises in verse two. It is as if God were saying to Abram, you do what I am commanding you "and" here are the things I will do for you.

1. "I will make of you a great nation." We may be assured that it would require a towering faith in God for childless Abram, 75 years old, to conceive of himself being the father of a great nation of people when he was not the father even of one son.

2. God used the word "and" again when he said "I will bless thee.... and I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee." God

here promises that through life Abram would be under his providential care.

3. God's promise to Abram also was to "make thy name great." Terah, Abram's father held no position of greatness or distinction. At the time Abram himself seemed to be an unknown nobody in a great heathen nation. Yet God is saying that if you will do as I command, your name will be great among men.

4. God also said to Abram, and thou shalt be a blessing... and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

If it required a great faith to respond to God's call, under the conditions announced, it must have required an even larger power of faith to believe the fabulous, almost unbelievable promises God was making. Nevertheless, by faith Abram did answer the call. It followed, to an extent beyond Abram's power to begin to comprehend at that time, that God did marvelously and almost extravagantly fulfilled every promise he made.

A GREAT DECISION BASED ON FAITH

The first three verses of our lesson text record God's call to Abram and also his promise to him. This left it up to Abram to make a decision, just as God's calls and God's promises to us put the responsibility on us to decide.

Apparently Abram needed little time to make up his mind. The next verse reads, "So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran." Along with the other difficulties Abram faced, it seemed a little daring to start life all over again at the age of seventy-five.

We must keep in mind that Abram was called, not only to leave behind many things that were dear to him, he was called to face difficulties that he could not have met alone. The decision involved a migration into a strange land filled with people strangers to him and people who would be very unfriendly, even hostile to intruding strangers. In the face of odds that seemingly discouraged his father and would have discouraged most of us, Abram made his daring decision and moved on to Canaan at God's call.

SEPARATION OFTEN NECESSARY TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

We may ask why it was necessary for Abram to leave country, relatives and friends in order for God to use him as he desired.

If we look about us, and possibly in our own lives, we will find that in general it has been necessary for people to break with former relationships and move over into another realm of life in order to be of larger service to God. When we become "new creatures in Christ Jesus," it often means a break with the old life that may involve companionships, associations and environments. Like Abram, we should be willing to make any changes necessary in order that God's will may be done through us.

ABRAM A BUILDER OF ALTARS

Abram, with his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, moved on into the land of Canaan and to "the place at Shechem." There the Lord appeared to Abram again and spoke to him again with the promise that Canaan would be his possession. Our lesson text says, "So he built there an altar to the Lord."

Later Abram moved to a mountain which lay between Bethel and Ai. Again we are told that, "There he built an altar to the Lord." At a later time Abram was in Mamre in Hebron "and built there an altar unto the Lord."

After Abram answered God's call and dedicated his life to the service of God, he was never far from a place where he could worship God. If he moved to a new place where there was no altar he would build one.

Methodists, in moving from one place to another, should find a helpful lesson here. If a man like Abram needed a place to worship near where he was, we Methodists should realize that we too need a church home where we live.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

The growing participation of Roman Catholic Church leaders in the Christian unity movement was lauded by an Anglican bishop at the World Conference on Faith and Order in Montreal as the "greatest development in recent years" in the religious world. Addressing the World Council of Churches theological study meeting, Bishop Oliver Tomkins of Bristol, England, also cited the unity efforts of the late Pope John XXIII.

The speaker also noted that five Catholics observers and 15 guests were present at the meeting, calling attention to the courtesies extended non-Catholic observers at the Second Vatican Council and the response to the courtesies at the Montreal meeting.

In addition to a number of clergymen who have taken part in recent racial demonstrations across the country, clergymen are continuing to play key roles in efforts to maintain some kind of order in the mounting number of such demonstrations. In Savannah, where mass demonstrations were suspended, 31 leading clergymen of the area have offered to serve as mediators in the controversy over desegregation.

These demonstrations, made explosive and inflammable by the widely diverse elements that get caught up in them, will continue to challenge the wisest leadership within and without the church for some time to come.

Negro clergymen in Atlantic City have launched an attack on the singing of Gospel hymns in night clubs. Their criticism came after LeBistro, a dimly-lit and high-priced club, booked the Willa Moultrie Gospel Singers, a group of young Negro girls, whose songs include such Gospel hymns as "Roll, Jordan, Roll."

We have previously noted with a degree of commendation similar stands that have been taken by professional singers themselves who feel that night clubs are poor places for the singing of hymns.

More than 500,000 West German Protestants and representatives from Protestant bodies around the world were expected to attend the 11th German Evangelical Church Day (Kirchentag) Congress at Dortmund, Germany, July 24-27. In addition to addresses, workshops and seminars led by prominent leaders, a prominent Catholic, Father Bemh and Hanssler, was scheduled to lead a workshop on Protestant-Catholic relations, marking the first time that a priest has shared the platform at the Kirchentag.

This continues to be one of the most dramatic of all church rallies held anywhere in the world, and more and more American churchmen make a point of including it in their summer trips to Europe.

A call to 47 members of the House of Representatives who have introduced proposed amendments to the Constitution on Bible reading and prayer in the public schools to meet and agree on language for the amendment has been issued in Washington by Rep. Frank J. Becker (R.-N.Y.). He said he would try to get the members to agree on common language in order that the discharge petition which he has filed may secure sufficient signature to bring the resolution to the floor for a vote.

In Massachusetts the Somerset School Com-

mittee plans to have its teachers defy the Supreme Court edict banning the Lord's Prayer and Bible readings as devotional exercises. The chairman of the committee, Charles W. Powers, told newsmen, "We plan to go ahead with the prayers until somebody in authority stops us." This is a position with which we cannot agree. Now that the edict has been issued it should be obeyed by all concerned.

A "cross fertilization of ideas" among some 3,000 young people from 51 countries started recently at Beirut, Lebanon at the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference. Dr. Robert S. Denny of Washington, D.C., youth secretary and associate general secretary and associate general secretary of the Baptist



THIS ROADSIDE CHAPEL, built by Ontario pioneers a century ago, is back in service for the benefit of motorists driving along busy Highway 401 in Canada. Ellis Chapel, built of random-placed fieldstone, is 60 miles west of Toronto. It is the only church directly accessible to the four-lane highway along its entire length from Windsor to the Quebec border.

World Alliance, called for a chain reaction of Christian love and compassion which could encircle the globe, as he opened the meeting on July 15.

Eleven nations were recently represented at a service in the Chapel of Unity in rebuilt Coventry Cathedral at which the sermon was preached by Bishop Otto Dibelius, head of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg. Among the congregation were 40 members of German Lutheran community in Coventry who hold services in the chapel every month.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D.-N.J.) recently delivered a sharp reply in the U.S. Senate to Dr. Edward P. Annis, president of the American Medical Association, for an attack he made on the "integrity" of the Catholic press. He defended the Catholic Star-Herald for an editorial in which it rejected Dr. Annis' charge that President Kennedy's Medicare program would be "a swindle and a fraud." Dr. Annis, a Catholic, charged that the Catholic press has a fixed idea in support of Medicare.

A resolution condemning the United Nations as a symbol of "idolatrous worship" by countries seeking world peace was approved unanimously by 85,000 Jehovah's Witnesses attending their recent International Convention in Yankee Stadium, New York. Adopted by voice

vote at the meeting, the resolution pledged that Witnesses would never "worship" an organization which "stands for world sovereignty by political man."

The United Church of Christ's General Synod, after a heated debate at its recent meeting in Denver, voted 308 to 129 to apply economic sanctions to all denominational churches and other institutions which continue to practice racial discrimination. At first rejected about midway in the debate by a 232 to 204 vote, the plan to cut off funds to segregated institutions did not win approval until the Synod's night session had continued into the early morning hours.

The Protestant Center being erected at the 1964 New York's World's Fair became the Protestant and Orthodox Center, with the leasing of 700 square feet of space by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. Representing that group in the signing of the lease was Archbishop Iakovos of New York.

Dr. Sanford S. Atwood, a Presbyterian, was recently named the 16th president of Methodist-related Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., becoming the first non-Methodist to serve as head of the institution. He indicated that he and his family would affiliate with the Methodist church on the university campus.

A Religious Television Association was recently formed in Toronto, Canada, by Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Church of Canada broadcasting experts. They said the decision to establish the association was made at the request of the religious advisory committee of a local television station.

The Protestant Episcopal Church's new center near the United Nations in New York was formally dedicated recently by Presiding Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger. Among some 200 guests as he laid the cornerstone in the completed \$5,900,000 building which opened last February were Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish religious and vicar leaders.

Raul Cardinal Silva Henriques, Archbishop of Santiago, Chile, recently met informally with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to discuss problems of social reform and Communist inroads in Latin America. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.), in announcing to the Senate the visit of the prelate, said a number of Alliance for Progress officials also met with him.

Formation of a Junior High Club Department designed to reach teenagers below senior high school age has been announced by Dr. Carl Bihl, president of Youth for Christ International. He said this will enable the youth agency to "give more assistance to church, home and nation in reaching teenagers with the message of Christianity and in stemming the tide of delinquency."

A lecture series on the four Gospels will be televised in September under auspices of the National Council of Churching Broadcasting and Film Commission in cooperation with NBC Public Affairs. The weekly half-hour telecasts will be part of the NBC-TV regular Sunday religious program, "Frontiers of Faith."

Two Southern Baptist missionaries have arrived in Miami after being arrested and then deported by the Castro regime in Cuba. Miss Lucille Kerrigan of Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Ruby Miller of Ottawa, Kans., were among 1,200 refugees who were brought to Miami by the Red Cross ship Maximus.

The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, at its annual meeting at Grass Lake, Mich., reaffirmed its independence from the Orthodox Church in Communist Romania. It voted to continue under the Canonical jurisdiction of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America, which does not recognize the Moscow Patriarchate.

NEWS

...from the office of the



LOUISIANA METHODIST

AREA COUNCIL

Lona Wilson, Editor

Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



The Area Council Director has just completed a series of conferences with the District Superintendent, Dr. Jolly Harper, which took us all over the Shreveport District. In these set up meetings, usually involving several churches, we discussed the entire financial program of the District and Conference and gave all present a chance to ask questions about things which they did not understand.

We had a most helpful conference at the new Lakeview Church here in Shreveport. We were surprised at what Brother Beasley and his fine congregation have been able to do in re-locating the old Park Avenue Church. They have one of the most beautiful locations for a church in the Shreveport District or in any other District as far as we know. Much of the work is being done by members of the congregation. They need a few thousand dollars to buy the material so they can go on and finish the first unit of their proposed plant.

The Area Director will be happy to give assistance wherever it is needed either from himself or any member of his staff. All you have to do is call upon us.

The Monroe District Council will meet on September 5, the Ruston District Council will meet on September 16, and the Alexandria District Council will meet on September 19. The Area Directors will conduct a four hour training session in Lake Charles for the district council and local church leaders.



Picture of the Shreveport District Council meeting.



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



First of all, the Area Council has a new Post Office Box. The increase in the volume of mail has required a larger box. Please use P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana (71104) as our new mailing address.

A DATE TO REMEMBER—August 3 & 4. PLACE—Centenary College
EVENT—Seventh Annual Conference Layman's Retreat.

Have you made your reservation yet? Let's have every church in the Conference represented.

INSPIRATION — FELLOWSHIP

It will be a time you will long remember.

This week let's talk about Methodist Men. From the very beginning the Methodist Men's Club was intended as a means to mobilize the man power of the church into an effective force for the ongoing of the total program of the church. This is the only organization I can think of in the local church other than the Official Board that is dedicated to the total program. It is not a tangent movement interested only in one particular project but in every area of work that will enrich the lives of our people.

This philosophy is expressed in the statement of purpose as published in the Minutes of the 1960 General Conference—"It shall be the purpose of the Methodist Men to provide a clearing house for the talents of all men in purposeful, ongoing activity that will contribute to the mission of the church and enrich the Christian experience of each man in the fellowship."

Many of you have read the six objectives of Methodist Men. All of them are vital and important but I believe the first and the third are the heart of the organization. If these are completely achieved the others will follow naturally. The first states, "To seek daily Christ's way of life; to bear witness to this way in business dealings and in social contacts; to engage in some Christian service." The third reads as follows: "To promote personal evangelism, especially among men and boys." The others deal with study of Methodist doctrines and cooperation with other organizations and the church leadership.

I believe the secret to the real success of any Methodist Men's group is—to always keep its activities Christ centered. Measure every activity and action by the yardstick of "What would Jesus do?" On this foundation we build an organization that is just this much different from the other clubs and service organizations to which we belong. This is the way we build a source of manpower that is available to cooperate with the Commission on Stewardship and Finance to provide for the financial care of the church; work with the Commission on Evangelism in visiting the unchurched; help the local Director of the 1000 Club, and so on. Only when we involve "Methodist Men" in the total program of the church do we fully realize the tremendous potential that is latent in every local church.

At the close of this past year we had one hundred thirty-seven chartered Methodist Men's Clubs in our Conference. Let us not be satisfied until the men of every charge accept the challenge and responsibility and know the joy of feeling "our hearts strangely warmed" as we work together as Methodist Men.



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



World Service is the backbone of Methodism's mission program. By World Service is meant the service rendered by our churches to the world parish and annual conference through the boards and other agencies authorized by the General Conference to receive and administer World Service Funds.

The importance of World Service cannot be over-estimated. Every pastor and Commission on Missions should constantly make a conscious effort to keep the local church informed of its needs and its world. Among the possibilities is that of using "World Service leaflets" in church bulletins one Sunday each month, preferably the fourth. These may be ordered free of charge in quantity to match your bulletin needs from the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois. A standing order may be entered. Each month a congregation at least has the opportunity to read of the work of our different agencies supported by World Service. The Chairman of each local church Commission on Missions is encouraged to contact the pastor and indicate an interest in assisting in some way this informative project.

The Conference Board of Evangelism has designated September as a month of evangelism for the church school, an emphasis it is hoped will continue with enthusiasm over all the Louisiana Conference. District Secretaries of Evangelism will meet at Pastor's School to share suggestions and develop recommendations for work and programs in our local churches. It is expected that this will include a thorough examination of our church rolls in order to become aware of not only our chronic absentees but of the prospects for church school and full church membership so often overlooked. Some suggestions for class committees and procedures will also be developed. It is hoped that every church will become an interested participant in this emphasis and that the built-in advantage of our church school organizations may be utilized to the fullest in the drawing of all people into full participation in the life and work of the church.

News of Hospital Building Fund

Walther Asst Chairman

Urban C. Wilkinson Campaign General Chairman for Methodist Hospital Building Fund, announced the acceptance by C. C. "Bud" Walther as Assistant Chairman. Mr. Walther is President of Walther Brothers Company, Inc. Mr. Walther was recently named by the New Orleans Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to receive the 10th annual Weiss Award. The award is presented annually in remembrance of the late Milton, Bernard and Julius Weiss.

He is past president of the Community Chest of New Orleans, the Better Business Bureau, Sales Executive Council of New Orleans, Executive Club of Louisiana, Electrical Association of New Orleans, International House (two terms) Toastmaster's Club of New Orleans, Mississippi Valley World Trade Council, Foreign Relations Association, New Orleans Rotary Club, Japan Society of New Orleans, and the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater New Orleans Area (two terms).

In Addition he is past Campaign Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, New Orleans Area, Holland Flood Relief Campaign, Ecuadoran Earthquake Relief Campaign, Easter Seal Campaign for the Crippled Children's Association, and the Christmas Seal Campaign for the Tuberculosis Association.

He is now chairman of the Central Business Area Committee of New Orleans and board member of International Trade Mart, International House, New Orleans Railroad Terminal Board, member of the International Committee, of the Sales Management Executives, the Foreign Trade Committee of the International Chapter of Chamber of Commerce and the Girl Scouts of the New Orleans area.

He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wilkinson expressed the extreme pleasure in securing Mr. Walther as Assistant General Chairman. He termed Mr. Walther as a human dynamo and one of the outstanding community leaders of all time for worthwhile projects and programs in New Orleans.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that the organization would be pushed to its completion as fast as possible.

The Advisory Board met at the International House today to further develop plans for the Methodist Hospital Building Fund.

Methodist Hospital will be built in the Gentilly area of northeast New Orleans with an initial 150 beds in the first phase construction and an ultimate 450 beds when completed.

Daughenbaugh Named

Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr. was named to the Chairmanship of the Area Division of the Methodist Hospital Building Fund Campaign it was announced by Urban C. Wilkinson, Campaign General Chairman.

The Area Division of the Methodist Campaign is comprised of the 463 organized Methodist Churches that make up the Louisiana Conference with a membership of 121,000.

Mr. Daughenbaugh is the Lay Leader for the Louisiana Conference having served in that capacity for the past three years and reelected for his 4th term. He has served as Lay Leader of the New Orleans District for 15 years.

Mr. Daughenbaugh stated that a chairman has been enlisted in five of the eight districts that make up the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church. He expects to have Chairmen in the other districts at an early date.

Mr. Daughenbaugh recently retired as Assistant General Agent of the Southern Pacific Lines. Mr. Daughenbaugh lives at 207 Dodson Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.

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Mr. Walther



Mr. Daughenbaugh

Dr. Mickle

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ket value in excess of \$8 million.

Born and reared in West Texas, Dr. Mickle took his B.A. degree at Southern Methodist University. Later he earned the master's at Columbia University, also studying at the Columbia School of Business Administration. He received the honorary doctorate of laws from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex., in 1946.

Dr. Mickle lived from 1921 to 1941 in Japan, where he was a professor of accounting and foreign trade as well as business manager of Kwansei Gakuin University, an American sponsored institution in Kobe.

From 1941 to 1945 he was executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, headquartered in New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Mickle have two married daughters.

Dr. Mason

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has just finished medical school, and will not accompany them.

In a letter to Dr. Mason, the Rev. Mr. Bryant described conditions there: "Utila is a small island (about 7 miles long by 2½ miles wide) and the people all live together in a little town called Eastern Harbour. There is another smaller community on the Cays off the Western end of the island. We have about 1500 people here. There is no doctor on the island and we do not receive any visits from doctors either. I came here, having served previously in British Honduras, with very little knowledge of medicine, and certainly without any training in the subject. I have learned a little from books, and gathered some medical supplies, but I am desperately in need of advice, training and practical instruction.

"We are about 20 miles away from

the mainland town of La Ceiba, and the journey takes about 2½ hours by boat. While the trip can be pleasant, it can also be extremely rough. At certain times of the year we are cut off from the Mainland altogether. Many sick people, even in good weather, cannot afford to charter a boat to take them to the coast, while others will not go because they cannot face the prospect of going ashore there. The wharf at La Ceiba was built for banana ships and is high and dangerous. We have recently been blessed by a plane service three times a week, which uses small planes of the Cessna type, but this only slightly relieves us.

"Apart from medical cases we have to try to deal with many kinds of emergency—child-birth, fractures, blast, burns, strokes, fits, drowning (our own little baby was tragically drowned last October) and wounds of all kinds. The men here all use a knife called a machete and we have many bad cuts from these. The island is very sensitive to epidemics—at the moment we are in the middle of an epidemic of whooping cough.

"Any practical training you can give me, any advise on how to deal with diseases and emergencies, any guidance on what medicines to obtain and use, in fact anything at all that will help me in this job will be more than appreciated. I do not know what the sick list will be like when you come—for sheer perversity everyone will probably be brimming over with health—but seeing the place, you will, I am sure, be able to give me just the kind of guidance that I need."

Dr. Mason is a graduate of Tulane University Medical School. He interned at Schumpert Sanitarium in Shreveport and had a Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

He is Charge Lay Leader and member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, La. Dr. Mason is a delegate to the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, and is chairman of the Central Department of Public Relations of the Louisiana Council of Churches.

For the first time in all its experience the Christian Church is confronted with a world-wide movement of atheism.

Area Calendar

AUGUST 1963

- 1 MYF Regional Staff, Mount Sequoyah
- 2-9 MYF Regional Meeting, Mt Sequoyah
- 3-4 Conference Laymen's Retreat, Centenary College
- 5-9 WSCS School of Missions, Centenary College
- 5-9 New Orleans Dist. Junior Camp No. 2, Istrouma
- 5-9 Ruston District Junioe Camp No. 2, Caney Lake
- 5-10 Senior High Institute, Alexandria, Lafayette and Lake Charles Dist., Brewer
- 11-16 Conference School of Moral Concerns, Camp Istrouma
- 12-16 Alexandria District Junior Camp, Brewer
- 13-16 District Missionary Secretaries Conf., Mt. Sequoyah
- 16-18 Missionary Workshop for Local Church Commissions Mt. Sequoyah
- 19-22 Jurisdictional Workshop on Evangelism, Mt. Sequoyah
- 19-23 Shreveport District Junior Camp No. 2, Caney Lake
- 24-31 S.C. Jurisdictional MSM Leadership Training Conf. Lakeview Assembly, Tex.
- 25 World Service Sunday
- 25 Festival of Christ the King
- 26-30 Second Methodist Conference on Human Relations, Chicago, Ill.
- 30-Sept. 2 Family Camp, Baton Rouge District, Istrouma

GENERAL:

- 1. Local Church Evangelistic Services.

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Divinity degree at Duke University.

His charges in the Louisiana Conference have included Trinity of Alexandria, First Church of Mansfield and Broadmoor Methodist in Shreveport, where he served as pastor from 1953 to 1959. After three years as Superintendent of the Monroe District he became pastor at the First Methodist Church in Monroe.



THE NEW BUILDING of Mangum Chapel on the Walker Circuit is approximately half completed. The new sanctuary and educational building which had been estimated to cost \$40,000, is expected to be completed for about \$17,000 with much of the work being done by members of the congregation. The Rev. Hugh L. Gowan is the pastor.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Hope Springs Eternal From Every Heart

HOPE -- Hope implies three things: the desire for something good, for something in the future, and for something attainable. It does three things for us: it sets us looking toward good things to come; it disposes us for them, it waits for them unto the end. Hope is a compound of desire, expectation, patience and joy -- and as such it is the indispensable medicine of the soul.

Hope is essential to bodily welfare. It puts nerve into the languid and fleetness in the feet of the exhausted. It gladdens the patient and speeds the restoration of his health.

An uncle of mine was wounded so badly in the war between the North and the South that he was sent home with the word that he would not live six months. He was a fiery young fellow in his late teens and he said to those who discharged him, "I'll show you." (Actually, I believe he enforced his retort with language a bit stronger!) But he did show them. He lived not only six months, but SIXTY YEARS longer. And he lived because in spite of his poor medical prospect he did not lose hope.

A few years ago the question was under discussion in a group whether a patient should be told that his case is hopeless. A doctor in the company said, "I never tell a patient that his case is hopeless for that is taking the place of God." Only God knows when a case is hopeless and a good physician employs the healing power of hope, not by falsifying the records but by imparting that wholeness of outlook which makes for healthy-mindedness, for "health" and wholeness" come from the same verbal root. We have a saying, "While there's life there's hope." Hope is the very breath of physical life.

Hope is even more essential to mental health. Life, void of all hope, would be unbearable. What is the past without the future? What is memory when unaccompanied by hope? We simply must look forward to something if we are to keep our sanity.

Dr. Frank Crane, popular columnist of a past generation, wrote in his advanced years these words: "Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination.... You are as young as your faith; as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your heart; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

St. Paul summed up the necessity of hope by saying, "We are saved by hope."

But hope can deceive as well as save. Hope has been likened to the rattle which Mother Nature gives to man, her fretful child, to still his crying while he cuts his teeth on the hard facts of reality. Hope seems to be a flatterer as well as a friend. It is hope that keeps the gambler at the gaming table while he dissipates his fortune, expecting the winning streak. It is hope which lures the criminal further into the coils of crime in the futile belief that he can beat the racket.

It is unrealistic to tell people in church that if they have sufficient faith and hope they can get anything they pray for. Christ did not promise that. He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that shall ye receive." We cannot honestly ask for selfish and worldly things in Christ's name. True religion first disciplines our desires before making our petitions.

Also religious faith gives firmer ground for hope. If a bit of bad news in the morning casts a shadow of gloom for hours, if our hopes fluctuate with the quotations of the stock market or the words and deeds of Khrushchev and Castro, we live miserably.

Look by contrast at Saint Paul. He suffered about all the ills that flesh is heir to. Yet he wrote that he rejoiced in his sufferings, "knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint." Why? "Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts." If we believe with Paul that behind the distresses which befall us, although they are inexplicable, there is nevertheless a loving divine purpose, we can take them in our stride knowing that they lead to something better.

That is why Paul said: "Now abide faith, hope, love, these three, and the greatest of these is love."

Hope cannot abide without faith and love.

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ANTAKYA, Turkey - Latin and Eastern Rite prelates are among those shown here attending a Mass at St. Peter's church in this small Turkish town, formerly a possession of Syria and once the mighty city of Antioch. It was here that the followers of Christ were first called Christians. Peter came to Antioch, probably about the year 44, after Paul and his companions had made the city a thriving center of missionary work. Built in a cave, and one of the earliest Christian shrines, St. Peter's church was restored by the Turkish government in 1962.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Shuck/Lay Evangelist

SIN AND TROUBLES

Two or more generations ago the preachers dwelt heavily on sin and the results of it. So-called "hellfire and brimstone" sermons were frequent. They spoke often of eternal punishment for those who sin and disobey the will of God.

The people were deeply affected. Strong men wept as they sought the forgiving grace of God. The "mourner's bench" was a very real place in the church, where people came to "pray through" to a sense of victory over the sins in their lives.

Then the time came when the pulpit began to go a little easier on this theme. There were several reasons. Many lay people were offended. They felt their toes were being stepped on. Influential members asked for the renewal of their pastors for this reason. And since pastors after all are only human, they found themselves facing a difficult situation. Either tone down their sermons or become very unpopular, even with their brothers of the cloth.

As this idea swept across the church two results became apparent. The first was an almost scornful attitude toward those who spoke of sin and punishment. Sin became a popular word. Not as a condition to be avoided, but as something very attractive, to be tried out. After all, many said, if sin took them to hell, a lot of their friends would be there and the companionship would more-or-less offset whatever dis-

comfort might exist.

The first result produced the second. And it is the second result that we see so often today. This light-hearted attitude toward eternal punishment has produced some basic changes in the lives of many people. For as man pushes God farther and farther away from his everyday life, he also pushes away the only real source of spiritual comfort and strength. A rich man sets out to find happiness with a check book. A woman who can call the turn on the doings of the fanciest social set will not seek anything else. The young couple, just arrived in town, begin at once to seek out the "right" cocktail crowd.

What is the result of all this? Real happiness? True security? Genuine satisfaction? The world wants to answer "yes" to all of these questions. But under the gloss of pretended joy is a gnawing sense of emptiness and insecurity. Man ran into spiritual trouble ages ago when he tried to leave God out of his life.

Isaiah told the people of his day to "seek the Lord while He may be found". We seem to need the same words today. The world is not better or worse than it was in the old days. There are no new sins. Just new sinners. Neither is there any new way to spiritual rest and refreshment. The way of the cross is still the only way of rest from the burdens of life.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Church and the Victorious Life

by the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr. pastor
Munholland Memorial Methodist Church
Metairie, Louisiana

In 1st Corinthians, the 15th chapter and the 57th verse, St. Paul triumphantly shouts: "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ." In a world where moral and spiritual defeat is so common, at times we are made to wonder if the victorious Christian life is at all possible. So many think of a victorious Christian life as an unattainable ideal. The tragedy of human failure and mistakes pile up so high that we too, ask the question: "Who can deliver us?" It was Alexander Pope who said:

"Vice is a monster of such frightful
meins,

As to be hated needs but to be seen,
But seen too oft, familiar with his
face.

We first endure, then pity, then
embrace."

How easy it is to compromise the great, pure ideals of the Christian faith and take in their place the practice of the people where we live. Deep down in our hearts we know, however, that things are not right because everybody is doing it. God did not make us for compromise with sin, but for moral victory. We shall never be satisfied until we give our all to Him and His holy will.

The victory of the victorious life for the church is not a victory which comes out of an ideal situation. So many are saying: "Sometime, somewhere things will be different. Then I will live the victorious life." This is a vain hope. There are no ideal situations in this world. Nor can we ever expect our world to become a utopia. The spirit of Jesus Christ is saying to us that it is possible for you and me to live the victorious life in our present situation. The most victorious life that was ever lived was lived in situations that were not ideal. The victory of His life was not victory because of, but victory in spite of. His victory was victory in the midst of conflict, victory in spite of difficulties, victory through life brought sorrow and suffering; victory even in the shadow of death! Jesus's birth was not accomplished in an ideal situation. His life was not lived in the midst of an ideal situation. Certainly His death was not an ideal situation. But still on His cross He cried out: "It is complete." The secret of His victorious life was found in His triumphant spirit. That was the spirit that triumphed over the grave and is alive forevermore. So in Christ we are given the power of victorious living, in the triumphant spirit with which the Christian faces the world. He tri-

umphed over temptation because His soul was unreservedly dedicated to God, His Heavenly Father. We, too, can triumph over temptation by refusing to sacrifice our fellowship with God for anything this evil world can offer. He triumphed in the midst of sorrow and suffering. He used pain to bring perfection. So can we, through His spirit, be triumphant in the midst of suffering. "Be thou faithful unto death," said the master to His church, "and I will give thee a crown of life. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you." "We know not what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." We know that one day there shall be a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth will pass away, and God shall say: "Behold, I make all things new." "And He shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain. For the former things will be passed away, and we will live with Him forever and forever."

May each of us be faithful in our time that we may be a part of the Church Triumphant.

Build A Devotional PIONEER OF LIFE

Acts 3:15 "You killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." (Read Acts 3:1-26)

An interesting study of the Bible is to take a passage and read it in every translation possible. It is like the light from a diamond, showing many "colors" which we did not know were there before. A statement from Peter's second sermon recorded in Acts is illuminated when read from different translations. The RSV translates the

above sentence in this way, "—you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead." While Dr. Goodspeed brings this light, "—and killed the very source of life." The New English Bible gives us this insight. "—and killed him who has led the way to life." Read one other as Dr. Moffatt translates this same passage, "—you killed the pioneer of life. But God raised him from the dead, as we can bear witness." These translations do not leave us with a static, lifeless routine of life, but a breathlessness which catches us up in adventure and excitement. Our complacency is condemned, our ease is ridiculous, and a divine discontent is born within us.

Church leaders came to Jesus to criticize his disciples and he turns the question on them revealing the shallowness of their religion, "Why do you transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?" (Mt. 15:6) The question naturally comes to us, "Have we too made the word of God of none effect by our tradition?" There are two ways to look at the past; either as a hitching post, or as a guide post. The former builds a fortress of bigotry, refuses the obligations of the present, and betrays the future. The latter takes the wonderful heritage and builds on it to the glory of God and the salvation of the lost. The only way a contemporary generation can be true to its heritage is to build on the faith of our fathers dedicated to following the Spirit of God in the immediate present. God is not buried in the archives of history, He is the great "I AM".

Jesus places the emphasis in religion not merely in "right acts" but in right motive. Prayer to be seen of men becomes a mockery; giving as a public show is hypocrisy. Every great religious act must stand the penetrating "Why?" so far as the Christian is concerned.

Inward purity instead of outward show reversed the emphasis men places in their religion. "You make the outside clean—" was the condemnation. "Out of the abundance of the heart—" here is the source of right attitude and action.

Love is stronger than hate, is the theme running through the life and teaching of Jesus. Someone has said, "The only way to kill an enemy is to love him to death." Henry in OLD-TOWN FOLKS sums it up in this way,

Let The Children Come

Summer time has settled down into long, hot days. The first days of vacation time were full of excitement and new activities. Now everything seems dull and drab. People are likely to be cross; boys and girls are tired of playing together. It is time to take a fresh look at those about us. We can plan to be happy.

My friend, who loves the woods with its birds and animals, told me this story. He says that in the big forests certain birds live in certain areas of the woods. They have "property lines" just as people do. They do not fly across or visit beyond their own boundaries. They also have a code of behavior just as people do. "Blue jay-court" is one of the strange ways of birds. When one gets unruly, the others gather around him and chirp and peck him to make him behave.

If the birds are this smart, how much more should boys and girls be. The first lesson we may learn from them is the love for our homes. It is fun to go visiting and to see far places, but always the best part is to come back to our homes and families.

The second lesson we may learn from them is that always consideration for our neighbors makes stay in our own back yards unless we are invited to visit. When we do go, it is proper to knock on the door before entering a house. We do not barge in on groups in the back yard or in out-of-door sitting rooms.

The third is that almost always if we do not obey the rules of good behavior and nice manners, our friends will let us know that we have been unruly.

Mark these verses in your Bibles and think about them.

"A friend loves at all times." Prov. 17:17
"A child makes himself known by his acts." Proverbs 20:11.

"Be good and share what you have." Hebrews 13:16.

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"And my theology is, once penetrate any human soul with the full belief that God loves him, and you will save him."

There is no promise of safety to the "Pioneer of Faith" but there is the promise, "I am with you always" and what more could a Christian ask?

R.B.

A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Oh, Heavenly Father, I pray unto thee,
Make me the man I want to be;
Take away all the sins that I once had,
make me as good as I was bad;
Thru thy mercy I crossed over the brink--
gone is the craving for drink;
I pledge thee my faith and pray unto thee
Make me the man I want to be.

--Lelus B. Nash

Louisiana Methodist News in Pictures



HOST AND HOSTESSES for the recent Ruston District picnic were the Rev. and Mrs. Merlin Merrill and Mrs. Ralph Cain.



THE REV. DOUGLAS McGuire of Trinity Church, Ruston, welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rickey, new residents of the district parsonage, and the Rev. and Mrs. Wilson L. Watson of Grace Church.



THE REV J.C. SKINNER, St. Bernard Church, Chalmette, installed new officers of the Official Board of that church on July 14.



Lafayette District Junior Camp - Camp Brewer, July 2, 1963

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT Junior Camp, Camp Brewer, July 1-5. The director was the Rev. Karl D. Wood, Rayne.



SHREVEPORT DISTRICT Junior Camp, Caney Lake, July 1-5. The camp was directed by the Rev. C. Ed Henkel.



THIS IS a part of the children enrolled in the Trout-Urania Vacation School.



THE VACATION SCHOOL of the Jonesboro Methodist Church, in which 71 were enrolled.



THE CHILDREN in the Vacation School at Kenner are shown in one of the activities of their study on Japan.



THE OFFICERS OF THE reorganized MYF at St. John Methodist Church, New Orleans, were installed by the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Adams, assisted by David Adams, Beverly McClammy, Pat Greeson and Freeman Heck.



THE REV. JAMES L. Adams, pastor of the Luling Church, and Dr. Bond Fleming, Centenary College dean, who recently conducted revival services at Luling.



"MISS LOUISIANA," Miss Linda Gay Baucum, an honor student at Springhill High School, is an active member of Springhill Methodist Church



WOMAN'S PAGE



Iota Officers

Iota Woman's Society officers installed by the Rev. Calvin Lapuyade in June are: president—Mrs. Dodds Raspberry, vice president — Mrs. Eugene Henderson, treasurer — Mrs. Frank Miller, recording secretary—Mrs. Chas. Henderson; secretaries of lines of work are: spiritual life — Mrs. Calvin Lapuyade, promotion — Mrs. Donald Raspberry, Christian social relations—Mrs. Martha Hayes, missionary education—Mrs. M. K. Muller, publications—Mrs. H. B. Thompson, supplies—Mrs. Frank Miller, children—Mrs. Norman Reed, student and youth work — Mrs. Ed Milner.

The Iota society was organized only one year ago. Eight of its twelve members recently attended the Lafayette District Training Program held at First Methodist Church, Lafayette.



CAMP BREWER - The Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend for the Louisiana Conference, July 13-14.



RECIPIENTS OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Woman's Society of the Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans, are shown with the pastor: (from left) the Rev. John T. Redmon, Mrs. C.S. Wood, Mrs. Harris Turner, Mrs. C.E. Burgess, Mrs. George Rosentreter, and Mrs. Edgar Cayard.



OFFICERS OF THE LULING Woman's Society are: (l. to r.) Mrs. James Adams, spiritual life; Mrs. Raymond Straw, children; Mrs. L.L. Gardner, Christian social relations; Mrs. Norman Wigle, president; Mrs. Mary Palmer, promotion; Mrs. Henry Hoffman, literature; Mrs. James Laney, supply; Mrs. Nellie L. Wallace, vice president; Mrs. G.W. Eldridge, treasurer; and Mrs. Sam Junkin, youth. Officers not in picture are: Mrs. Walter Bondurent, students; Mrs. Rita Howe, secretary; Mrs. Betty Smith, missionary education; Mrs. Kenneth Smith and Mrs. James White, circle chairman.

DEACONESS NEEDS

Like most of the other vocational needs in The Methodist Church, the number of openings for deaconesses far outrun the number available for service. Because of the insistent and increasing demand for deaconesses throughout the church, the Commission on Deaconess Work has made the recruitment of new personnel the primary objective of this 75th anniversary year. The slogan "75 in '63" has been adopted, meaning that it is hoped that 75 new deaconesses can be found in 1963.

COMMENT

a new series by your conference officers.

17TH ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND—WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend was held at Camp Brewer, July 12, 13 and 14.

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary was ably assisted by committee chairmen and Guild leaders. Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans, Chairman of Spiritual Life for the Conference, was Program Chairman. Mrs. Jack Gregory of Lake Charles was in charge of Housing and Registration. Mrs. Alice Orr, New Orleans, of the Conference W.S.C.S. Chairman of Literature and Publications and Miss Grace Lawson, Welsh, Guild Chairman of Literature and Publications, were in charge of literature.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville, Conference President of W.S.C.S. and Mrs. Carl Gallaher, New Orleans, Conference Treasurer, assisted the Guilders in the Clinics and Workshops and in answering many questions concerning administration. The periods of worship at Vesper Point and in the tabernacle; the Workers from Dulac Community Center; the presentation of JR Studies; the help gained from the Workshops and Clinics; the delightful meals served; and the wonderful fellowship with Christian women all added up to produce a delightfully happy and profitable weekend for the 184 persons who registered for a part or all of the activities planned for them.

The theme "Called to Serve" was developed in every phase of the program, highlighted on Sunday morning in a message by Rev. Woodrow Hearn, Associate Minister of First Church, Shreveport. Much appreciation goes to those who efficiently guided the activities.

(Elizabeth Langford, Guild Times Editor)



Literature Room at School of Missions

From the desk of Alice Orr
Conference secretary of literature

DON'T MISS THIS!

ONE CALL FOR ALL!

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AUGUST 5-9 CENTENARY COLLEGE SHREVEPORT

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Here is a Story of Faith

Every so often a story comes along that is of such unusual nature and is so well-written that its needs no comment. Such a story is the one published recently in the *Daily Journal* of Falls City, Neb., under the headlines "Falls City Missionary's Faith Paramount in Battle With Cancer." The Missionary is the Rev. Ingram Yoder, a young Methodist missionary to Chile. The article was written by Bill Schock of the *Daily Journal* staff.

An interesting sidelight on the article is that it was read into the May 28 edition of the *Congressional Record* by Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, along with a tribute by the Senator to Mr. and Mrs. Yoder.

The article by Mr. Schock is republished below, including an Editor's Note which appeared in the *Daily Journal* preceding the article. Permission for republishing has been granted by the newspaper. The Editors.

(Editor's Note: Sunday night, music lovers who attended the Better Music Week program here were thrilled by the violin solo played by the Rev. Ingram Yoder. Many asked themselves: How can a man who is fighting a life or death battle with cancer continue to give so freely of himself? The answer is his determination to "live each day to the fullest." Feeling that his story might serve a purpose in the current Cancer Crusade, Mr. Yoder agreed to the following interview.)

Just about a year ago at this time, The Rev. Ingram Yoder, Methodist missionary to Chile, was playing tennis on the campus at the University of Kansas, where he was a graduate student. He had been bothered a little with a minor muscular ache, and during the game he noticed he was limping. He wrote it off as nothing, and then in the summer when it persisted, he supposed it stemmed from foot trouble and got some arch-supports. They did little to alleviate the situation, but it still was of not much concern to the Falls City clergyman who was working on a master's degree in Spanish at KU while on furlough from Chile.

The steep hills of Mt. Oread suddenly became a problem once the fall term commenced, and when his left leg began to swell after the treks to class, Delpha Yoder, a registered nurse, was alerted by the inflammation.

A trip to St. Luke's hospital in Kansas City followed, and after X-rays the Yoders heard the shocking diagnosis: "You have a large bone tumor."

That was on October 4, and four days later the leg was amputated. The surgery healed quickly, and in three weeks Ingram was back in class at KU, cheerfully getting around on crutches. Just before Christmas, he received his artificial leg, and the Yoders were eagerly making plans for their return to Iquique and their beloved English college.

He had served there from 1950 to 1954 in short-term missionary work, which he describes as the predecessor to the Peace Corps, except that it was church-motivated. After graduation from the Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J., and his ordination in 1957, he returned to Chile with his wife, and they remained there until November of 1961. Their two children, Kimberly, 5, and Stevie, 4, were born in Iquique.

However, a physical check ordered by the Methodist Board of Missions soon after the surgery resulted in a series of events which shelved the Yoders' return to Chile for the immediate future.

The examination revealed a spot

on a lung and the probability of surgery after a month's observation. The 34-year-old missionary decided to take his trouble to Mayo's.

The diagnosis at the famed Rochester clinic was even more heart-breaking than the earlier shock in Kansas City. He had cancer, it had spread to both lungs, and it was inoperable! His one chance for a remission lay in experimental drugs.

Chatting at his home, relaxed and talking freely about his battle with cancer, Mr. Yoder recalled that his first impulsive reaction was to return to Falls City and get his family settled, then return to Mayo's to see what could be done.

But then came a poignant husband-and-wife conference and the monumental decision to cast their lot with cancer research. In so doing, Ingram would be making a contribution in medicine's crash program to find a cure for cancer.

The effort was to be made with a drug called FUDR. It is so prohibitively expensive that it is not for sale, but because it is strictly an experimental thing it is provided free, along with other tests, to persons offering themselves in the cancer research program. The research projects are financed through the American Cancer Society and government funds.

Since his original trip to Mayo's, Ingram has returned once to receive his second series of FUDR. He is on maximum dosages of the drug, whose function is to attack every fast-growing cell. As it attacks the cancer, it also attacks other fast-growing cells and possible uncomfortable side effects (diarrhea, vomiting, anemia and loss of hair being a few) result. The administering of the FUDR series lasts a week-and-a-half.

The Falls Cityan is to return to Mayo's, and it is possible that X-rays will determine whether the treatment is paying off. If not, the medical men may decide to switch him to another drug. He will do as they see fit.

Meanwhile, how does one in this situation meet the future? Ingram's answer lies in his faith that God does not always promise a cure but does give a very real spiritual power to transfer whatever test may come into a victory.

"Live every day to the fullest" is his standby. And he is doing just that. While he was at Mayo's he filled eight speaking engagements in 12 days in the surrounding area, telling his audiences about mission work in Iquique and his approach to the cancer issue.

Sunday he spoke at the Greenwood, Neb., Methodist church and then hurried home to play a beautiful violin solo at the Better Music Week program. He intends to continue his speaking schedule as conditions permit. His violin figures prominently in his summer's plans, as does his fishing pole. Not to mention that baby-sitting while Delpha works part-time is a full-time job in itself.

While cancer is a frightening word to many persons, it is not so to Ingram, although he has found that when he is speaking to people, in the beginning it is easiest if cancer is mentioned casually.

The writer recalled that in Mr. Yoder's recent talk to a Methodist church audience, the sanctuary became all but motionless and few eyes left the pulpit as the Chilean missionary related a few details of his personal fight with cancer. Did you notice it? he was asked.

Ingram nodded.

"It happens every time," he said.

We continued that he feels he is speaking for many others who have experienced or are experiencing cancer's creeping onslaught.

"A cancer patient is giving a witness to a community—in this case Falls City—people are watching you sympathetically, and you are giving your testimony," he declared. "When we stand outside of suffering and sickness, we sometimes wonder how we would react if we were put in a like situation. But with Christian faith there comes a strength of peace and mind that is simply amazing. There is no question but that this is the richest spiritual experience of my life."

"Death just doesn't become real until you are facing it," he remarked, "but whatever lies ahead, we are going to fight it to the end."

Ingram and Delpha are not giving up, by a long shot. There is a very fine line between reality and hope," he pointed out, "and that is what we are treading so delicately. One always is hoping for a small miracle to turn up and medically, of course, that is pos-

sible."

Their thoughts continually are on their work in Chile. "One place our hearts, desires and dreams all are wrapped up in is our school in Iquique during these months of suspense," he said. "Whatever turns up, we will take advantage of opportunities as they are."

How have friends reacted to this crisis in the Yoder home?

"You suddenly discover how many friends you have and how wonderful people can be," he explained. However, he realizes that because of the nature of his illness many friends have found it extremely difficult to write or talk with him about it.

Ingram is vitally concerned about the general public's apathy for cancer education and would like nothing better than to go from house to house in Falls City and urge people to learn the seven danger signals for cancer. He has no physical pain whatsoever, except for the discomfort connected with the dosage of FUDR. Persons expecting him to look and act like an ill man have to be surprised. For he certainly does not.

What about other patients in the cancer research program—do they meet this crisis with an equal courage and faith?

The affable missionary answered with a quotation from one of the specialists in the cancer program at Mayo's: "The Curie Pavilion is not a depressed area. Cancer patients know what they are fighting, and most accept it and face up to it. On the contrary, those who THINK they are ill and are perfectly well—those are the truly tragic cases."

Money is only the symbol of labor.

33 Special Term Missionaries To Serve Overseas

Responding to the call, "Christ needs you. His Church needs you," issued earlier this year by the Methodist Board of Missions, 33 young men and women will leave the United States this fall to begin three years of missionary service overseas under The Methodist Church.

The 33 new missionaries, including 21 women and 12 men, number five more than the 1962 group of 3's, as the three-year workers are called. They will serve on mission fields in 19 countries of Africa, Asia, and North and South America. They will bring to 858 the number of persons who have served in more than 30 countries since the special-term program was begun in 1948.

The 3's are a sort of Methodist "Peace Corps" in that they do work that is similar to that of the U. S. Peace Corps, though Methodist and other missionaries were doing such humanitarian work for several years before the Peace Corps came into being. There are many who say that the Peace Corps idea is based on the type of service Christian missionaries have given in underdeveloped lands. The motivation for missionary service, of course, is basically different than that for the Peace Corps, as it rests on a commitment to Christ and a desire to serve the church overseas.

In Memoriam



Doyle L. Wilcox

Doyle L. Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Wilcox of Gillett, Arkansas, was born September 6, 1905. He gave his life to Christ July 29, 1917, and was baptized by the late Rev. Roy Jordan and united with the Rockport Methodist Church.

Licensed to preach July 23, 1930. Admitted on Trial into the Little Rock Annual Conference 1932. He served as pastor of the Percy Circuit, Swan Lake Circuit, Austin Circuit, Geyer Springs, and Mableville.

Doyle was married to Miss Julia Hoskins March 20, 1927. To this union were born one son: T/Sgt. Carl D. Wilcox of the USAF in Bangkok, Thailand; three daughters: Mrs. C. Wayne Banks of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. C. W. Brandenburg of Hot Springs, Mrs. Pierre Pawlak of Whittire, California.

Doyle died July 13, 1963. Funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Connie Robbins, and Dr. Neill Hart of Little Rock. Interment was in Rockport Cemetery. Doyle was faithful to his calling and although he only got to serve as pastor for eight years, he received more members into the church on profession of faith than any church in the South.

He was faithful in his retirement, always willing to help but never getting in the pastor's way. He loved his family, the church, and preachers, never losing compassion for those that did not know the Lord.

In addition to those mentioned above, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. George Bauer of Gillett; a son, Robert L. Wilcox of Reseda, California;

and fourteen grandchildren.

Brother Wilcox had a strong and positive character. The influence of his life will live on to challenge others to attain higher plains of Christian living.
Connie A. Robbins



Rev. H. E. Wright

The Rev. Harold E. Wright, pastor of the Sherrill - Tucker - Tomberlin Charge in the Pine Bluff District, died Monday, July 15, while on Army maneuvers at Theodore, Ala. He was a reserve chaplain with the rank of Lt.-Col. and had reported for duty during the summer maneuvers on the day prior to his death.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, from Robinson Funeral Home, Pine Bluff, by the Rev. Charles Richards, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, and Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor of the Altheimer - Wabbaseka Charge, and a former superintendent of Mr. Wright.

He is survived by his wife and two children, a son Tommy, and a daughter, Louann of San Pedro, Calif.

A native of Ohio, he was 52 at the time of his death.

In addition to Sherrill, he has served as pastor at Almyra, Mineral Springs Army Chaplain for six years, and prior and the Hatfield Circuit. He was an to that served churches in Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Nebraska and Iowa.



MUSICIANS TO MEET

An attendance of at least 500 is expected for the biennial convocation of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians to be held Aug. 4-9 at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas.

The meeting is primarily for church musicians and also for directors of Christian education with special responsibility in music and for pastors and laymen.

Michael L. Davis, Washington, D. C., a student at Morristown Junior College, Morristown, Tenn., assigned to Trinity Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Sylvester Gillespie, Starkville, Miss., a student at Gammon Theological Seminary, assigned to Wiley Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Ten.

Joseph A. Hajdu, Creeson, Pa., a student at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., assigned to the Methodist Church of the Open Door, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Luther Wade Henry, Midland, Texas, a student at Gammon Theological Seminary, assigned to Mt. Zion Methodist Church, New Orleans.

Jerry L. Kincaid, Bristol, Tenn., a student at Morristown Junior College, assigned to Centennial Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Marvin R. King, Starkville, Miss., a student at Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., assigned to St. Paul Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Maxine London, New Orleans, a student at Clark College, Atlanta, Ga., assigned to Cory Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Ommie Lee Nelms, Houston, Texas, a student at Dillard University, New Orleans, La., assigned to Centennial Church, Kansas City.

Darius E. Thomas, Cheraw, S. C., a student at Claflin University, assigned to Kelly Methodist Church, Chicago.

William G. Smartt, Brooklyn, a student at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, assigned to Newman Memorial Methodist Church, Brooklyn.

Miss Jeanett Bennett, Chattanooga, a student at Morristown Junior College, assigned to the Good Shepherd Fold Day-Care Center, Chattanooga.

Frederick H. Brown, Weir, Miss., a student at Cammon Theological Seminary, assigned to Wesley Methodist Church, Greenwood, Miss.

Brant Harris, St. Louis, Mo., a student at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., assigned to Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Miss Patricia Hall, Columbia, S. C., a student at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., assigned to the Francis Burns Methodist Church, Columbia.

Leslie P. Norris, New Orleans, an exchange student from Gammon Theological Seminary to the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., assigned to the Blackfeet Methodist Indian Mission, Browning, Mont.

William T. Robinson, Dillon, S. C., a student at Claflin University, assigned to John Stewart Methodist Church, Bluefield, W. Va.

Robert Thomas, Atlanta Ga., a stu-

dent at Gammon Theological Seminary, assigned to Wesley Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C.

NINE COMMISSIONED

The Board of Missions commissioned nine new missionaries for overseas and retired 22 others. Both actions took place at the board's 18th Conference of New and Furloughed Missionaries held recently at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

Seven are women who will serve under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. A couple will serve in Algeria under the Division of World Missions.

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20 To Serve In Summer Home Missions Program

Inner-city churches, community centers, Indian missions and other missionary frontiers for The Methodist Church in the United States are getting a "shot in the arm" this summer in the form of 20 special mission workers. The personnel are furnished through a summer work program of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board Missions. Now in its second decade, the annual summer work program of the Division

uses college and seminary students in special missionary situations. They serve as assistant ministers, evangelistic visitors, counselors, and workers in Christian education. This year the emphasis is on work in the inner-city, and most of the students are assigned to urban churches.

The Rev. Dr. John H. Graham of Philadelphia, Pa., a director of special fields for the National Division, is in charge of the interracial program. He said it serves a three-fold purpose: 1.—To provide work experience for young persons who plan to serve full-time in the church. 2.—To assist Methodist churches and other institutions in meeting home missionary opportunities around them. 3.—To stimulate spiritual growth on the part of the workers.

A three-day briefing session for the workers was held May 31-June 2 at Gammon Theological Seminary (Methodist), Atlanta, Ga. Representatives of national Methodist boards and theological seminary professors were on the

briefing staff. Dr. Graham was in charge.

An interesting note about this year's group of workers, Dr. Graham said, is that James A. Hood, one of the two Negro students who enrolled June 10 at the University of Alabama, originally was scheduled to have been one of the summer workers. He later chose the Alabama enrollment, however.

The workers, their hometowns, their schools and their summer places of service:

George W. Calvin, New Orleans, La., a student at Gammon Theological Seminary, assigned to St. Mark Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill.

John Wesley Dacus, Montgomery, Ala., a student at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., assigned to Peoples Community Center, New Orleans.

Miss Elvernice Davis, Winona, Miss., a student at Gammon Theological Seminary, assigned to First Street Methodist Church, New Orleans.

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Our Mission Today. The topics of the three sermons in
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DR. DANIEL WALKER

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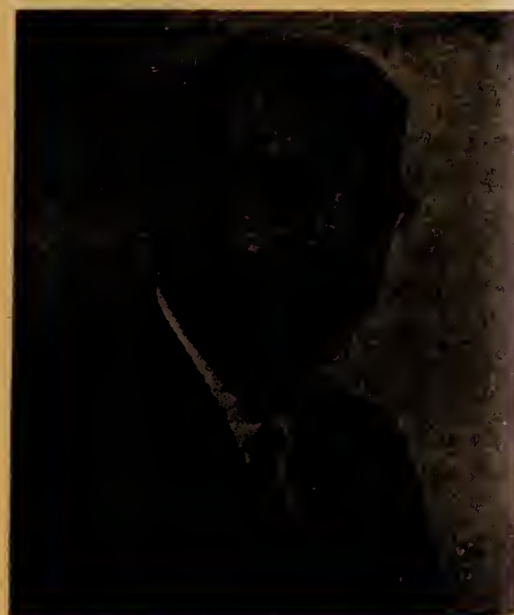
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The principal speaker for the
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ter F. Anderson, director of
the North Carolina Bureau of
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Vernon Sidler: METHODIST MEN
Bill McPherson: LAY SPEAKING
Charles D. Whittle: THE TWELVE



Mr. Anderson

Special Session of Conference Locale of 'Mission on Ministry'

The Louisiana Annual Conference will have the first of a series of one-day convocations to be held throughout The Methodist Church during the autumn of 1963 "to consider the challenge and the glory of the Christian ministry." The Bishop's Mission on the Ministry will be held at an adjourned session of the Louisiana Annual Conference on Monday, September 23, at First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

The panel of Bishops assigned to this meeting by the Council of Bishops are Bishop W. C. Martin of Dallas; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss.; and Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton has announced that the meeting will convene at 10 a.m., following an informal coffee hour at 9:30. Bishop Walton will conduct the opening service of worship.

During the day there will be addresses by each of the three visiting bishops and an address by a representative of one of the Methodist theological schools.

In the afternoon there will be three general groups meeting for discussion, with one of the visiting bishops presiding over each group and with a representative from the Board of Ministerial Training or the seminary representative as resource person.

Since this is an adjourned session of the Annual Conference, the clerical and lay members of the conference are expected to attend, and the ministers' wives are invited and will have a group session of their own.

The announced aims of the missions are three-fold:

1. To call to the attention of the church in the months preceding the

General Conference the crucial importance of the parish ministry;

2. To lift the morale of the men already engaged in the parish ministry; and

3. To lay the groundwork for later cultivation for recruitment.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

July 28 - Sunday Genesis 27:18-19
July 29 Genesis 27:30-40
July 30 Genesis 28:10-22
July 31 Genesis 33:1-11
August 1 Genesis 37:1-11
August 2 Genesis 37:12-24
August 3 Genesis 37:25-36
August 4 - Sun. - Genesis 39:1-18

There is no democracy among days; more is happening in one of our days than happened in 10 years of another generation.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In Hannover, Germany, the Lutheran Church has begun the distribution of 100,000 copies of a road map indicating 650 churches and their times of worship. A record number of such maps, issued either jointly or separately by Protestant and Roman Catholic authorities will be distributed this year in West Germany for the benefit of motorists away from their parish churches.

Some 15,000 boys and girls between 10 and 13 gathered in Westphalia Hall in Dortmund, Germany for a children's rally held prior to the 11th German Evangelical Church Day Congress (Kirchentag). The children were greeted by Dr. Ernst Wilm, president of the Evangelical Church of Westphalia, who in simple language stressed that young Christian in all countries make up one large family.

Christian unity may depend on a large extent on the question of ordaining women to the ministry, Dr. Luka Vischer, of the Swiss Evangelical Church and research secretary of the World Council of Churches, said at the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order meeting at McGill University in Montreal.

Reappraisal of mission policies to meet current world situations was advocated at the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon by Dr. W.G. Wickramasinghe, chairman of the youth department of the Baptist World Alliance.

Pennsylvania public schools will turn to the teaching of "objective" religion to comply with the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Dr. Charles H. Boehm, superintendent of public instruction, has announced that courses emphasizing moral and ethical values in the humanities and social studies will be encouraged to replace the former Bible reading.

An international Roman Catholic symposium on the pastoral problems of tourism, the first of its kind ever held, will be conducted in Lucerne, Switzerland, Aug. 26-31. It is expected to deal with practical problems involved in providing adequate spiritual care for tourists through both inter-parish and inter-diocesan channels.

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Dedication of Bolivian Center Aided by Louisiana Methodists

By Carl and Julia Williams

Fireworks and a magic show may not seem appropriate for the dedication of a Church Center, but we dedicated the one in Carabuco and had not only these things but more. The Methodist Center, constructed from funds raised by the Churches of the Louisiana Conference, was dedicated the 23rd of June with the Aymara Indian's fondness of fiesta combined with the dignity of the ritual of dedication of our Church. Here is what happened . . .

The program started on Saturday afternoon with the arrival of more than seventy out of town visitors and delegates from neighboring areas of the district. After being assigned quarters (they slept on straw), they were served tea and bread and then enjoyed an evening of movies. This was a real treat because very seldom do they have an opportunity to see a movie and even less often see one about themselves—one film was a documentary about the Lake Titicaca area.

At 9:45 we had the flag raising ceremony and the "sheriff" (the most important political figure in our area) raised the Bolivian flag and we sang the Bolivian National Anthem. After-

wards Milton Robinson, missionary from Ancoraimas, raised the Christian flag and we sang "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Church that Sunday was held out of doors because of the size of the crowd. We anticipated a large congregation and arranged benches, chairs, boards placed on adobes, and anything else that we could find out in the patio; it was fortunate that we did because well over two hundred people were in attendance. We had Indians from the rural communities, Spanish visitors from La Paz, The North Americans, school children, and even the local Nazarene Church came marching in with their brass band.

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LOUISIANA PARTICIPANTS in the recent dedication of the Methodist Center at Carabuco, Bolivia included (l. to r.) Dr. and Mrs. James T. Harris of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport; Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Williams of Ruston parents of Carl Williams, missionary who directed the construction of the center; and Richard Ezell, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Ezell, of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston.

Editorials

The Latest Crime Report

ONCE A YEAR we receive from the Federal Bureau of Investigation a publication called "Uniform Crime Reports" for the previous year. It is never a pleasant task to plow through these statistics and face the realistic picture they draw. The 1962 report is one of the grimmest in the history of the nation, according to the summary by Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The final tabulation of crimes known to police of all cooperating departments reveals that the number of crimes committed during the year for the first time exceeds two million. The 2,048,370 total was a 6 per cent increase over the previous record set in 1961. In a preliminary report covering the first quarter of 1963 we have already been told that the trend is continuing higher for the present year.

The most disturbing thing about each of these reports is the accerated rate at which juvenile delinquency is increasing. Young people who had not reached their 18th birthdays accounted for 18 per cent of all arrests in 1962, an increase of 9 per cent, or three times that of the rate of growth of the teen-aged population. This age group accounted for 62 per cent of all arrests for auto thefts, 51 per cent of all thefts, 49 per cent of burglaries, 25 per cent of armed robberies and 19 per cent of rape cases.

One thing Mr. Hoover indicated that we could all do as a simple expedient in reducing the number of auto thefts is to diminish the temptation. He said an analysis shows that more than 50 per cent of car thefts occur from streets in front of private homes or residences. Of these 42 per cent occurred when the ignition key had been left in the lock. He warned that many auto thefts by juveniles are impulsive and represent grave potential danger to the young thieves as well as to police and the general public from races

which often result when they are pursued.

There are many other challenging conclusions to be gained from these reports. We suggest that you write the FBI for this publication, "Uniform Crime Reports, 1962," and give it careful study.



The Troublesome Term 'Catholicity'

A RELIGIOUS REALITY which was brought sharply into focus at the recent Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order meeting in Montreal was that various denominations and confessions do not have anything close to a common understanding of the term "catholicity" and its more modern related-term "ecumenicity." Speaking at this meeting a leading Russian Orthodox churchman said that this is one of the major difficulties complicating efforts for Christian unity.

Archpriest Vitaly M. Borovoy said the question of the meaning of catholicity "not only becomes the most vital problem for every Christian ecclesiology, but is of basic importance in our inter-Christian dialogue about the relationship of our historic confessions, churches and denominations to the One Holy Church."

Certainly we can agree that if this study conference on faith and order could bring their conclusions down to us in language that could be used effectively in communicating this ancient truth to the rank and file of church members, one of the great difficulties in understanding all of the recent conversations would be removed.

However, well-intentioned the participants in the conference at Montreal may be, we are afraid the result will be that of many previous conferences. This is language so stilted and complex that it will never filter through to most of the church. We have only to read the remainder of Archpriest Borovoy's address to become completely confused.

We do feel that there is a fundamental need reflected in what he said and a greater need mirrored in the way that he said it.



NEWS and NOTES ABOUT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 50, sponsored by Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently will take its annual camping trip to Lake Ouachita, Ark., Aug. 17-25.

THE REV. KENNETH PAUL of the Bonita-Jones Charge, will be the guest speaker for the Youth Activities Week at First Methodist Church, Welsh, Aug. 5-9. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

ON SUNDAY EVENINGS, July 24 and August 4, Dr. James T. Harris, pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church, showed slides of his recent trip to South America as part of the evening worship services.

OUR SYMPATHY IS JOINED with that of the many other friends of Mrs. Fred Flurry, wife of the district superintendent of the Alexandria District, whose mother, Mrs. Reeves, died recently in Mississippi.

THE MEN'S CLUB of Trinity Methodist Church Alexandria, met July 15 for dinner and fellowship. The aim of the leaders of the group was to have forty present. The pastor is the Rev. Byrl J. Moreland.

TWENTY-FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE of the Youth Division of First Methodist Church, Minden, recently went to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Shreveport where they presented a sing-song for the patients there.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR is furnishing the music for the Methodist series of the Protestant Hour radio program now being broadcast, July 7-Sept. 8 across the nation. The speaker is Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.

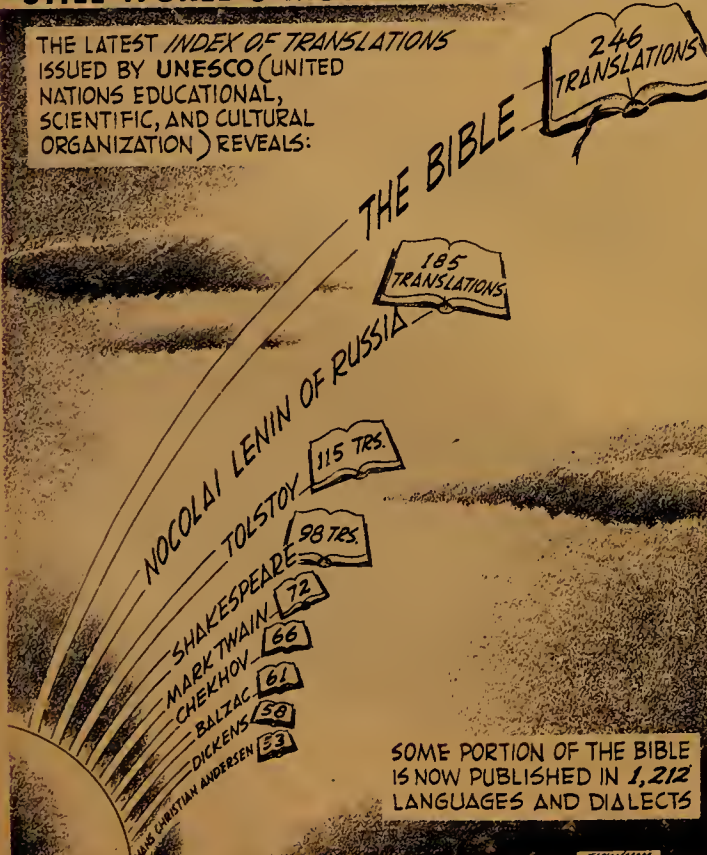
THE RAYMOND CHURCH just completed a successful Vacation Church School with Mrs. E.M. Brown as the director. The pastor is the Rev. Dan Tohline. The average attendance for the school was 55.

IN DERIDDER A SPECIAL COUNCIL has been set up in which First Methodist Church, Wesley Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church are joining to plan a youth night for each week.

THE REV. KENNETH W. PAUL, pastor of the Bonita-Jones Charge, was guest preacher at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Fremont, Calif., and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Milpitas, Calif. during the week of July 16-21.

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FACTS and FOLKS

LEWIS CHAPEL IN the Alexandria District has begun a Bible Study Class using Methodist Sunday School literature. The class meets every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and is being taught by Mrs. Martha Overby, community worker for the Trout-Urania Charge.

THE REV. A.M. MARTIN, retired minister who lives in Westlake, conducted the evening services of the DeQuincy Methodist Church, July 21. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Winegeart, was directing the singing for revival services at Wesley Church, Sulphur.

THE REV. JIM HUMPHREYS, minister of education at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest preacher at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, July 21. He is a former summer youth director at this church. The pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

DR. WILLIAM E. TRICE, pastor of Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was on the faculty of the School of Missions of the Central Texas Conference WSCS at Southwestern University Georgetown, Tex. the week of July 14.

THE REV. WILSON L. WATSON, pastor of Grace-Wesley Chapel, Ruston, has been doing the preaching for revival services at Wesley Chapel, the week of July 21. On Wednesday evening the choir from Grace Church furnished special music for the services.

SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY WAS recently observed at First Methodist Church, Wisner. Words of welcome were given in the sanctuary by the pastor the Rev. N.D. Pearce and a brief service was held. After that the group went to fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PINS were received by Mrs. O.B. McCormick, Mrs. Dorothy Bradburn and Mrs. Rutledge Jones at the July 1 meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, where the Rev. L. Gray Wilson is the pastor.

THE REV. TED SMITH, pastor of the Olla Methodist Church, was critically injured in a boating accident, Saturday, July 2. He suffered fractures of the head and some brain damage necessitated brain surgery. He is in Room 220, Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge.

THE LASALLE PARISH Methodist Men's Club met at the Cities Service Park in Tullos for their annual Fish Fry, June 18. A large group of men from all of the churches in the area attended. The speaker was the Rev. Ed Barksdale, new pastor of Nolley Memorial Church, Jena.

DURING THE RECENT VACATION of the pastor, the Rev. Tom Lancaster, the Sunday evening services of Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, were conducted entirely by the young people. On July 7, Mr. Jerry McLaurin was the speaker; and on July 14, Miss Christine Fugler delivered the message.

EARL REDDING, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, who is on sabbatical leave for the year, gave his graduate recital in fulfillment of the requirements for his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Kansas City, July 16. He will resume his duties at First Church, Aug. 15.

THE REV. CLEBURNE W. QUAID, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was the evangelist for revival services at Wesley Methodist Church, Sulphur, the week of July 21. The Rev. Jack Winegeart, pastor of DeQuincy Methodist Church, led the singing. The pastor is the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir.

THE MYF OF the Indian Bayou Church has charge of the evening worship service June 30. Stan Hardee was the inspirational speaker for the hour, using as his subject "Christian Unity." He is president of the Inter-Faith Council of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The Rev. James B. McCann is the pastor.

SPEAKERS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, July 14-19, included the Rev. James H. Humphreys, the Rev. Ed Sylvest, Jr., the Rev. Tom Babington, the Rev. Roy Mouser, Dean Arden French and the Rev. Barry Bailey. The theme of the week was "Why Have Religion?" The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

A RECEPTION HONORING the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Galatas was held Friday, July 12, at the LeCompte Methodist Church. The members of the WSCS served at Hostesses. In the receiving line were: Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Watson; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Haggart; Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Robison, Sr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Galatas. Registering the guests was Mrs. J.I. Roby.

THE REV. JAMES B. GRAMBLING, who directs the program of Retired Ministers Homes for the Louisiana Conference, recently was guest preacher at Curtis Park Methodist Church, Bossier City, the morning service of July 21, and Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, at the evening worship service on that same Sunday. The Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr. is the pastor at Curtis Park, and the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor at Mangum Memorial.

THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE Urania WSCS were installed June 30 at the morning worship service in services conducted by Mrs. Martha Overbey. The following officers were installed: Mrs. Irene Johnston, president; Mrs. C.E. Tannehill, vice-president; Mrs. Walton Hixson, secretary; Mrs. George Walsh, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Nichols, secretary of education; Mrs. Q.E. Cornwell, secretary of promotion and publicity; Mrs. C.E. Farrow, chairman of Christian social relations. The Rev. E.W. Sandel is the pastor.

A LAYMEN'S REVIVAL was held at Bush Church, New Orleans District, during the last week in June. "The Twelve", a men's prayer group from Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church, Bogalusa, sponsored a week of prayer and visitation. Capacity crowds inspired each speaker of the week. The organist was Glenn Strickland, the song leader was Burl Lee and the moderator was Fred Lee. On Thursday evening, Brother Knight, an architect with the prayer group, presented the church a sketch for a new building, and all the offerings of the meeting went into the building fund. The pastor is the Rev. Fred Campbell.

Baton Rouge District Junior High Camp



EATING CAN BE FUN. This group took pride in the amount of food they ate.



AN ADVENTURE GROUP building a home in the woods.



THE TOPIC OF the week, "Christian Community," was discussed in small group conversations.



THE CAMP SUPERINTENDENT, the Rev. J.M. Wilkes, is shown cutting a fishing pole on the grounds.



IT SURELY feels good to take a swim after adventuring in the woods.



THE 63 CAMPERS and 13 counselors of the Baton Rouge Junior High Camp. A communion offering of \$22.00 was received for Oklahoma Indian Mission work.

School of Moral Concerns Scheduled for Camp Istrouma

"Moral Man and Moral Society" will be the topic of the Youth School of Moral Concerns to be held at Camp Istrouma, Aug. 11-16 under the sponsorship of the Conference Board of Christian Concerns, according to the Rev. John Winn, Baton Rouge, who will serve at dean.

The school, which will open on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, will explore the theme "What It Means to Be a Responsible Person." The specific purposes announced for the school are: Sources of Christian Morality; to discover the role of the Church in nurturing the moral life of persons; to explore the relationship between spiritual and emotional health and moral conflict; and to investigate the motivational roots of responsible Christian behavior.

Social Change and Moral Values: to investigate the meaning of the rapid changes in moral standards in modern life; to discover the enduring criteria with which a Christian evaluates alternative courses of action; to find ways in which traditional virtues may be applied to modern industrial life, and to explore the group loyalties which tend to define moral standards.

Frontiers of Personal Standards: to focus on specific issues, to discover what decisions may be indicated by recent research, and how a Christian makes those decisions.

The lead resource person for the

school will be Dr. David Reed, a minister who will soon be receiving a Ph. D. degree from Tulane Medical School in a new special area called "Psychodynamics."

Others on the staff will include the Rev. Tracy Arnold, the Rev. T. M. Babington, the Rev. Ron Devillier, the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, the Rev. George Holcombe, the Rev. James P. McCullough, the Rev. C. Ebb Munden; the Rev. and Mrs. Spencer Wren, Miss Joe Marie Ellett, Mrs. George Holcombe and Miss Margaret Lily.

A registration blank for the school is printed below. Registrations should go to Registrar, School of Moral Concerns, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport.

Methodist Hospital Fund Drive

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr., Area Chairman, announced the acceptance of Elmo S. Koschel as Chairman for the New Orleans District for the Methodist Hospital Building Campaign. The New Orleans District of the Methodist Church is comprised of 44 Methodist Churches with a membership of 15,649 members.

He was born in New Orleans and educated in its public schools. In 1936, he began working for Southern Bell



Telephone Company as a mail clerk, but continued his education attending Loyola University's evening division. In January 1941, he volunteered as a Private for Army service with the Louisiana National Guard and rose through the ranks until his discharge in 1946 with the rank of Major. Mr. Koschel served in the European Theater in General Patton's 3rd Army and is the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

After returning from service he resumed his telephone career and has served in Lake Charles, New Orleans, Alexandria and Atlanta, Georgia and was appointed General Sales Manager, his present position, on November 1, 1959.

Presently, Mr. Koschel is serving on Marketing Executives of New Orleans, the YMCA (Pontchartrain Branch) and the National Foundation. He is a member of the Vista Shores Club, Audubon Golf Club and Blue Key Honor Fraternity. In 1960 he was honored as Boss of the Year by the National Secretaries of New Orleans. At present he is Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau of the United Fund of Greater New Orleans, Class President of the Graduate School of Sales Management and Marketing at Syracuse University, Recording Secretary of Vista Park Property Owners Association. Mr. Koschel also serves on the Official Board of St. Lukes Methodist Church.

SCHOOL OF MORAL CONCERNS, 1963

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR AUGUST 11, 1963: PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15 through 20. Printed Text, Genesis 17, 1:8.

MEMORY SELECTION: For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession. Out of all the people that are on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6.

AIM OF LESSON: To help our people to have a better understanding of the covenant God made with Abraham and to better realize its significance in Jewish life and history.

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Perhaps we will have a better appreciation of today's lesson if we hurriedly outline the events in Abram's life since our last Sunday's lesson.

We studied last Sunday the call of Abram after the death of his father in Haran. Abram was called to leave Haran and go into the land of Canaan. This he did as a "Venture of faith," taking his wife, Sarai and Lot with him.

After he had been in Canaan a while, because of a famine and drouth in Canaan, Abram, with his family went down into Egypt. A little later Abram came into disfavor with Pharaoh. Abram had said in Egypt that his wife Sarai was his sister. Pharaoh was about to take her as his wife. Plagues came on his house and Pharaoh learned that Sarai was Abram's

wife. In anger he forced Abram to leave Egypt. He returned to Bethel in Canaan.

A short time later the herdsmen of Abram and Lot disputed about the grazing lands since both Abram and Lot had large herds. At the suggestion of Abram they separated, Abram giving Lot the choice of territory. Lot moved into the rich plains of Jordan. Abram moved on to Hebron in the southern part of Canaan and settled there.

Chapter 14 tells of the petty wars by tribal kings in the country in which Lot located. Lot was captured and departed. Abram rescued Lot and restored him and his possessions to his home.

Chapter 16 tells of the birth of a son to Abram by Sarai's handmaid, Hagar. The son was named Ishmael. At this time Abram was 86 years old.

Our lesson text begins with the first verse of chapter 17, thirteen years after the birth of Ishmael. Abram was then 99 years old.

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I AM ALMIGHTY GOD

The opening verse of our lesson text says that the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God almighty." This was the first time God had been called "Almighty."

Abram was familiar with the kind of gods the many nations around him worshiped. While each na-

tion believed in a God especially favorable to itself, no people with whom he had been associated believed in a god that was "almighty," or all-powerful.

Believing in and being protected by such a God relieved Abram of any fears of the races or nations around him. Not only could such a God protect him from any threatened danger from other races, he could fulfill any promises made and he could provide for all of the needs of Abram and his descendants forever.

In Abram's world this was a new conception of God. Henceforth, for the Jew, Jehovah God was to be the God of all gods and the King of all kings. Real monotheistic faith, faith in only one God, came very slowly. It was possibly the fact that Israel continued to believe in the lesser gods of other nations that the first of the Ten Commandments reads, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." In that early day even this first of the ten great commandments did not refer to God as the only god.

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WALK BEFORE ME...BLAMELESS

God says to Abram, "Walk before me and be blameless." In the plans of the eternal God, Abram was to be the father of countless descendants and the father of many nations. It is not surprising to hear God saying to him that he should be blameless in life. God needed such a one to be the founder of the great race which God promised to bless and through which God was to bless the world.

God expected Abram to be blameless as an example for his descendants to look to as a man of faith, consecration and loyalty to God.

God wanted Abram to be blameless in the great principles of life that motivate conduct. To be worthy to be the founder of God's chosen people, Abram must be a man of integrity, honor, righteousness, trustworthiness and fidelity. This and more it meant for Abram to be blameless.

God wanted Abram to be blameless as a way-shower for his immediate family and for his many descendants. God said of Abraham, in Genesis 18:29,

NEWS

...from the office of the



LOUISIANA METHODIST AREA COUNCIL

Lona Wilson, Editor

Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We had a great week at Mt. Sequoyah, July 14-21, but it was hard work. We took the course on preparing for the new curriculum and found it most helpful. The most inspirational thing about the week was the Willson Lectures. Dr. Edwin P. Booth, of Boston University, gave four biographical lectures which were as good as I have ever heard. His last one, "The Jesus of History," was simply superb.

All the preachers in the Louisiana Conference will be hearing from me soon about the New Curriculum for the Children's Division which will be used, beginning

September 1, 1964. Much preparation for use of this new material will be necessary before that time. Let me urge each pastor and each Children's Division superintendent to read ALL the material coming to them on the subject. "Will You Be Ready?" has been in your hands for some time; "Are You Ready?" will be in your hands by the time this appears in print. Study these two booklets carefully along with these free brochures: "The Director of Music for Children," "The Nursery Home Roll and Child Care," "Organizing for Work with Children," "The Work of the Counseling Teacher," "The Work of the Children's Division Superintendents," "The Children's Work Council," and "Group Teaching." You will find an order blank in the back of the booklet, "Are You Ready?" listing these brochures.

In all of our District Leadership Training Schools and Workshops, we urge that a course on "The New Curriculum for the Children's Division" be a part of the schedule. Consult this office for information on qualified teachers for this course. We will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

The following news from Mt. Sequoyah will be very welcome to all who have the privilege of going to "The Mountain" each summer: Bishop Pope broke ground for a new cafeteria, which will be ready for next summer. This new building will be air-conditioned.

For work in the Leadership-Laboratory School at Mt. Sequoyah this summer, the following persons from Louisiana Conference have registered:

Miss Shiela Nuttall, Mrs. John M. Haynie, Mrs. Harry E. Robson, Dr. Harry E. Robson, Mrs. Lawrence Lester, Mrs. Cecil Benoit, Mrs. Doris Marsalis, Mrs. Jack Fisher, Mr. Jack Fisher, Mrs. J.D. Carter, Mrs. Flora Belle Lewis, Mrs. Martin T. Welch, Mrs. J.A. Montgomery, Rev. William R. Irving, Jr., Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Mrs. J.F. Adkins, Mrs. Woodrow Hill, Mrs. J.P. Price, Mrs. Charles Lashley, Mrs. S.B. Dampier, Mrs. H.B. Crammer, Mrs. Alma Gallien, Mrs. G.E. Boggs, Mrs. Z.J. Byrd, Mrs. L.H. Leverett, Mr. L.H. Leverett, Mr. Rosco B. Jones, Mrs. E.A. Freeman, Miss Norma Garlington, Miss Juanelva Rose.



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



Perhaps the greatest responsibility of the Layman is Christian Stewardship and in this responsibility we also find perhaps the greatest joy of Christian Discipleship. Too often we limit stewardship to the simple giving of our money. In Luke 12:34 we find "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." What is our treasure? Certainly the abundant, everlasting life through Jesus is the most precious treasure that is ours.

We have heard the expression "Time, Talent, and Treasure" until the saying almost becomes trite. What we really are trying to describe is the stewardship of all of life. Consider, if you will, the passing of time. Watch the grains of sand fall through an hour glass - the second hand of your watch. Time marches relentlessly on as we approach that moment of truth when we must inevitably give an accounting to that Master Timekeeper for the way in which we have used those fleeting moments and years. How often do we waste our substance by allowing the shallow, trivial things to crowd out the opportunities to

speak a word for Christ that are ours every new day. When we do, "Thieves break through and steal."

Consider if you will our talent. How often do we wait until we can do something big - something that will attract the attention of all those about us and thereby neglect the opportunities that are ours to use the talents that are given us. To whom much is given, much is required, and yet, for those of us who have but one talent, there is a place of service in the kingdom. Consider the wall of a great building that has a single brick left out here and there. The talent given to each of us can be exercised only by the individual to whom it is given. When we fail to give Christ the best that is in us, "thieves break through and steal" -

Now let's consider what we so commonly call our treasure. Here we usually mean our money. Here we have one of our greatest opportunities for all of us, particularly laymen, cannot "go ye into all the world", but by pooling our financial resources we can provide for the total program of the Church and project ourselves to the end of the earth. Rich or poor, we owe to God an accounting of the financial resources that He has entrusted to us as His trustee. When we misuse that which He has given us, "thieves break through and steal" -

All of this is Christian Stewardship. When we give our time to God, we cannot help but give our talents and when we involve our talent in the Christian way of life, it follows, as the day follows the night, we must give back to God our money.

Christian Stewardship is the first of the areas delegated to the Board of Lay Activities in the Discipline of the Methodist Church. It is our privilege and responsibility as laymen to give ourselves to this important phase of His work. In this area we find our treasure deposited in the heart of God where, "thieves do not break through and steal".



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



When we think of mission support we think first of World Service, for this provides the basic financial needs of our Church's general Boards and Agencies. Through World Service every local church is privileged to contribute financially to the world-wide-parish of Methodism. But that is not the whole story.

Church budgets are often prepared with the basic mission askings and acceptances listed as "World Service" when it should read "World Service and Conference Benevolences and World Service are not the same, except in principle. Except for our most informed laymen, a vast majority of our church people do not know that forty seven and one half per cent of our "asking" is for Conference Benevolences and that the remaining fifty two and one half per cent is for World Service.

World Service is divided among Boards and Agencies of the Methodist Church according to fixed percentages and sums set aside by action of the General Conference. For instance, the Board of Missions receives 58.71% of each World Service dollar. The Board of Education receives 16.43%, the Board of Evangelism 2.56%, Board of Lay Activities 2.37%, and so on. These are called General Boards.

Conference Benevolences are apportioned to the needs of the Conference Boards and Agencies serving our own Louisiana Conference. Benevolence income (the 47.5% share) is apportioned by the Conference Board of World Service and Finance. Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor of Alexandria First Church, is chairman of this important Board, with Rev. John Koelemay serving as Secretary.

On rare occasions a vociferous complaint is heard about mission money and its use. Often the need is under-estimated and the dollar-value over-estimated, and the misconception born out of a lack of information. Among laymen who know, the wish is only that we could do more.

COMMENT

a new series by your conference officers.

Dear Coordinator:

So, you have been elected as coordinator of the local Wesleyan Service Guild! Congratulations! May it all your powers engage and even uncover untapped resources for this responsibility.

With outstretched hands, one clasping the hands of your fellow members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the other clasping that of Guild members, YOU become the bridge over which messages, reports, interpretations, and cooperative activities will cross. May that bridge have girders of faith and may the signals of love, understanding, and unity be kept clear and functioning at all times.

Won't you help to keep the signals functioning in these areas?

1. Each officer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Guild come to know her corresponding officer personally and share ideas and material. In small churches the boundary of office is not needed, but may involve the entire membership of both groups.
2. Attendance: Attend meetings of both the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service as regularly as possible. Encourage exchange of visits by both groups.
3. Present the Guild and its interest to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the interests of the society to the Guild. These will soon be mutual interests and bring an understanding of the relationship and community of purpose.
4. Promote cooperative activities. Some possibilities of this are: joint program meetings; observance of Call to Prayer and Self Denial, and approved studies. January, as Guild Month, is suggested as joint program meeting. Encourage the Woman's Society of Christian Service to set at least one meeting of the Executive Committee at a time which the Guild president and treasurer can attend.
5. There is a great need for additional Guild units and additional members in the units already established. The potential for this increase is in our churches and communities. Any assistance, through a joint committee on membership or otherwise, will be appreciated.

Did some one say there was nothing to being coordinator of the Guild? There is no limit to the many things you, as coordinator, can do. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you. May it be an enriching experience for you.

Guild presidents, here is another one of those right hand men which you need to carry out the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Clasp that hand

Methodist Women Attend Tacoma Meeting

Two Louisiana women were among the 160 Methodist women leaders attending the quadrennial National Seminar on Christian Social Relations meeting at Tacoma, Washington, July 31-August 9. Mrs. J. B. Mouton of Sulphur, conference secretary of Christian social relations, represented the Louisiana Conference, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey of Ruston, member of the Woman's Division, was one of the Division Representatives.

Held under the sponsorship of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Missions, the group will consider the role of women in economics, politics, world affairs, education, and the church.

The theme of this year's seminar will be "Women in a New Age," and all meetings will be held on the campus of the University of Puget Sound. The four-fold purpose of the National Seminar is:

"A. The study of the changing role of women in today's world relating to economic and political life, education, world affairs and the church. B. The evaluation of this changing role in terms of new power and responsibility for its use today. C. The identification of the responsibility of the church in these areas of concern. D. The discovery of ways in which these changing roles and responsibilities of women

relate to the purpose and function of the Woman's Division and to the Woman's Societies of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guilds (the latter being local Methodist women's organizations) in the decade of the Sixties."

The women who will attend represent various levels of Methodist women's work — district, conference, jurisdiction and national. They will come from all over the United States. Missionaries and deaconesses of the Woman's Division also will attend, as will national staff executives of the Division.

and go forward in bringing the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of all people.

Through this cooperative effort, may the channel through which the women achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowships be kept open wide; may Christian discipleship be applied to all of life, including time, service, money, study, prayer, thought, and conviction; may the work of the Guild be advanced and its influence used for God to help bring in His Kingdom.

Dare we accept this price of discipleship?

Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary
Wesleyan Service Guild

(Continued from page four)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." It was this vigor and fixedness of character that made Abraham a man God could depend on and trust.

I WILL MAKE MY COVENANT

What is a covenant? Webster's first definition is, "An agreement between persons or parties." Hence it is that while God says, "I will make a covenant," he adds, "Between me and you."

This covenant was not something God arbitrarily imposed on Abram. It was a contract which, in order to be binding, must be agreed to by Abram as well as God.

In this covenant there was a very noticeable difference in Abram's relations to God and the relations of the people about him to their gods. In the heathen world people were continuously searching for their gods, and they were always appealing to them for help. In Abram's relation to Jehovah God it was quite different. Here it is God seeking man and wanting to do him good.

Repeatedly do we read about God appearing to Abram and offering to make a covenant with him and to help him. Especially was this true in times of crisis in Abram's life. 1. At the death of Abram's father in Taran God spoke to Abram calling him to go to Canaan with promises to bless him. 2. When Abram reached Sichem, in Canaan, the Lord appeared to Abram and gave him reassuring promises. 3. When Abram and Lot separated to avoid strife, it appeared that Lot got the "pick of the land" for his cattle. However, as soon as Lot had moved on, God appeared to Abram and reassured him that the whole land was his and his descendants forever. 4. After Abram's fight with the kings in rescuing Lot, God spoke to Abram in a vision assuring him that he would have a son and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. 5. Again in our lesson text God appears to Abram with a promise of an everlasting covenant.

While these appearances and promises of God to Abram seem to come often as we read through these six chapters from 12 through 17, we must remember that they cover a period of 24 years in Abram's life when he badly needed these repeated promises.

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WHAT SUCH A COVENANT MEANT TO JEWS

1. For the Jews this everlasting covenant God promised meant that the weakness, the frailty and the sense of insecurity of the Jewish nation would be linked with the power of a God who was "Almighty."

2. The statement, "I will make a covenant," indicates that the idea of a covenant came from God, not the Jewish people. In other religions the approach was usually made by men seeking their god or men seeking to reach a better relationship with their god. In Judaism and in Christianity we find God seeking man. Repeatedly this was true in God's relationship with Abram. In the New Testament we find Christ saying, "The Son of Man is come to SEEK and to save that which was lost."

3. This covenant was exclusive. While others would eventually be blessed because of it, the original covenant was made with Abram and his descendants.

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ABRAM BECOMES ABRAHAM

We are quite familiar with the name Abraham. We are not so familiar with the fact that for the first ninety-nine years of his life, Abraham was called Abram.

In verse 5 of our lesson text God tells Abram that he would not be called by that name any longer "But thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee." Bible names in general have a special meaning. The Interpreters Bible tells us that Abram meant "exalted father," while Abraham meant "Father of a multitude." This same authority says "The change of name to Abraham...may be a reflex of the Jewish custom of naming a child at the time of circumcision, when he was brought into the covenant of which circumcision was the sign."

FATHER OF MANY NATIONS

Let us keep in mind that while God is here promising Abraham that he is to be the father of many nations and the father of kings of these nations, Abraham, at the time was 99 years old and childless except for a son Ishmael who was born of Hagar, the handmaid of Sarah.

In verses 15-20 of the chapter from which our lesson text is taken, God told Abraham that Sarah's name was to be changed to Sarah because she would bear him a son and thereby become the mother of many nations and the mother of the kings of these nations.

Let us get the picture. Abraham was 99 years old. Sarah was 90 years old and had been childless for all of these years. At this advanced age for both of them, God told Abraham that Sarah would bear him a son who would be called Isaac.

Abraham was a man of towering faith in God. However, this promise sounded so ridiculous to Abraham that verse 17 says, "Then Abraham fell upon the ground and laughed." Even the faith of Abraham broke down at such a staggering promise. Nevertheless, God brought it to pass. Sarah did bear a son, Isaac, and Sarah and Abraham did become the parents of many nations.

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AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

In the last two verses of our lesson text God is declaring that the covenant he was making with Abraham and his descendants was an everlasting covenant. God promised to be a God unto Abraham and his descendants forever.

As a part of that covenant God promised Abraham that he would give to him and "to thy seed after thee" the land of Canaan "for an everlasting possession."

It is a matter of some significance, we think, that today almost 4,000 years since this promise was made to Abraham, the Jews are still in possession of most of the land of Canaan, and they are more secure there now than for centuries.

Louisiana in Bolivia

Dedication of Center -

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BUILDINGS OF THE METHODIST CENTER, Carabuco, Bolivia (l. to r.): shop and store room, dormitory assistants room, three dormitory rooms, study hall and library. The chapel is in the upper half of the building on the right and the other part is occupied by the dispensary. The building on the lower right has a Sunday School room (also used for literacy classes), an office and a storeroom for agricultural supplies.

Three years ago our pastor Martin Morales gave up a very good trade to become a local preacher, and although he cannot write and has a very difficult time reading, he has led our Church in Carabuco with an enthusiasm that would put many a well-trained pastor to shame. Martin conducted the service and introduced Paul McCleary, Executive Secretary for the Methodist Church in Bolivia, who then delivered the sermon.

Although the attitude had Brother Jimmie Harris, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport, a bit light-headed, it did not prevent him from earning the appreciation of everyone by using Spanish instead of English while speaking to the people. He brought words of greeting from the Louisiana Conference and then presented a plaque for the center to Carl. The plaque, giving the name of the center, the names of those who contributed to its being, and the date, was set into the wall near the entrance way.

We were fortunate in having a large group of visitors from the United States. Trinity Church in Ruston was



CHAPEL OF the Methodist Center, Carabuco. It will seat 70. There is an organ that is pumped by foot power.

represented by Carl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams, and Richard Ezell, son of Rev. Harry Ezell of the Children's Home in Ruston. Besides the Ruston delegation and Brother and Mrs. Harris there was a work team of college students from St. Luke's Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, composed of Lynda Shamblyn, Linda Smith, Betty Walker, Elbert Coker, and John DeVerter.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to a variety show and a volleyball tournament that included eight competing teams from the participating communities. The main attraction of the variety show was the play. The Aymara Indian always enjoys a drama . . . no matter how bad it is. After hard practice, sometimes as late as 11:30, our Indian workers presented a most enjoyable play about the unforgiving servant.

That night the dedication program came to a close with songs, fireworks, and a large bonfire. The bonfire was especially appropriate because the Indians consider this the coldest night of the year and adhere to the custom of lighting fires all over the countryside in the hope of heating the earth.

The dedication of the center marked the climax of the construction program. Now the real work begins—to use the center as effectively as possible to raise the standard of living, not only through agriculture, but in all phases of life—to awaken in the people the meaning of Christianity, that it is the key to a fruitful and happy lives for them and their neighbors.

The center is undergoing active use at this time. In the workshop benches are being built for the chapel; at night a literacy class is being held with an attendance of fifteen adults and young people; three dormitory rooms are occupied by boys attending the government high school. We have a Youth League every Thursday night and devotionals twice a week for the boys. On Sundays we hold Sunday School for both adults and youngsters.

The center serves as a base of operations for the agriculture work being done in this area. It is a base and not



NEW HOUSE for Carl and Julia Williams, built with funds from Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. It is a nine-room house, with four bedrooms (there is no hotel and visitors must stay with the Williams) bath, living room, kitchen, store room and office. The house is built of mud adobe with a tin roof.

the sole site of the work because we concentrate our efforts on visiting the people in their communities, rather than waiting for them to come to us.

Medical help has not been neglected at the center. One room has been adequately equipped as a clinic, and we have the benefit of a trained nurse who comes over once a week from Añcorames to attend patients.

In the litany of dedication led by Carl the center was dedicated to the following purposes:

- To the worship of God.
- To the works of Christian Education, the study of the Bible, and the development of Christian Character.
- To the broadening of mental horizons and the deepening of knowledge.
- To the awakening and growth of all people with whom we come in contact.
- To Christian fellowship and the re-

creation of mind and body.

To those tasks and purposes that every Christian must face in his place and time.

To the Aymara people in their search for liberty, social and economic justice, and responsible citizenship.

To the proclamation of the whole Gospel — to the works of Evangelism, Education, Medicine, Agriculture, and the Community.

Pray with us that these purposes may be met.

We want to take this opportunity to tell you that we shall be home in time to get the children in school in September. Since our regular furlough would begin in December and since December is the height of the growing season here, it was decided that we take our year's furlough now to avoid missing two entire seasons when Carl is needed most. So . . . see you soon!



PART OF THE GROUP of over 200 people that attended the program of the dedication of the Methodist Center. This scene shows them enjoying a magic show that was a part of the day's activities.

HOME NEEDS CLOTHING SPONSORS

The Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, Louisiana, needs 79 full clothing sponsorships. The system of assigning individual children to sponsoring groups was started by the late Dr. R. W. Vaughan, former Superintendent. It remains an essential method of providing clothing for children.

Twelve new children have entered the care of the Home since May third. Population is at an eight year high. This number of new children added to the normal turn-over in sponsoring groups, has created a deep need to en-

list new sponsors. Interested groups or individuals may secure details by writing:

Superintendent
Methodist Children's Home
P. O. Drawer H
Ruston, Louisiana 71270.

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Between eight and ten thousand Western Pennsylvania Methodists are expected to attend the 20th annual outing of Methodist churches to be held at Idlewild Park near Ligonier, Pa., Aug. 21. Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh will speak at a vesper service in the park.

Homecoming At Monroe Southside

The Southside Methodist Church in Monroe observed its eleventh Homecoming on Sunday, July 14th, 1963 in an all-day celebration.

The Rev. W. H. Giles, retired, of Luthersville, Georgia, who was District Superintendent of the Monroe District when the Southside Church was organized on July 13, 1952 with 125 members, brought the message at the 10:50 Worship Service.

The music for all services was in charge of Jack Hesketh, Chancel Choir director, with Mrs. Dorothy Stewart at the organ. A special program of music planned for the afternoon, began at 2:00 o'clock following the basket dinner.

This church has experienced an amazing growth, spiritually, numerically, and financially during these eleven years. The membership now totals 1001, with a Church School enrollment of 415. The Church property is valued at \$195,250.00 with an indebtedness of only \$24,140.43. It is fully organized in accordance with the Discipline with all the major commissions and committees, as well as an active Scout program and daily Kindergarten.

The Official Board has an enrollment of 65 members. The six Commissions, the Men's Club, the Fisher-

men's Club, Shepherd's Club, three groups of the Twelve, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild, Altar Guild, Golden Maturity Circle, the five Choirs, and the M. Y. F. Groups each play their busy role in the program of the Church.

Several different laymen take their turn at conducting the mid-week service, thereby giving our pastor, the Rev. Lea Joyner, time for other duties.

Youth Activities At Bogalusa

"I Am His Steward" was the Youth Activities Week theme at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bogalusa participated in by youth of E.S.M., the local Presbyterian Church of which Rev. Roger Green-slade is pastor and Sallie Hicks is Summer Youth Director, and the Varnado Methodist Church. Visiting youth groups on single nights included Franklinton and Poplarville. Rev. Al Brown of Slidell, Rev. Tom Reed of New Orleans, Rev. Fred Schwendiaman of Franklinton and Rev. Paul Gillespie of the Memorial Baptist Church in Bogalusa spoke at the worship hours on "Outreach", "Witness", "Faith", and "Citizenship" respectively.

Local laymen, Lee Brown and John Gallaspy, led study groups on "Teen-

agers Enjoy Your Parents" and "The Book of the Ages" respectively. Recreation was planned and conducted by Mrs. Evelyn Weeks. Sallie Hicks and Rev. Robert B. Crichlow of E.S.M. Serving the nightly meals under the leadership of Mrs. Earl Gates were Mrs. J. H. Verdel, Mrs. R. B. Crichlow, Mrs. W. J. Willoughby, Mrs. Walter Adams, Mrs. Russ Williams, Mrs. Thelma Griffin, Mrs. Houston Sheridan, Earl Gates, Arthur Rigsby.

Youth Activities Week at Bogalusa highlighted a summer youth program that included two bus trips, one to Pontchartrain Beach, and the other to visit the Methodist Home Hospital and the Church House in New Orleans.

Adult Advisors for each area committee of the Senior Highs have been appointed and are Mrs. Lynwood Walton, Mrs. Ray Dahl, Mrs. Norman Ott, Mrs. George Potter and Mrs. H. E. Rinehart. Counselor for the Senior Highs is Richard Knight and for the Junior Highs is Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pou assisted by Mrs. Harry Richardson.

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It is just as the monkeys said, as they sat de-fleaing one another: "We don't believe in foreign missions. We have enough to do right here at home."

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HOMEcoming WAS HELD at Bayou Scie Church in the Shreveport District on the second Sunday in July.



THE WINNING TEAM in the "Treasure Hunt" with which the Jonesboro Church began its summer activities program for its young people.



A GROUP OF LAYMEN of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, who recently planted shrubbery around their church.



THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT Advisory Committee on Community Work, which met June 18 in the home of Mrs. Martha Overbey, community worker at Trout-Urania.

W.M. BAKER, a consecrated Christian layman, who has served as chairman of the Official Board of Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, for 43 years.



Lafayette District Junior High Camp - Camp Brewer - July 16, 1963

Lafayette District Junior High Camp, Camp Brewer, July 15-19.



Monroe District Junior Camp, Caney Lake, June 24-28.



THE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING Communion Service is always one of the high points of the Laymen's Retreat. The more than 300 men who attended this year's retreat are shown during this service, which has been conducted for six years by Dr. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent.



BISHOP EUGENE SLATER, native of Louisiana and resident bishop of the Kansas Area, right, featured speaker at Pastors' School, is shown with his mother, Mrs. O.T. Slater of Sibley, La., second from right, and the Rev. and Mrs. William Stegall of the Sibley Methodist Church.

Correction

In last week's paper we carried a story concerning the need for clothing sponsorships by the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston. The number need should have been 19 instead of 79 as stated in the article. Will you please make a note of the correct number of sponsorships needed.

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Youth Revival At Homer

The Homer Methodist Church held its Youth Revival and Youth Activities Week July 14-19. The speaker for the week was the Rev. Robert Holladay, Pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Special activities for the week included a family night Supper on Sunday, July 14-19 preceding the worship service. Special entertainment for the supper was provided by the O'Dell family, a musical group from Minden. Also included in the week's activities were several outings and picnics for various age groups at which time Rev. Holladay led in informal discussions on

topics of interest to the group. Each evening the worship service was followed by a refreshment period, group discussions, and recreation. On Friday evening the week's activities were concluded with a Youth Communion Service.

The theme for the week was "What In The World Are You Doing For Heaven's Sake?" Each evening this theme was carried out in a special worship center, the speaker's message, and commitment cards which the youth signed and placed at the altar at the close of the service.

Thibodeaux Tour Camp Typical of Developing Summer Activity

On June 30 seventeen Methodist high school students and four adults left Thibodeaux by car for a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains. The group returned Saturday, July 13.

Making the trip were Nancy Augustat, Billy Booth, David Carlson, Sally Dorr, Kenny Ferrell, Elvira Frick, Susie Grimmett, Lawrence Hagood, Randy Harmon, Virginia Huckaby, Bobby Hunter, Ingrid Jones, Charlotte Landry, Lynn Levisay, Emma Lou Montgomery, Mike Myrick, Henry Potts, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bowdon, Jr., Rev. James S. Jones, and Rev. Rupert D. Coles. The trip was under the sponsorship of the Lafayette district, although three adults and one camper reside in other districts.

Principal activities were twofold: visitation of Methodist institutions plus

the experiencing of wonders of God's creation in the Great Smoky Mountains. Wednesday, July 3, was spent in Nashville visiting the printing plant of the Methodist Publishing House, the studios of Television, Radio, and Film Commission (TRAFICO), the offices of the General Board of Education, Scarrit College, and the Upper Room chapel, where communion was administered by the ministers in the group. Hikes and trips afforded opportunity to become better acquainted with the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Enroute to the Park the group spent nights in the Wesley Foundation at SLC, Wood Junior College in Mathiston, Mississippi, and Meridian Street Methodist Church in Nashville. Returning the group slept in the Wesley Foundation at the University of Ala-

bama and in Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans. The group worshiped at the First Methodist Church, Hammond, on June 30, and at various churches in the Smokies on Sunday, July 7.

While in the Smokies the group stayed at Pittman Community Center near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. This missionary project of the WSCS is under the directorship of Dr. Robert F. Thomas. He and Mrs. Thomas have served at Pittman for thirty-seven years. A report in detail is given concerning Pittman Center in the booklet "The Arm of Compassion", which was used as a study booklet by various WSCS groups this past year. The group, together with members of the MYF of Burnett Memorial Church, which serves the Pittman Center area, visited vari-

ous families near the church. In addition the group engaged in maintenance projects at Pittman Center as a contribution to the welfare of the institution.

The ministers were assigned preaching duties Sunday, July 7. Some of the young people attended all three worship services, which is probably a record for Louisiana MYFers.

On Monday the group embarked to hike the Asbury trail. About half the group continued and completed the hike Tuesday, while the others contented themselves with other activities. The Asbury trail, originally called the Cataloochee trail, is the route taken across the Appalachians in 1810 by Bishop Francis Asbury. He crossed these mountains some sixty times and

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Conference on Evangelism at Mount Sequoyah, Aug. 19-22

Dr. Maldyn Edwards of England will be the noonday platform speaker for the Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism at Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 19 through 22, and Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of the Arkansas Area will be the evening inspirational speaker. Louisiana's delegation to the conference will be led by Dr. James T. Harris, pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, conference

secretary of evangelism, the Rev. A. A. McKnight, chairman of the conference Board of Evangelism, and the Rev. K. G. Rorie, associate director of the Area Council.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver, executive secretary of the Area Council of Arkansas Methodism, and chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism, will

preside over the meetings.

A special feature of this year's conference will be the youth section. The young people will be meeting in their own sections except for the platform periods. The purpose of the youth program will be to prepare them to be better evangelists.

Morning watch worship services will be directed by Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, jurisdiction secretary of spiritual life of the WSCS. A Bible study will be led by Dr. Victor Furnish of Perkins School of Theology.

Workshop leaders for the conference will include the Rev. Charles Whittle, of the General Board of Evangelism; Dr. Austin Dillon of Roswell, N. M.; Dr. Leon C. Mathis; the Rev. Lee A. Bedford, Jr.; Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield; Dr. Walter Towner and Mr. Harold Rogers.

Mrs. Matthews will lead a workshop for spiritual life secretaries and other women who are attending the conference.

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Editorials

The Test Ban Treaty

Eighteen years ago this week a mushroom shaped cloud floated over the ruins of the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Slowly the wind carried it away. After it was gone, the fallout remained. Long after both were gone the cloud of awesome fear floated over all the earth and remains to haunt us with its uncertainties and unanswered questions. This week the anniversary of Hiroshima brought the signing of a limited test ban treaty in Moscow and with it came some new uncertainties, but also some new hopes.

In spite of all that might be said the fact remains that for a number of years we have had a delegation at work in Geneva seeking a formula by which the darkness of this cloud of fear might be made a few shades lighter. There is no question that the encouraging offer of such consideration by the Kremlin came surprisingly near their latest clash with Red China. But there is also no question that we have tried for all these years to talk the Russians into coming this far with us.

As we consider the complex problems of living in a world that cannot hide its head in the sand from either the fact of Communist gains or the mounting threat of nuclear destruction, we are going to discover that the simple answers have just as many hidden complexities. There are so many ways in which the techniques of propaganda warfare can be used against us.

There are calculated risks in entering into agreements with the Communists. We all learn that early in our battle with them.

ILLUMINATES THE SOUL



Yet we are now in a new stage of international relations in which a major reality is the widening gap between Russian and China. We will not be buying either package of red bait no matter how it may be wrapped. We will face together the fact that America has long been interested in a treaty such as the one signed this week. It should be

Thermometers and Thermostats

Have you ever noticed how speakers spend so much of their time telling us all that is wrong with us and devote so little of their effort to telling us what we can do about it? We are reminded of two commonplace instruments related to the weather—the thermometer and the thermostat. The former has the sole function of telling us whether it is hot or cold, while the latter contained the means of changing the temperature from what it is to what we like for it to be.

There are many people for whom the thermometer is a symbol, since they seem devoted not only to record things as they are but also are determined to keep them as they are. Through the years they have even leaned the sanctity of Scripture to their position. We remember that one of our seminary professors used to say that any man can prove any side of any question by quoting selected verses of the Bible.

One of the greatest of all the problems of our day is that so many Americans do not feel any personal responsibility for improving the moral conditions of the nation. Our thermometers may be in good order. We are reminded again and again what the state of our nation is. But what about our thermostats? Do we have a clear idea of what the desired moral climate of our land should be through Christ, and are we striving to change it from what it is to what it ought to be?

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NEWS and NOTES

ABOUT

THE REV. ALBERT A. COLLINS, minister of the Jefferson Methodist Church in New Orleans, conducted the noontide services at the Church House beginning July 22.

MRS. J.L. BOWER has been named Church Hostess at Memorial Methodist Church in Monroe. She began her work at the church on July 29. The Rev. Loyd E. Williams is pastor.

THE REV. PAUL CASSELS of Simsboro will be the guest evangelist for revival services at Oak Grove Methodist Church, Aug. 19-25. The Rev. J.C. Zerk, Sr. is the pastor.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30, three members of Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, were presented attendance pins. They were Miss Donna Kay Ellis and Buddy McMorris for 11 years; and Hal Ellis for 13 years. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

INGLESIDE METHODIST MEN in Baton Rouge heard Dr. Arden O. French, dean of men at LSU, talk on "The Church Laymen and Current Social Problems" at the July meeting. Ingleside pastor is the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, New Orleans district superintendent, held a revival at First Methodist Church in Coshatta, July 21-26. The Rev. J.C. Skinner, pastor of the St. Bernard Methodist Church in Chalmette, was song leader. The Rev. D.T. Williams is pastor.

ABBEVILLE JUNIOR HIGH MYF officers are: Linda Kendrick, president; Catherine Ann DeHart, vice president; Charlotte Walker, secretary; Winnie Simon, treasurer; Harry Trantor, outreach; Debra Pierce, publicity. Pastor is the Rev. Tracy R. Arnold.

WHILE VACATIONING IN TENNESSEE, the Rev. Loyd E. Williams and family attended worship services at First Methodist Church, Gatlinburg, July 7, and at the Tualachee Methodist Church in Townsend, July 14. Mr. Williams is pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe.

ROBERT MITTELSTAEDT, layman of Munholland Church, filled the pulpit of Gentilly Church in New Orleans in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. John Koelmay, August 4. The Rev. Larry Dominguez, pastor of the Spanish-speaking group which meets in the chapel of New Orleans First Church, was the evening speaker.

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FACTS and FOLKS

HOMEcoming DAY, set for August 25, is regarded as an important annual event in the life of West Monroe' First Methodist Church. The church dates back before the area was known as Old Trenton, and still uses a communion set which is over 100 years old. The present pastor is the Rev. E.B. Emmerich.

MR. AND MRS. T.E. SPILLMAN were honored by their children on their 50th wedding anniversary at the family home in the Spillman community, June 23. Mr. Spillman has been on the Official Board of the New Hope Methodist Church, Baton Rouge district, for 52 years, and has been superintendent of the church school for 49 years.

THE DERIDDER FIRST METHODIST YOUTH Fellowship held Youth Activities and Christian Adventure Week July 23-28. Discussion leaders were Jim Mann, Jimmy Hodds, G.K. Bienvenu, District Judge W.E. Hall, Nathan Lewis, Coach Charles Lane, the Rev. Robert Jamieson, pastor, and the Rev. Spillar Milton, associate pastor who directed the week's activities.

MONROE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH is sharing the associate minister, the Rev. L. Deen Thompson, with the district to fill pulpits where there are no ministers or where ministers are ill. The Rev. George Harbuck is pastor of First Church, and the Rev. Edward Haug is the Monroe district superintendent.

SENIOR HIGH YOUNG PEOPLE of University Methodist Church in Lake Charles have chosen the theme "Racial Prejudice-Christian Responsibility and You" for Youth Activities Week, July 28-August 2. The Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor and Kay France is educational assistant.

SPRINGHILL METHODIST CHURCH will hold a revival from August 18 to 23 with Dr. Roy Bagley, Hope (Arkansas) district superintendent, bringing the sermons. Mrs. Fran Shirley will lead the singing and present a sacred concert each evening. The Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor.

THE GIBSLAND MYF took a trip to Kepler Lake on July 19. After hiking and exploring around the lake, the members enjoyed a picnic supper and making home-made ice cream. Eighteen members and five visitors were present. Mr. E.O. Rogers is counselor and the Rev. J.A. Jones is pastor.

THE TANGI-ST. HELENA MYF Sub-District held its monthly meeting on July 15 at Days Methodist Church. After a very interesting program which included the film "Jerusalem, Old and New", the business meeting was held and plans were discussed for a fall retreat.

LOUISIANA MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in Opelousas observed youth activities week July 23-26. Speakers included Herbert Brown, Ralph Anderson, John Ragland and Vernell Soileau of Opelousas, the Rev. Ray Holt of Crowley, and Mrs. Roginette of the Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette. Summer youth director is the Rev. Dan Culp of Emory University, Atlanta. Pastor is the Rev. Henry Blount.

WINBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, reports a vacation church school attendance of 101, using 14 teachers and 17 helpers. Mrs. Bates Collins was director. A special project was a contribution to scholarships for children in Korea and Hong Kong. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, Franklinton, in the evening service, July 28, had a special baseball service in which recognition was given to all the teams and their managers. The Rev. Fred Schwendimann brought a special message entitled "Baseball Came of Life." A brass quartet composed of Barry Pierce, Mike Crain, Charles Simmons and Jimmy Burris furnished special music and did the Youth Choir.

THE YOUTH OF CENTENARY METHODIST Church, Franklinton, honored the members of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild for the vital role the women play in the program of the MYF during the whole year. Miss Pam Watts served a moderator for the program. Participating were Richard Watts, Tommie Lou Brumfield, Sally Wood, Chess Richardson, Martha Ann Thigpen, Robert Pierce, and Patsy Burdeaux. The Rev. Fred Schwendimann is pastor.

THE TRI-PARISH MYF met July 1 in Ferriday. The host pastor, the Rev. Jerry Means gave the devotional on "Sins in Our Lives". Peggy Krause of Sicily Island read the minutes as Lenora Dampier of Waterproof presided. Plans were completed for a recreational meet July 20. Twelve of Sicily Island's 17 members attended, Waterproof had 11 of 14 members present, and Ferriday, with 12 on roll, had 13 present.

SHONGALOO MYF ELECTED officers Sunday, July 7, and installed them July 21. They are: president, Jan Famley; vice president, Mike Burns; secretary, Mellia Simms; treasurer, Jo Ellen Haynes. Chairmen are: Christian Witness, Sherry Simms; Mission, Mary Simms; Fellowship, Bonnie Jackson; citizenship, Johnny Green; reporter, Connie Sexton; pianist, Lanell Peek. Mrs. Doy Haynes is Counselor and Mrs. L.A. Simms is assistant. The pastor is the Rev. Collins Pinkard.

Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation Swim Party

The Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation annual swimming party was held at Toma Lodge, Ruston, on Saturday, June 29. Toma Lodge is the private lodge of Mrs. T. L. James, Sr., Ruston, and the members of Wesley Foundation certainly appreciate her allowing them use of the pool at Toma Lodge. There were approximately fifty students present for the party. Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne L. Oglesby served as the chaperones. The Reverend William M. Stokes, Jr. is the Director of the Tech Wesley Foundation. This annual party has come to be an outstanding event of the summer school session because many students who are not attending summer school return for the party spending the week end with students who are attending summer school. After swimming the students returned to the Wesley Foundation for watermelon.

The Executive Council met the week end of June 28, 29, and 30 to work on Fall Planning Retreat for the Council. Those present were President — Winnie Whitman, Hope, Arkansas; Vice-President — James Pelton, Shreveport; Secretary — Toni Chandler, Jonesville; Treasurer — Ann Woodward, Calhoun; Thursday Vesper Chairman — Darien McKenzie, Ruston; Sunday Vesper Chairman — Billie Vic Bozeman, Oil City; Deputation Chairman — Rowland Vernon, Tioga;

and also present to meet with the Executive Council for various areas of work were the Personnel Co-Chairmen — Pat Humble, Haynesville; and Girault Bird, Sicily Island. Judy Randolph, Recreation Chairman, Colfax, worked with the President and the Director on the Freshman Party which will be held at the Tech Wesley Foundation on Thursday, September 19th.

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AMONG THOSE attending the Tech Wesley Foundation Swimming Party at Toma Lodge: (seated l. to r.) Mrs. T.L. James, Sr., who own Toma Lodge; Miss Bernadett Farrel, and Mrs. Dwayne L. Oglesby; standing: Mr. Oglesby and several of the students.

Methodist Hospital

CLAUDE "MONK" SIMONS
CHAIRMAN

Urban C. Wilkinson, Campaign General Chairman for Methodist Hospital Building Fund Campaign announced the acceptance by Claude "Monk" Simons as chairman of the Publicity & Public Relations Committee for the forthcoming Methodist Hospital Campaign to provide a 150 bed hospital in the Gentilly section of New Orleans and with an ultimate goal of 450 beds.

Claude "Monk" Simons is a Vice-President and Assistant to the President

of D. H. Holmes Company, Ltd., in charge of Public Relations. Mr. Simons, a native of Orleansian was graduated from Tulane University in 1935 and received his Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky in 1937. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Blue Key, national honor fraternities.

He was an All-American football player while at Tulane, was the star of the first Sugar Bowl football game and is a past president of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association. Presently he is Chairman of the Sugar Bowl Basketball Committee. In 1938 he was Head Basketball Coach at Tulane and from 1942 to 1945 he was Head Football Coach. He served as Athletic Director of Tulane University from 1945 to 1948.

Mr. Simons is a member of Rotary Club, International House, New Orleans Athletic Club, Press Club, Metairie Country Club and is past president of the Young Men's Business Club, the Tulane "T" Club, Goodwill Industries and the Commercial Athletic Association. He is Vice-Chairman of the sports Committee, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce; member of the Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America and Chairman of the New Orleans Quarterback Club.

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Mrs. Miriam Thacker Stewart, 56, a missionary to Cuba for 33 years and a relief worker among Cuban refugees in Miami, Fla., died recently in Dothan, Ala.

Thibodeaux Tour Camp

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went by various routes, but in 1810 he rode the old Cataloochee Indian trail. It extends some twenty-three miles, and rises in altitude from about thirteen hundred feet to some forty-four hundred feet. The hike originates at Davenport Gap, Tennessee and ends at Cove Creek Gap, North Carolina. As one crosses Cataloochee Creek and heads up the mountain to Cove Creek Gap he can well appreciate Bishop Asbury's remark in 1810: "But O, the mountain . . . height after height and five miles over." A hike of the Asbury trail necessarily gives one a greater appreciation for the work of our ancestors in Faith.

Some might wonder the purpose in such a trip; the group covered twenty-three hundred miles and passed through six states. The purpose outlined to the group both at the beginning and end was threefold: to come to see more clearly ones need for God, to come to recognize ones brotherhood of his fellow man, to come to appreciate God's work in the great universe. Ample opportunity was afforded in the process of group living for the campers to recognize their own deficiencies as well as to come to appreciate more fully their fellow campers. The Christian growth which takes place in the give-and-take atmosphere of group living can be invaluable. The growth

which occurs in the lives of the campers as they work together and share one another's burdens is the result of genuine religious experience.

On girl remarked: "This is the first time I have ever seen boys willing to do their share of work in the kitchen." The boys may not have particularly relished washing dishes, but they realized it was part of the duties involved in such a situation and they accepted their responsibility willingly. How nice it would be if members of Official Boards, or church school teachers, or commission chairmen would do likewise.

This kind of experience cannot be found in the church school atmosphere of the local church. It is not to say that one experience is superior to the other, but they are different and are both needed in the total development of the child. Such an experience as the travel camp causes one to make decisions to accept ones share of responsibility, decisions to help one another, decisions to forgive others for jobs done improperly, decisions to lay aside ones own desires for the sake of the majority, decisions to undertake something in the atmosphere of acceptance that one might not ordinarily undertake. Such procedure cannot but result in an extension and growth of the individual. The campers learn to have patience with one another, appreciation for one another, tolerance for one another. They move in the direction of a true Christian community, which should be the goal of every church. Size of the body often prevents much happening

along this line in a congregation, but in a group of twenty-one persons, much can happen.

Anyone can undertake a trip such as this; all that is necessary are adults and young people who want to make such a trip. Ideally all should be from the same church and acquainted with one another. A smaller group of about twelve would be better than a larger group. Why don't you plan a trip for your MYF group for next summer, or even sooner?

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Sub-district

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Homer Methodist Church were hosts to the Lighthouse Sub-District of the Ruston District on Monday, July 29.

Approximately 120 youth from throughout the sub-district were in attendance at the meeting. This included 45 youth from the host church at Homer.

The young people presented a devotional service and a play on boy-girl relations entitled, "Behind This Mask." In charge of the program was the Homer MYF president, Lloyd Sims, Summer Youth Director, Bob Bishoff, and the pastor, Rev. W. P. Fraser.

Following the program and business meeting, the group adjourned to the church fellowship hall for refreshments and recreation. The meeting was closed with a Friendship Circle and the MYF Benediction.

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Dr. Taylor to Fill Pulpits

Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary College, has announced a schedule of guest preaching and speaking engagements which will carry through the month of August and take him to most areas of the state of Louisiana.

The schedule began on Sunday, July 21, when Dr. Taylor was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Mansfield.

The remainder of the schedule:

July 28—First Methodist Church, Bunkie.

Aug. 1—Round Table Club, Shreveport.

Aug. 11—First Methodist Church, Minden.

Aug. 18—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles (morning); Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles (evening).

Aug. 25—First Methodist Church, Montgomery.

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Mrs. Flora I. Waldorf, 86, widow of Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf, died July 3 in Auburn, N.Y. Her husband was resident bishop of the Chicago Area at the time of his death in 1943. She had served with her husband in pastorates in New York State and in Cleveland, Ohio, and during his episcopal service in Wichita, Kansas, Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR AUGUST 18, 1963: THE TEST OF FAITH

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 21 through 25. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 22:1-14.

MEMORY SELECTION: By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promise was ready to offer up his only son. Hebrews 11:17.

AIM OF LESSON: To show why Abraham is called "The father of the faithful" because of his towering faith in God. To show also that when we trust God's call through to the end we will find that, even in the severest tests, God wills good for us.

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A BACKGROUND FOR THE TESTING

It is our feeling that the testing of Abraham's faith, as described in today's lesson, is one of the most gripping, dramatic stories of the Bible.

To better understand the nature and the severity of this test it is necessary to have in mind the general situation in Abraham's life at the time the call came to offer Isaac on the altar as a sacrifice to God.

When the call came to Abraham in Haran to leave that country and go into Canaan, we will remember that Abraham was then seventy-five years old. By the law of The Methodist Church a Methodist minister may retire at sixty-five and he must retire at the age of seventy-two. For Abraham it seems

that "life began at seventy-five," beyond the age of compulsory retirement today in many fields of service.

With God's call to Abraham there came many interesting and attractive promises. God promised special blessings to Abraham. He promised to give him Canaan as an everlasting possession for himself and for his descendants. God promised Abraham that he was to be the father of many nations and that his descendants would be as numerous as the sands of the sea or the stars of the heavens.

However, there was an obstacle to the fulfillment of the most cherished part of these promises which, at the time, appeared to be insurmountable. It was the fact that Abraham was seventy-five years old and Sarah was sixty-six and they were childless.

When Abraham was eighty-six years old a son was born to him by Hagar, an Egyptian handmaid of Sarah. This however did not seem to be the way to the fulfillment of the glowing promises God had made to Abraham.

Later, when Abraham was ninety-nine years old and Sarah was ninety, God promised Abraham that Sarah would bear him a son. We saw in last Sunday's lesson that this promise seemed so fantastic and so utterly impossible to Abraham that it struck him as extremely funny and he fell on his face and laughed. When Sarah learned of the promise she also laughed.



Nevertheless, this promise of God was fulfilled and a son Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age. Now the many amazing promises God had made to Abraham seemed possible of fulfillment.

Isaac, this son of special promise, the fulfillment of one of God's gracious promises and apparently the only hope for the fulfillment of many others, grew old enough to be called a "lad."

Then one day, more surprising than a thunderclap in a cloudless sky, came the command of God to Abraham to take Isaac and offer him on an altar as a burned sacrifice to God.

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GRADUAL PREPARATION FOR TEST

For such a test as this, we would feel that there must be special preparation, if Abraham was to bear it. That preparation had been going on for many years.

The call of God to Abraham in Haran to go into a strange land among strange, hostile people was a test of faith. Leaving behind his homeland, his living kindred and the graves of many kindred who had died was a test of faith. The separation from Lot his only male relative in Canaan, was also a severe test for Abraham. After the birth of Isaac, there came the inevitable friction between Sarah and her son Isaac and Hagar and her son Ishmael. This made it necessary for Abraham to send Hagar and his son Ishmael away. This separation of Abraham from his son Ishmael was a severe test of faith for Abraham. However, no test Abraham had been called on to bear up to this time approached the test of faith involved in this command of God to offer Isaac as a common sacrifice in worship of God.

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ABRAHAM'S CONDUCT IN TIME OF TESTING

What was Abraham's reaction to this strange command from God? Taking this commandment seriously we would not be surprised if Abraham had lost his mind. We would not be surprised at suicide. We would not be surprised if the Record told of Abraham's open rebellion against God. However, none of these things happened. For three days Abraham stood this grueling test of faith and, despite

NEWS

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LOUISIANA METHODIST AREA COUNCIL

Lona Wilson, Editor

Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



The Conference Board of Lay Activities held its regular meeting at Alexandria on July 21. Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, Conference Lay Leader, presided. An inspiring devotional was given by Mr. Bob Croom, Associate District Lay Leader from the Lafayette District.

During the business session a number of important items were discussed, the first being the Conference Layman's Scholarship Fund. This is a fund that provides scholarships for young ladies who are preparing themselves for full time Christian service, to attend Centenary College. We now have three fine young persons receiving these scholarships and expect to add a fourth this year. The fund is supported by the laymen, primarily through Methodist Men Clubs. However, in churches that do not have a club, support is invited through Official Boards, Church School classes etc., or individuals. This is an excellent project and deserves the support of all our laymen. Contact your Church Lay Leader or Methodist Men President and give him your support.

The 1000 Club came up for its usual place on the agenda. Did you know that in the past ten years approximately a quarter of a million dollars has been given to start some twenty-five churches and that these churches now occupy properties valued at approximately two million dollars and have annual budgets of some one-half million. Think of the lives that have been reached through this effort. We will have three calls again this year. When they come, please send your \$10.00 in promptly.

Dates were announced for the Shreveport-Ruston District Retreat at Caney Lake on September 7 & 8. The Monroe District will have their Retreat on September 21 & 22 at Chemin-A-Haut State Park. The Lake Charles District will hold theirs at beautiful Kingwood at Lake Charles, Oct. 19th.

Plans are going forward for a number of workshops on Methodist Men, The Church Lay Leader, Stewardship and Lay Speaking. Through these workshops we hope to work toward a better informed laity and consequently a stronger and more vital program of lay activities.

The conference Board of Lay Activities should be and is one of the major and most active boards in our conference. We are blessed with an abundance of talent throughout the conference. We have men who are dedicated to the Church and give generously of themselves to the ongoing of our total program. The potential is unlimited for there is nothing that we cannot do when we work together and the program of lay activities provides the channel for the best efforts of our men.

Our conference and district boards are providing a program that should challenge each of us to go that "second mile" When we allow these opportunities to pass we are the loser. Those who accept this challenge find for themselves the joy and satisfaction that comes only from "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



The South Central Methodist Missionary Conference will meet at Western Methodist Assembly Grounds, Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 13-16. The Workshop for Chairmen of the Commission on Missions in the Local Church will immediately follow on August 16-18. As many District Missionary Secretaries as possible, as well as other leaders in our Louisiana Conference, will be attending. These are very informative meetings, vital to the promotion and cultivation of Mission work in our Conference. Excellent representation from Louisiana is expected.

The Workshop for Local Church Commission Chairmen is designed to help the local church. During the Workshop every phase of the missionary work of the church will be presented. Missionary addresses, exchange of ideas, sharing of programs and time for questions and answers will be offered. Local church

leaders will never have a better opportunity to receive such specific help and training.

The South Central Conference on Evangelism will be held August 19-22 at Fayetteville for our District Secretaries of Evangelism. The Conference on Evangelism is planned to bring inspiration, interpretation of program, and development of evangelistic methods. There will be hours of inspiration as well as discussion periods for the development of new techniques and sharing of successful methods and programs used in various conferences, districts and local churches.

Youth sections are provided at both these great Conferences for all young people interested in Missions and Evangelism. Each year it seems to grow in interest and attendance. Outstanding leadership is provided by our General Boards. The young people deserve it, for they generally are among our most outstanding and promising youth and will provide our leadership in the years ahead.

The Board of Missions and Board of Evangelism of our Conference gives financial assistance to the District Secretaries attending these Fayetteville conferences. Funds used are those granted the boards for promotion and operation from Conference Benevolences paid by our local churches.

Local Churches should utilize the leadership available in their Districts, especially those attending these Jurisdictional Conferences. Their experiences need to be shared and will be a valuable asset to the program and work of the local church.



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The Louisiana Pastors' School was an enriching experience. The instructors were of the first order, and Bishop Slater did an exceptional job with the evening messages. His theme centered around the quadrennial emphasis, "Christ, the King." We all came away with a new enthusiasm for the Methodist Church and its work. Our own Bishop Walton was unable to attend the School, but we were happy and fortunate to have our beloved Bishop Dana Dawson deliver the message at the Bishop's Banquet and to preach at the Thursday evening hour. We had more than one hundred fifty preachers and laymen registered for the school. We are deeply grateful to Centenary College for providing such comfortable and pleasant accommodations for this enterprise. Without a doubt, the food and service at the College Cafeteria are the very best.

The Laymen's Retreat will follow the sessions of the Pastors' School here on the campus, August 3 and 4. A fine program has been prepared under the leadership of Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, our Conference Lay Leader.

The Area Director will be in a rush during the month of August--attending the session of the Youth School of Moral Concerns, at Camp Istrouma, preaching at several places in the State, and meeting other important appointments. It is important that all of us plan for the intense program of the fall months. If the Church is prepared for the new literature in the Children's Division next September, we must really work hard and study carefully all the literature available. If this office can be of any assistance in this matter, be sure to call on us.

The new leaflets for the work of the Children's Division are off the press. They may be ordered from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

- 170-B Organizing for Work with Children
- 171-B The Work of the Children's Division Superintendent
- 172-B The Work of the Counseling Division Superintendent
- 173-B The Children's Work Council
- 174-B Group Teaching
- 175-B The Director of Music for Children
- 111-B The Nursery Home Roll and Child Care
- 101-B Nursery Home Visitors
- 190-BE Resources for Leaders of Children, 1963-64



AMONG THOSE attending the recent Briefing on Christian Social Concerns at Mt. Sequoyah were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meek of Pioneer, La.



MRS. J.M. FARIES, of Blanchard Methodist Church is shown after she received a gift of appreciation from the pastor, the Rev. Harold McClung. Leading the singing is Mr. Tom McKenzie of Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport who leads a song fest at the Blanchard church the first Sunday evening of each month.



THE REV. CLELL C. GRAY, right, a native of Zwolle and now pastor of Yuccaipa (Calif.) Methodist Church, was guest preacher at Zwolle Methodist Church, July 21, where the Rev. Vernon Fairley, left, is pastor.

DR. JOLLY B. HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, left, and Thomas Pitt, associate secretary of the Area Council, are shown at the Blanchard Methodist Church as they interpreted the conference benevolent program to representatives of the Mooringsport, Oil City and Blanchard Churches.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

everything, moved steadily on toward the accomplishment of the sacrifice God had commanded.

Verse two of our lesson text tells of God's command to sacrifice his son. The opening clause of verse three reads, "And Abraham rose up early in the morning" to go to the place God had selected for the sacrifice.

It is quite common for us to delay action on some unpleasant duty. Through this delay we sometimes lose our sense of urgency about the thing we should do and ultimately leave it undone. Not so with Abraham. He "rose up early in the morning" and started to the place of sacrifice.

If we may judge from the silence of the Record, Abraham started on this early morning journey without telling Sarah where he was going or what he was planning to do. It is doubtful that a mother's love would have allowed Sarah to exercise the character of faith necessary for her to give her consent to obey such a command from God.

Two young men accompanied Abraham on this journey. When they came in sight of the mountain where the sacrifice was to be made, Abraham told the young men to remain there while he and Isaac went on to worship. It is altogether possible that Abraham feared that these young men might prevent him from doing what he had planned.

As Abraham and Isaac walked up the mountain-side alone, there came another test of faith for Abraham that was possibly the most severe of all.

Isaac, a lad, was alone with his father in the wilds of a mountain side. Abraham was carrying the fire and the knife so essential in such a sacrifice. Isaac was carrying the wood with which the sacrifice was to be burned. Isaac must have felt quite secure in such a situation. Was he not with his father?

Then came the soul-searching, peace-shattering question. Isaac turned the face of a trusting child up to his father and asked, "My father, ... Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

What would have been our answer to such a question? We would likely have thrown away knife, fire and wood, held our child close to our heart and said, "Son there will be no offering today." We would likely have renounced our allegiance to God if fellowship with him could be had only at such a cost.

If Abraham had done this he could not have been "the father of the faithful." Hence he simply replied, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

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STANDING THE FINAL TEST

The final, crucial test, of course, came on the mountain top. Many face test with courage and purpose until the final crisis comes. In this crisis many fail.

Abraham moved on without hesitation to obey God's command. When they reached the place of sacrifice "Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order."

Just how he did it we are not told but here Abraham must have revealed to his unsuspecting child what he was about to do. The record simply says, of Abraham, that he "bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood."

The Record further adds, "Then Abraham put forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son." There Abraham stood beside the altar with a knife in his upraised hand ready to plunge it into the heart of his son at the command of God. At this point, in the heart of Abraham, God's command had been obeyed.

Here the voice that had spoken to Abraham three days before spoke again. The voice said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him, for NOW I KNOW that you fear God."

So it was that God stood Abraham there on a mountain top, with uplifted hand ready to take the

life of his own son and only son at what he thought to be the command of God. So God stood him there, in that dramatic pose, for the coming ages to look upon as a man who dared to trust God through to the very end to find that God was a loving, tender, heavenly Father.

No man in sacred or profane history, before or since, ever stood such a test. If Abraham had stopped at any point up to the time the voice of God stopped him, he would have done so feeling that God was a cruel, heartless tyrant. As it was God knew Abraham and Abraham knew God in a way that would not have been possible without the test.

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WE TOO ARE TESTED

The opening clause of our lesson text, in the Revised Standard Version reads, "After these things God tested Abraham." If God would call upon a man like Abraham to pass through such a test as this, we may expect that our lives also will be tested.

In Revelation, 3:19, the risen Christ says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." In Hebrews 12:6 we read, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." In Isaiah 48:10 we read "Behold I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."

So it is that we may be sure, whatever our testings may be, that we are not being "persecuted" by the Lord. We may know ourselves better and we may know God better oftentimes in hours of testing than at any other time or in any other way.

God did provide Abraham with a proper sacrifice at the end of his time of testing. We too will meet God in a very real worship experience when we have stood our test.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

A Mortgaged Soul Denies The Future

WHAT PRICE LIFE? -- If we want to know what value we men put on our lives, we must watch what we do, rather than listen to what we say. When a person talks much about what he would give his life for, we tend to discount him. When, for instance, a husband glibly and sentimentally tells his wife that he would willingly die for her, we well may wonder how sacrificially he is living for her. When a man patriotically and oratorically shouts that he would give his life for his country, we are inclined to call it heroics rather than heroism. The reason we revere Nathan Hale for saying, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country" is that Hale was at the point of death. If those words had been broadcast by some Fourth of July orator they would leave us cold. The thing to be noted is not what men say they would give their lives for, but what they are spending their lives for.

If we would see the values we put on ourselves, let us look around us. Over there is a man who came to my city in the fresh vigor and unspoiled frankness of his young manhood. At that time he entered wholeheartedly into his church associations and other social contracts. He was so wholesome that he was a joy to have around. Now after 25 years he is starched and stiff with conventions. He is so conscious of what he calls his place in society that he views everything from the angle of his social position. He is narrowed by class prejudice. His thinking is ringed around with mental reservations. He is no longer the worthy, whole-hearted fellow he once was. No, he has bartered a way part of his soul for something called "reputation," or "social standing."

Yonder is a man who rose to political prominence. He seemed headed for still higher office. Then suddenly I heard that he had not stood for re-election. The explanation given to me was that he had secretly and indirectly secured options on land adjacent to a proposed public works project which he was instrumental in getting the government to develop.

His deal was discovered by his political enemies and when it came time for renomination he was quietly told to withdraw or his manipulations would be publicized. They had the good on him. That is, he had mortgaged his soul for money. I think of one who has lived on the principle of Omar Khayyam, the cynical Omar who laughed to scorn the serious purposes which men pursue, saying:

"Some for the glories of this world; and some
Sigh for the Prophet's Paradise to come;
Ah, take the cash, and let the credit go,
Nor heed the rumble of a distant drum."

But when a person does always take the cash and lets the credit go, when he lives for the pleasures of the moment without preparedness for the future, the end is spiritual, if not financial, poverty. He exhausts the healthy thrills of normal youth, and then in his latter years perhaps tries to revive them in a silly second childhood with artificial stimulants and unseasonable vanities. Missing the glow of Godly living, he keeps ever trying to get a "kick" out of life. Thus men barter their souls for pleasure.

A lad who was being disciplined by his school principal said: "Why can't I go to the devil if I want to? It's my own life, isn't it?" The Bible has the answer to that one: "You are not your own, you are bought with a price."

As I write, England is being shaken by the Profumo scandal. When a high official of the British Government is guilty of family infidelity, it is no mere private matter. In this case it is feared that national security is involved. When we are giving way to some sinful indulgence, every one of us must remember that others have a stake in us.

We have to spend life. We can't save it. But may God help us to fix the price.

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In Memoriam



J. L. Corbell

Jefferson Lonnie Corbell was born at Mineral Springs, Arkansas February 2, 1885, and passed from this life March 11, 1963. He was a carpenter and building contractor. Mr. Corbell was married to the former Miss Minnie Samples October 29, 1905.

The Corbells moved to Springhill, Louisiana, in 1946 where Lonnie Corbell followed his vocation until few years ago when due to poor health he retired.

During boyhood he accepted Christ and was active in the church practically all of his life. On arriving at Springhill he became a member of the Welcome Methodist Church which is located at State Line (Arkansas) a few blocks above the Springhill city limits; and was elected to serve on the official board of his church. He taught a Sunday School class for several years.

Brother Corbell was an humble, honest, Christian person who sought to know and to do the will of God; and courageously stood for his convictions.

The Poem "I WOULD BE TRUE" by Howard Arnold Walter seem fitting as a tribute to his memory.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;

I would be pure for there are those who care;

I would be strong for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe the friendless;

I would be giving and forget the gift;

I would humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up—and laugh—and love and lift.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Corbell at Welcome Methodist Church by the Reverends Ralph Cain and William Crouch. Burial was in Welcome Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. A. L. LaGard of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. R. D. Norris of Grand Prairie, Texas; and three sons, Joe, Choice, and Denver Corbell of Springhill.

—W. O. Tisdale

Mrs. W. T. Renfro

A TRIBUTE OF AFFECTION

In the passing of Mrs. W. T. Renfro, on July 18, 1963, at the age of 88, Tallulah, the Methodist Church and the entire district suffered a great loss. Mrs. Renfro, until shortly before she was called, was a most unusual person, witty, charming, vivacious, perennially young and, withal, saintly.

She was a marvelous inspiration to the younger women of the church, and was cherished throughout the district for her very original spiritual "meditations" given at the Seminars.

Her favorite diversion was rug-hooking. As she said, she couldn't read all the time, and it was hard just to sit and hold her hands—and she loved to hook. Through the years she has finished a number of very beautiful rugs and was busily working on one only a few days before the end came.

"None knew her but to love her" and each feels a distinct personal loss. We can only be sure that Heaven is the richer for her coming.

Mrs. Renfro, widow of the Reverend W. T. Renfro was born and grew up in Texas, which she loved; but her last years were spent with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hale, in Louisiana, which she learned to love also, and where she now lies at rest.

Elizabeth Pierce



Miss Ethel Jacoway

Miss Ethel Jacoway died at Scottsboro, Alabama, August 1. Burial was at Dardanelle August 3. She was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. D. Jacoway of Dardanelle. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Virgil Boulden and Mrs. Nina Adams of Scottsboro.

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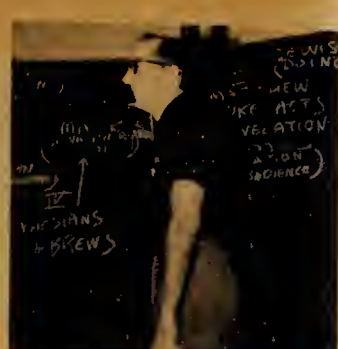
The Rev. James Grambling.



The Rev. James Christie, the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., Mrs. Christie and the Rev. Ted Howes.



The Rev. Jerome Cain, the Rev. Tracey Arnold, and the Rev. Fred Mead.



Dr. Lindsey Pherigo



Cabinet in session



Head table at Bishop's Banquet



General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates



GUIDING the Pastors' School were the Rev. Al Brown, the Rev. Ebb Munden and the Rev. Bill Fraser.



One of the class sessions in R.E. Smith building

▲ Pastors' School

Laymen's Retreat ▼



More than 30 men from Munholland Church traveled from New Orleans on a special bus.



A second chartered bus from New Orleans was promoted by the group from Carrollton Church.



Howard Daughenbaugh, speaker Walter Anderson and Robert Lay.



The laymen almost filled the chapel.



Thomas Pitt, with General Board leaders Sidney Nicholls, Vernon Sidler and William McPherson.



Group from First Church, Lake Charles



Vernon Sidler leads workshop group.



Quartet from Monroe District



Ernest Arnold leads opening devotional



William McPherson leads group.



Charles Whittle of General Board of Evangelism, right, with group from Ellerbe Road Church.



DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, SR., Louisiana Area Director, left, and Dr. Virgil Morris, Jurisdictional Executive Secretary, right, looked on as the Rev. Luman Douglas and Bishop W. Kenneth Pope joined in breaking ground recently for the cafeteria being built at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. Bishop Pope is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Western Methodist Assembly and Mr. Douglas is a member of the Board representing Louisiana.

Honor Missionary at West Monroe

First Church, West Monroe, at the request of the Commission on Missions and with the sanction of the Commission on Finance, observed Sunday, Aug. 11, as a special day for the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Barnes, missionaries to Chile.

Mr. Barnes began his ministry from this church, and last year was present when the congregation observed a similar special day.

A special tape recording, prepared on the mission field, was played as a part of the special emphasis.

The Commission on Missions, looking over a list of suggested needs submitted by the Barnes, selected as a special project for this year the purchase of audio-visual aids. The plan is to buy a 16 mm projector, screen, film-strip projector, a record player and a number of films which may be used in Chile. The goal was to raise \$1,000 to be sent to Mr. Barnes for this work, according to the pastor, the Rev. Earl Emmerich.

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The gilded are seldom Godly.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A group of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod young people recently took issue with Dick Gregory, prominent Negro entertainer, after he had taken a pessimistic view concerning the church's role in the struggle for equal racial rights. A group of them attending the international convention of the Walther League challenged his statement that "It is too late for the church. It has had 200 years, but the church has failed."

Twelve young Jewish religious zealots have been arrested and retained following incidents of stoning of buses filled with Baptist tourists pilgrims who were touring Israel following their attendance at the Baptist World Youth Conference in Lebanon.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta, Ga., speaking at Lake Junaluska, N.C. to the World Methodist Council's conference on "Methodism in an Ecumenical Age," made a strong plea for the use of a common Bible by Protestants and Catholics. The archbishop referred to his appearance at the meeting as "a sign of our times, of this brave new world of the ecumenical impulse."

Brazil, the largest Roman Catholic country in the world, urgently needs five times as many priests as it has now, according to figures released by church statisticians in Rio De Janeiro.

Overflow crowds attended a workshop on Protestant-Catholic relations held recently in Dortmund, Germany, as a part of the 11th German Evangelical Church Day, "Kirchentag." For the first time in the history of the Congress, a Roman Catholic speaker shared the platform with a Protestant spokesman.

Seven clergymen, a seminarian and a social worker who were arrested in a construction site civil rights demonstration in New York received a stern lecture and suspended sentences from a Criminal Court judge, who told them "You cannot decide what laws to obey. You cannot demonstrate in a way in which people can be injured."

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Hold Groundbreaking For Wesley Foundation At Monroe

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Wesley Foundation building at Northeast State College in Monroe, Louisiana Sunday afternoon, August 4. The new building is a project of the Methodist churches of the Monroe District.

Located on beautiful Bayou DeSaird at the very heart of the Northeast State College Campus, the building will be a brick and stone structure of contemporary design, and will include a chapel, activities room, library, lounge, seminar room, offices, kitchen, and one bedroom for a student caretaker. The building will have 6,000 square feet of floor space and will be air-conditioned.

The entire project includes a new site for the Wesley Foundation building and a parsonage which has just recently been completed. The cost of the building, new site, and new parsonage totals \$126,500.

The firm of H. H. Land, architects, designed the building and W. C. Salley is the contractor. Construction has already begun and the building will be completed by the end of the year.

Rev. E. R. Haug, District Superintendent, and Rev. George Duerson, Director of the Wesley Foundation, presided at the ceremonies. Other Methodist leaders participating in the ceremony were A. E. Freeman, chairman of the Building Committee; Dr. Ben Oli-

phint, chairman of the Board of Directors; Rev. George W. Harbuck, pastor First Methodist Church in Monroe; Mrs. James A. Noe and Mrs. J. C. Earnest of Monroe, and Mrs. Shelby White of Mer Rouge.

Members of the Building Committee are: A. E. Freeman, Mrs. J. C. Earnest, Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, Mrs. D. V. Loflin, James Nicholson, Charles B. Sherrouse, and Herbert Walker.

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Regrets

Because of the pressing duties of his new position as Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Ralph Sockman has announced that he feels obligated to retire from writing the column, "A Lift For Living", which has been carried in this newspaper for a number of years. His last column appears on page seven of this issue.



PARTICIPATING IN groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Wesley Foundation building at Northeast State College, Monroe, were (l. to r.) Dr. Ben Oliphint, chairman of the Board of Directors; the Rev. George Duerson, Wesley Foundation director; Mr. A.E. Freeman, chairman of the Building Committee; and the Rev. E.R. Haug, Monroe District Superintendent.

Editorials

The Proper Place of Missions Great Expectations

A missionary from Brazil recently told delegates attending the annual Southern Presbyterian World Mission Conference at Montreat, N.C. that for "too long" Christians have been operating their missions "like an ambulance service."

The Rev. Pierre W. DuBose of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil said, "We're always going around trying to pick up the broken pieces. Now this is an important part of the mission of the church, but it is not our primary task. Our primary task is constructive-positive. Our task is to win people to Christ. We are to build wholesome lives, and as we build lives we build a Christian society."

One of the central themes in Dr. Tracey Jones' book, "Our Mission Today," which will be studied in the next few months in all our churches, is that there is a changing image of the missionary in the world. Here again the message is that we must do all we can to prevent the world from breaking up into pieces. Dr. Jones says in one place "When we see a layman in his back yard talking to his neighbor about his Christian life, or a college girl going into the Peace Corps, or an African doctor caring for a patient, we cannot recognize them as missionaries, for they do not fit the traditional image of what a missionary should be."

There will always be a place for the so-called "ambulance service" of the missionaries as this will also always be a function of the church at work on the home field. However, we are being challenged more and more by forces around us to give our attention to a more positive kind of Christianity. People are suggesting that the church is poorly adapted to the task either of picking up the pieces or preventing further fragmentation. If we truly love our church we will give careful reexamination to these aspects of her mission.

Bishop McDowell used to tell the story of a college classmate named Jones, who was an outstanding student, orator, athlete and personality in the college. Everybody expected him to turn the world upside down and he seemed to have the brightest future of any of the students. A quarter of a century later the bishop met a fellow graduate of the college and as they talked over old times Bishop McDowell asked, "And what ever happened to Jones? We thought he would be in the United States Senate by now, and yet he seems to have dropped out of sight as completely as if the sea had swallowed him up. What ever happened to him?"

The answer he received was "Don't you know, Bishop?" "No," he replied. Then the fellow-alumnus said, "Why he caught up with his own horizons."

St. Paul in writing to the Christians at Corinth was concerned that this should not happen to him or to fellow Christians. He gave the world its greatest interpretation of faith. To him this was a rich, comprehensive word meaning comfort, confidence and security. But it meant far more than that. He knew that great experiences were possible for Christian men and women when they least expected them. But he also knew that they must keep looking beyond for new horizons or they could never become all that God intended them to be.



Alcoholism has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, and is now one of the country's major health problems, the head of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, said recently before a session of the Washington Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Dr. W.A. Scharffenberg, speaking to the meeting being held on the campus of American University said, "I say alcoholism is an epidemic, because it is a growing national problem and nothing is being done nationally to prevent it. Of the nearly 6,000,000 known alcoholics in the country, we will bury 350,000 before the year is out." Mr. Scharffenberg, who is also head of the U.S. National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, said social pressure is a major reason for the increase in alcohol consumption in the U.S.

NEWS and NOTES

ABOUT

GUEST PREACHER AT Slidell Methodist Church, July 28, was the Rev. Walter Worthy of Pearl River. The pastor is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, held a planning retreat, Aug. 10-11 at Istrouma Methodist Camp. Their pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, was guest speaker for the July 16 meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

HOMECOMING WAS HELD at the Gouley Methodist Church, July 28, with dinner on the grounds. A fine attendance was reported with plenty of food and a great time of fellowship. The Rev. J.C. Zernangue, Sr. is the pastor.

THE REV. A.A. MCKNIGHT of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the visiting evangelist for revival services for the Bethel and Mt. Nebo Churches, Aug. 11-16. The Rev. Brady B. Forman is their pastor.

A SEMINAR ON "The Problems and Questions which Students and Parents Confront in the University Experience," was held Aug. 6 at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, where the Rev. B.A. Galloway is the pastor.

THE TWENTY-FOUR young ladies who were attending the School of Missions recently at Centenary College, and their counselors, attended the evening worship service of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Aug. 4. The pastor of this church is Dr. James T. Harris.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, the evening congregation on July 28 saw the film, "Ludhiana Made the Difference," the story of Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital. The pastor is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

THE REV. AUGUST AAMODT, the new minister of youth at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker for the general meeting of the WSCS of this church on Aug. 5. His topic was "Life With the Youth of First Methodist." The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

THE REV. FRANK H. JONES of Gibsland, La., who has recently completed work for his Master's degree in religious education at Perkins School of

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-CHRIST (LUKE 21:33)

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FACTS and FOLKS

Theology, has assumed his duties as associate pastor at University Church, Lake Charles, where the Rev. James L. Stovall is the pastor.

MRS. VERNON ROARK was the guest speaker for the general meeting of the WSCS of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Aug. 6. She spoke on the topic, "An Inside Glance Into Our Own Louisiana Mental Institutions." The pastor of this church is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

THE CONGREGATION OF Oak Ridge Methodist Church recently honored the pastor, the Rev. George B. Cunningham, and Mrs. Cunningham with a reception. The receiving line included the chairman of the Official Board, Mr. James McLendon, and Mrs. McLendon.

THE YOUTH DIVISION OF First Methodist Church, Minden, recently attended one evening of the Youth Activities Week at First Methodist Church, Homer. The pastor of the former church is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill and of the latter the Rev. William Fraser.

THE REV. WOODROW HEARN, associate pastor at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the speaker for the annual youth retreat of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, to be held at Evangeline State Park, Aug. 16-18. The theme of the retreat is "Make Me a Captive Lord." The pastor is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of St. Claude Heights

Methodist Church, New Orleans, had as its speaker for the July 25 meeting Mr. Joe Hanberry, director of the Protestant Children's Home of New Orleans. He spoke on "Christian Ministry to Children of Special Need." The pastor is the Rev. Don Hall.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH ACTIVITIES Week at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, now known as "Summer Seminar," was held July 22-26. Three discussion groups were held: Religions of the U.S.; Study of the Book of Revelation; and God and You. The pastor is the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

THE JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE groups of the MYF of Gretna Methodist Church recently toured the French Quarter in New Orleans, visiting antique shops, St. Louis Cathedral, the Cabildo and other places of historic interest. Accompanying them were the pastor, the Rev. J. Taylor Wall and several of their counselors.

MR. HARRY ESKEW, choir director of Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, is spending the month of August in North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C., where he is gathering information on "Hymns of the Shenandoah Valley," which is the title of the dissertation he is writing for his doctor's degree in the field of church music. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria, Leslie K. Herlong III was the recipient of the God and Country Award at the morning worship service on July 28. The presentation was made by the Rev. Roland Friedrich, who counseled with him as he worked for the award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.K. Herlong. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

A RECENT ISSUE OF THE Weekly New Bulletin of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, carried the word of the selection of one of their members, Sgt. Vergil Rodgers, now stationed at Hamon Air Force Base in Newfoundland as the outstanding non-commissioned officer of the year at this base. The pas-

tor of the Church is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

A SENIOR HIGH MYF TRAVEL CAMP was held by the young people of First Methodist Church, Crowley, Aug. 4-11, with approximately 31 young people and three adult counselors making the trip. Their itinerary carried them to Florence, Colo., and included visits to Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak and the United States Air Force Academy. Chaperons for the trip were the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Holt and Mrs. Nora Mae Cantey. Their pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

THE MAR WINANS WALL MEMORIAL METHODIST Church recently completed a most successful Vacation Church School, the theme of which was "Widening Relationships." Workers included Mrs. Joe W. Townsend, Mrs. Rebecca Cunningham, Miss Octavia Rickey, Miss Sue Richardson, Miss Lettie Bennett; Mrs. W.C. Barham, Mrs. R.E. O'Brien, Miss Connie Berger, Miss Emmy Sue Brode, Mrs. Quincy Hargis, Miss Patsy Jackson and Miss Julia Ann Breitnug.

ON JULY 28, THE MYF of Harmony Chapel Church, Dubach, had as guest speaker Jafar Homode, a student from Bagdad, Iraq attending Louisiana Tech. He spoke about the Islamic faith and answered questions about his country. On Aug. 4, Mrs. Viola Houck, a former Catholic and now a member of The Methodist Church, led the group in a discussion of beliefs and doctrines of the Catholic Church. The pastor is the Rev. Eddie Morgan, Jr.

THE REV. ROY GRANT, pastor of Ringgold Methodist Church, will be the evangelist for an "old-fashioned brush-arbor revival" at Love Chapel Methodist church, Aug. 18-24. Service will be held each evening at 7:30 in a brush arbor erected by the men of the church. Mr. Allen W. Morgan, layman of Cedar Grove Church, Shreveport, will lead the singing. The services will close Saturday evening, Aug. 24, but there will be an old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds" on Sunday, Aug. 25. The pastor is the Rev. K.E. Griffith.

Missionary and Wife Are Honored By Welsh Church

Mr. John Shyrocks, his wife, Ruth, and daughters, Linda and Diana, were guests of The First Methodist Church, Welsh, August 4th. This family recently returned from Angola where he was a lay administrator, and she a registered nurse, in that mission field. The church at Welsh contributes to their support as an advance special.

Because of the general conditions in Portuguese, Angola, the wife and children had to be evacuated last year, but John did not return until December. They had many stories to relate of the hardships our missionaries and native ministers are undergoing, but the church is still active despite the number of pastors that have been killed and the many churches have not had a pastor for almost two years, nor have they been visited by missionaries due to the curtailment of travel, and the inability of the few missionaries that remain to get around to all the stations.

Since most of the native homes have been destroyed, the people have had to take to the woods where they are eking out a meager existence, living on whatever is available and without any medical care. Still, they carry on their own worship services. Mr. Shyrocks says, "The crises in Angola is far from over but one thing is certain . . . and that is the fact that the Church will survive as it has always done and will be much stronger than before."

The Shyrocks were honored with a covered dish meal Sunday evening, and at the worship service he showed colored slides of the Angola work.

"The separation of church and state is a valid and imperative principle. But it must not be misunderstood to mean the divorce of religion from civic life." —Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York, addressing the Institute of Higher Education, Nashville, Tenn.



MRS. NICK CARTER, president of the WSCS at Welsh Methodist Church, is shown presenting the Shyrocks with a gift for use in their new assignment in Southern Rhodesia, since visas are not now being granted to our missionaries for work in Angola. They hope this ban will soon be lifted so that they may return to their former station.

Revivals At Beulah-Calhoun

The Rev. Frank C. Lankford reports a very successful revival at Beulah Methodist Church, Ruston District. Mr. Lankford did the preaching for the meeting, during which five young people were added to the fellowship of the church by baptism.

Starting on July 21 with "home-coming" dinner and afternoon singing, the success of the revival is attributed by the pastor and Marvin Turner, chairman of the Official Board, to cottage prayer meetings, personal prayers, visitation and telephone committee.

Two other revivals on the charge are

the one held Aug. 11-16 at Indian Village, with the Rev. Terral Lowe of Hodge Methodist Church as the preacher, and one at Calhoun, Sept. 1-6, with Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent, as evangelist.

GOODWILL INCREASES SERVICE

New records of service to handicapped persons were posted last year by Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., through its programs of therapy, evaluation, training and employment.

The story of Goodwill's achievements in 1962 is told in its annual report, "The Goals of Goodwill." Of Methodist origin and still related to The Methodist Church, Goodwill Industries is the world's largest private employer of the handicapped.

Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Tex., is launching a series of courses for lay men and women designed to promote "serious theological study and discussions." The seminary's "lay academy" project is being sponsored by the Dallas Northeast District, with first courses to begin this fall.

A leading Methodist minister in Cuba and former delegate to General Conference has been elected executive secretary of the Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches. He is the Rev. Jorge A. Leon, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Havana.

DR. J. FISHER SIMPSON, 76, died July 19 in Fort Worth, Tex. For 10 years before his retirement in 1959 he was editor of The Texas Methodist (then called the Texas Christian Advocate.)



WIVES AND NON-STUDENTS at Louisiana State University are learning practical English in a class being taught at Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge. It is sponsored by the WSCS in cooperation with the International Hospitality Foundation of the University. The pastor is Dr. William E. Trice, and the leaders of the course are Mrs. Hunter Moles, Mrs. Charles McCleskey and Mrs. Perry Lucas. The course has been called "English for the Supermarket."



MEMBERS OF the Senior MYF of Asbury Church, Lafayette, shown during their recent planning retreat at Evangeline State Park.



A PART OF THE MYF of Zwolle Methodist Church, seen with their counselor, Mr. Leonard Crone.



THE MYF of Luling Methodist Church recently visited Dulac Community Center. One result was an infant shower given by the group, left



picture. In the other picture are the new officers and counselors of this group.



RECENTLY-INSTALLED officers of MYF at Jonesboro Church: Terry Ewing, president; Mrs. Robert Plummer, counselor; Marilyn Terry, secretary; Jimmie Hathway, vice-president; Mrs. E.M. Cox, department superintendent; and Elmo Cox, treasurer.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR AUGUST 25, 1963: A DREAM AND A DISCOVERY

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 26 through 28 Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 28:10-22.

MEMORY SELECTION: And behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. Genesis 28:15

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the value of visions in our lives. To stress also the great value of the consciousness of the overshadowing providence of God.

Last Sunday we studied the test of Abraham's faith when God commanded him to offer Isaac as a burnt offering to God.

Isaac grew to young manhood. When he was forty years old, in order that it not be necessary for him to marry a wife from among the Canaanites, Abraham sent his servant back to Mesopotamia, Abraham's former home, to find a wife for Isaac. In the city of Nahor, he came to the home of Bethuel, son of Nahor, Abraham's brother.

There the servant found Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel and persuaded her to return to Canaan with him and become Isaac's wife. One of the beautiful

romances of early Bible times was the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah.

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BACKGROUND OF LESSON

After Isaac and Rebekah had been married 20 years, twin sons were born to them, Esau and Jacob. Esau was born first and hence had all of the rights of a first-born son in the home. When they grew up, Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Before their birth God had revealed to Rebekah that she was to be the mother, not only of two sons, but also the mother of two nations of people. God said also that "The elder shall serve the younger." The Record tells us that "Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah loved Jacob."

Although twins, Esau and Jacob were quite different in nature. Esau seems to have been a care-free, irresponsible hunter of the open fields. He apparently cared little for the birthright that belonged to him as eldest son. Jacob was the scheming supplanter who did prize highly the privileges and power that went with the birthright.

We see something of the nature of each when Esau returned from a hunt one day quite hungry.



Jacob "just happened to have" a pot of boiling pottage ready. Esau asked permission to eat of this tempting dish. Jacob, seeing that he was quite "famished" offered to let him eat as payment for his birthright. Esau very hungry apparently caring very little for the birthright, made the bargain and sealed it with an oath. This was the beginning of Jacob's role as the supplanter.

When Isaac was old and blind and uncertain as to how long he would live, he called Esau and told him to go into the field and bring him some venison. He asked Esau to fix of the venison a "savory meat" and bring it to him that he might eat and that he might give Esau a father's blessing. Such a blessing was somewhat akin to the making of a will today.

Rebekah heard what Isaac had said to Esau. She had Jacob kill two kids from the flock and of this to make "savory meat" for Isaac. Since Esau's skin was very hairy, to add to the deception, she put the skins of the kids over Jacob's hands and neck and clothed Jacob in Esau's clothing. She had Jacob then to take the kid's meat to Isaac while pretending, to the blind father, that he was Esau. He thus deceived Isaac and received the blessing Isaac had meant to give Esau.

When Esau returned and brought the venison he had prepared to Isaac and asked for the blessing he had promised, he learned what Jacob had done. Esau said, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob."

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JACOB RUNS FOR HIS LIFE

Rebekah learned of Esau's plan to kill Jacob. She called Jacob and told him of Esau's plans to kill him. She told Jacob to go to the home of her brother, Laban, who lived at Haran and stay there until Esau's anger had cooled. Haran was the town where Abraham lived when God called him to go into the land of Canaan. Haran was about 425 miles from Beersheba, where Jacob lived. That was quite a journey in those days.

In order that Isaac might not be too disturbed at Jacob's leaving, Rebekah told him that Jacob was going back to her brother, Laban, in Haran to

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NEWS

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Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



It is our hope that all the churches in Louisiana Conference had wonderful Vacation Church Schools this year. Many of the reports have been sent to our office; however, there are many we haven't received. Be sure to make these reports. If you do not have the necessary blanks on which to make the report, contact our office.

The manual, "Outlines of Curriculum," outlining the curriculum for use in the Children's, the Youth, and the Adult Divisions for the period, September, 1963 to August, 1965, is now available. The outlines identify the problems related to the subject of the unit, give the significance of the unit, the important needs and interests, focus and boundaries, and the possible outcome or objectives. This manual is a resource book for the church. It can be ordered from Cokesbury, 1910 Main Street, Dallas 1, Texas, for \$1.50.

Let me lay emphasis upon a matter which I mentioned sometime ago in this column. Church School-Rally Day is to be observed in the Louisiana Conference on Sunday, September 28, 1963. The purpose of Rally Day is two-fold: First, to give emphasis to the importance of Christian Education at the start of the fall season; second, to receive the Church School-Rally Day offering for the work of the Annual Conference Board of Education. The pamphlet, No. 8475-BC, "The Christian and His Gospel," which outlines program ideas for Church School-Rally Day and Christian Education Week for 1963, may be ordered from Cokesbury Book Store, Dallas, Texas, at 75¢ a dozen, or 10¢ each. The title of the pamphlet is the Rally Day theme for this year.

In round figures, the offering last year for Rally Day was only \$4,700, with about two-thirds of the churches in the Conference sending in an offering. We need to increase this amount by at least \$3,000 this year if we are able to carry on the program in Christian Education which is needed. Send your offering to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. J.E. Hearn, 1418 Brewster Street, Ruston, Louisiana. It is our hope that every church in the Conference will send in an offering this year and that those who have been giving just a token gift will do better.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



Our Seventh Annual Laymen's Retreat is now history. Over 300 laymen registered and spent the night on the beautiful campus of Centenary College in Shreveport on August 3rd. This is the largest number we have ever had and the fellowship alone would have made it a trip worthwhile.

The New Orleans delegation is still demanding a recount. The record showed Shreveport had two more than New Orleans. However, Dudley Snow and his Shreveport crew did the counting. I understand Walter Harris furnished Browns Velvet ice cream for his bus load and it was a good thing - the air conditioning on their bus played out on the way. I don't think Dr. Sam Rawlett's bus from Munholland had ice cream but they did have air conditioning all the way. We had a lot of fun with the competition between these two fine groups and a good turnout from several of the other districts. Let's see if someone can't give these guys a real run for the money next year. The tentative dates for the Retreat are August 15 and 16, 1964, as announced by Howard Daughenbaugh, our Conference Lay Leader. We will be trying to make next year's meeting even better than this one, so if you have any suggestions for improvement, send them along to either Howard or your correspondent.

We all owe a real vote of appreciation to a large number of people for the tremendous amount of work involved in planning and putting on a fine Retreat. To Howard for the overall supervision - to Dudley Snow, W.P. Roberts and all the Shreveport crowd for handling the registration and local arrangements. They really made wonderful hosts. We are always indebted to Dr. Joe Mickle and Dr. B.C. Taylor, president and vice-president of Centenary. Dr. Mickle has always welcomed us and we will miss him next year when he retires. Dr. Taylor gave generously of his time to see that we were well cared for. When we filled Hardin, James and Sexton Halls, he opened Rotary Hall to us. This is the first time we have ever required this much space.

Our program was outstanding. Mr. Walter F. Anderson, one of the most dedicated and dynamic laymen we know, inspired us as the main speaker. He is a Conference Lay Leader from North Carolina where he is the head of the State

Bureau of Investigation. He challenged each of us to lead a more dedicated Christian life by his own personal witness. A number of years ago Walter quit tithing on the promise that all that he has belongs to God, not just a tenth.

We are indebted to Kenneth Griffith and his associates and Allen Collette for their part in the early morning Communion Service. Also to Dr. Jolly Harper who has always performed this service for us during his term as District Superintendent of the Shreveport District.

We were, of course, disappointed that our own Bishop Aubrey Walton was unable to be with us. He is recuperating from a recent surgery and we are happy to report that he is progressing satisfactorily. We will continue to remember him and Mrs. Walton in our prayers. In the truest tradition of lay activities, Bob Lay, our immediate past Conference Lay Leader, filled in for Bishop Walton and gave us another of his inspiring messages. We all appreciate Bob and the fine work he is doing.

We were fortunate to have four General Board staff members to help with our discussion groups - namely, Vernon Sidler, Bill McPherson, Charles Whittle and Louis Nichols. We appreciate these fellows and their contribution to our program. In addition to these we had two of our own District Lay Leaders, Tom Matheny and Dudley Snow, lend their talents to discussion groups. We can always count on our own men to do a fine job. Our Retreats have become a time when our men can be drawn apart for inspiration, fellowship and information. Remember, we have two District Retreats next month - Shreveport-Ruston Districts on September 7 and 8 at Caney Lake, and Monroe District at Chemin-A-Haut State Park on September 21 and 22.

P.S. While I appreciate the high office to which Howard elevated your correspondent when he presented me to the group Saturday night, the record should show that I am an Associate Area Director of the Louisiana Area Council and not the Assistant Director of the National Council of Churches. The Area Council is not connected with the National Council.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



World Service and Conference Benevolences provides the basic support of not only the General Boards and Agencies of the Methodist Church, but of our Conference Boards and Agencies. World Service is our support of work outside Louisiana. Conference Benevolences support work within our bounds. The two combined make up our basic support of mission work at home and abroad. The apportionment for this should be adequately provided for before Advance Special gifts - the "over and above" - are undertaken. In other words, the first mile of World Service and Conference Benevolence should be traveled before entering upon the second mile of Specials.

Advance specials form an avenue of specialized support available to any church on individual desiring to follow a special mission interest. This is an "over-and-above" gift made for a specific project or for a specific purpose in missions. Advance Special gifts may be offered in one or more areas of mission service, and the area will determine the classification. There are Conference Advance Specials, or "over-and-above" support provided for special projects approved by our Conf. Board of Missions. Such projects would be the 1000 Club, Migrant Ministry, Retired Minister's Homes, or the Inner-City-Work at New Orleans. A second classification is called the National Advance Special, or "over-and-above" support of special projects in the areas of National Missions covering the U.S., Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico. Examples of special projects many of our churches have accepted include Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference work, Latin American work in the Rio Grande Conference, Lydia Patterson Institute at El Paso, Alaska Methodist University, and Negro work in our area. A third classification is that of Specials given to World Missions, areas outside our Conference and the National Missions area, areas such as Mexico, South America, several countries of Europe and Africa, India, Burma, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and many other islands of the Western Pacific. A fourth classification is MCOR, or the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. This is Methodism's agency for relief work in emergency situations such as fire, flood, famine, refugees, epidemics, and aftermath of war.

A church should make every possible effort to meet its apportionment for World Service and Conference Benevolences. This is the basic mission support needed. If able to go "over-and-above" in its mission giving, it should then examine projects within one or more of the areas of service described in the preceding paragraph. Churches with vision sufficient to pay their World Service and Conference Benevolences acceptance in full and accept Advance Specials in all four areas or classifications are called Four Lane Churches. To be a Four Lane Church is one of the highest honors that may be given a church for its interest and support of missions.



DR. CHARLES PALMER leads a discussion group during Christian Adventure Week at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, July 24-26.



THESE ARE the recently-installed new officers of the WSCS at the Golden Meadow Methodist Church.



THIS IS A large part of the enrollment in the recent Vacation Church School at the Rosedale Church.



MR. AND MRS. F. SMITH Stevenson, members of First Methodist Church, Monroe, who recently observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



MISS CARLA ANN Johnson of Vinton Methodist Church, who was recently selected as Rodeo Queen of the Louisiana High School Rodeo held in Sulphur.



PART OF THE MYF of Crew Lake Methodist Church during a car wash to raise funds for a currently-planned tour camp.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

find a wife instead of marrying a Canaanite woman. Isaac, easily deceived, believed this story and approved of Jacob's going. He called Jacob to him and blessed him again and sent him on the long journey, as he thought, to find a wife from among his kinsmen in Haran. Hence, according to the first verse of our lesson text "Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went to Haran."

JACOB'S BEAUTIFUL VISION

Jacob running from the wrath of his brother apparently made good time the first day out. He must have left early and traveled late. He was in the neighborhood of Bethel, almost fifty miles from Beersheba, at sundown.

Worn and tired from his long journey, Jacob took a stone for a pillow "and lay down in that place to sleep." Troubled by fear and a guilty conscience and with only a rock for a pillow we would not be surprised if his sleep had turned into a nightmare. We would certainly expect a restless, if not a sleepless night.

Instead, Jacob apparently had a restful night. While sleeping, he had the most beautiful dream recorded in the Bible. Jacob dreamed that a great ladder was set up on the earth and the top of the ladder reached into heaven. Angels of God were ascending and descending on the ladder. He saw the Lord standing at the top of the ladder.

MEETING GOD IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

Jacob had been accustomed to the worship of God in the home of his father, Isaac, whether he had been very active in that worship or not. When in fear of his life he had run away from home he must have felt that he was leaving God behind.

To his surprise and astonishment, on waking, Jacob felt that he had really seen God at the top of the ladder in his dream. Alone there in the darkness, he had heard God identify himself as the God of Ab-

raham and his father Isaac.

He had heard God repeat to him the covenant he had made with Abraham and his father Isaac. He heard God promise to give to him the land from which he was running away for his life. God promised Jacob, as he had Abraham and Isaac that his descendants would be numberless and that through him and his descendants all of the world would be blessed.

God added to this general covenant he had made with Abraham and Isaac a promise to Jacob that he would be with him and keep him wherever he went and would bring him back to the land from which he would never leave him until these personal promises had been fulfilled.

Some may ask, "What had Jacob done to merit these wonderful promises from God. The answer is simple- he had done nothing to merit such favors from God. We might ask what had Abraham done to merit the blessings God promised him when he called him to go into the land of Canaan. We know nothing about Abraham's personal life before that call. If there had been anything unusual in this life we are told nothing about it. All patriarchs were not great saints. Each of them had faults. However, God chose Abraham and later Jacob in order to carry out his plan for the redemption of the human race, God likely chose them for what he could make out of them rather than for what they already were."

JACOB'S REACTION TO HIS VISION

Our lesson text says, "and Jacob waked out of his sleep." This awakening of Jacob reminds us of another wayward son who was away from home and in trouble. The Record says of the prodigal son that, "he came to himself." The prodigal son also waked up.

Jacob "waked out of his sleep" he knew that he had been in the presence of God. It was an unexpected experience but it was very real. Jacob declared, "Surely the Lord is in this place." Jacob was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place." He felt that in reality he was in God's house and at the gates of heaven.

It is doubtful whether Jacob slept very much more that night. He got up early in the morning with the dream still the biggest thing in his thinking. He took the stone he had used for a pillow and converted it into a kind of altar. He poured oil on it and called the place Bethel, God's house. This Bethel seems to be the same place near which Abraham had earlier built an altar when he came into Canaan. There Jacob worshipped the God of his fathers.

JACOB VOWS A VOW

Jacob did not allow his religious experience to pass without doing something about it. There beside the altar he had erected, Jacob vowed a vow to God.

The vow Jacob made began with an "if." It sounds as if Jacob was bargaining with the Lord. "If" God would do certain things, then Jacob would make the Lord his God.

There are those who criticize Jacob severely because of his "iffy" vow. It is quite possible that we miss the spirit in which Jacob spoke. In this vow Jacob was only restating the promises God had already made to him in his dream.

Perhaps Jacob was only taking God at his word and simply saying that in view of all God had promised to do for him, that his father's God would be his God. There may have been no attempt to bargain. This may have been Jacob's way of accepting the offer God had already made him.

The closing statement of our lesson text indicates that this experience of Jacob was a genuine religious experience since it seems to have affected his pocketbook. Jacob promises to give back to God a tenth of everything that God might give to him.

It should be said that we cannot acceptably give our money to God without giving ourselves. Neither can we acceptably give ourselves to God without giving also an appropriate part of our money for the ongoing of his kingdom.

A Lift For Living



By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Men of Vision Respect Opinions on All Sides

A BROAD MIND -- We all desire to be thought broad-minded. We resent being called narrow or bigoted. We are almost as afraid of getting into a rut as into the grave. But how do we keep our minds broad and open?

Suppose we start out with an easy-going attitude, going along with the crowd's thinking but not giving much straight thought to our own beliefs. We repeat what we hear on this side of us and on that side. We may get quite a collection of second-hand ideas. But that doesn't make us broad-minded.

Some people fool themselves by thinking they are broad-minded merely because they are scatterbrained. Listen to some of the conversations on trains or at dinner tables and see how many people just repeat the prejudices they have picked up. We human beings so easily become "herd-minded."

When our minds just go along with the crowd, we usually drift into dark narrow alleys of ignorance and distrust.

Some years ago Sinclair Lewis in his book, "Main Street," described the state of mind into which one of the town's doctors had drifted. He had gone along as a conventional member of the church, without taking it seriously. When his wife finally rebelled at the rut into which their church life had fallen, the husband was flustered and confused.

Lewis said of him: "He believed in the church but seldom attended its services. He believed in Christianity but never thought about it. He was worried over his wife's lack of faith, but was not sure just what she lacked." His thinking had become shallow but not broad.

We must do some deep hard thinking if we are to develop real breadth of mind. The Master of Life declared, "Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life." That is the narrowness of the athlete, the artist, the thinker.

The athlete who would play on his college team must go through the discipline of self-denial. He must forego the midnight suppers. He may seem to lead a very narrow existence during the training season. But thereby he acquires the full use of his body. The musician must go through the finger exercises if he is to attain the freedom of the artist.

Likewise in all living there is a certain narrowness of application which leads to breadth and power. We have to specialize in a subject in order to master it. Then we must be broad enough not to be narrowed by our specialties.

Several years ago a great but obscure scientist died. His vision was not confined to the area of his office. He was chief engineer and vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in charge of research. Some called him a genius.

A friend of mine, who knew him, describes him thus: "John J. Carty was a broad-minded man of vast talents. He liked baseball and kept records of every player in the major leagues. He knew the batting averages of most of the players. His horizon was broad. He could discuss science, philosophy and sports -- and he possessed a sly humor."

Such is the breadth of interest which can be combined with effective specialization to make great living.

Alfred Noyes said that one trouble of our time is that we are "misled by small clever minds." That is, we specialize so that we come to know our own lines of work. But we are not broad enough in our outlook to see where our lives fits with others to make the whole pattern. We should look up to God at time in order to see life steadily and see it whole.

In this time of tension when the heat of racial controversy could easily lead into violence, we simply must cultivate breadth of vision, depth of thought and Christ-like love. A sincerely warm heart is a good cure for a narrowly hot head.

Then let us think through our own opinions and let others think theirs. The more we prize our own convictions, the more we respect theirs. Let us be loyal to our religious group, but remember that the Divine Shepherd has other sheep not of our fold.

A farewell word to my readers. My new duties as Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York, involve so much speaking and travel that I feel compelled to give up writing this column. In doing so I express my deep indebtedness and gratitude to my editors and many readers.

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In Memoriam



Gilbert Winch

Gilbert Winch was born April 3, 1903, and passed on quietly and silently to his Heavenly Home April 9, 1963.

He was a loyal and devoted Methodist, served as superintendent for 15 years. He leaves a wife, Lona; two children, Gene and Genell; a son-in-law, Melvin Morgan; and one grandson, Tim; and a host of other relatives and friends who miss his presence and Christian faith.

He loved the house of God, his dearest wish to be a layman within her walls, in service full and free;

Beautiful he lived, we who well loved him know, blessing with kindness our sick, softening death cruel blow;

Beautifully he died, the temple floors he trod to pass to his reward within the altar of his God.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Henry Bowdon and the Rev. C. J. Thibodeaux in the Pecan Island Methodist Church.



J. O. Laman

Funeral services for John Olen Laman, life member of Cave City Methodist Church, retired business man and bank president, were held July 12, 1963 at the Cave City Methodist Church with Rev. Gerald Martin and Rev. Albert Gatlin of the First Methodist Church of Batesville officiating. He was 69.

Mr. Laman was a leader in the building of the Cave City Methodist Church erected in 1939, and was a member of the Board of Stewards for 40 years.

A man with such a strong fine character and with a philosophy of life such as his will always be remembered by all that knew him. If all the men that Mr. Laman has ever helped could fall in a line, there would be no end to it.

Mr. Laman was married to Miss Deltha Ford, February 26, 1916 by Rev. Elmer H. Hook.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Ray Davis of Trumann, Arkansas and Mrs. Harrell Ford of Ponca City, Oklahoma and five grandchildren.

The influence of his life will live on.



The Rev. R. Harold Hipps, minister of education at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., will join the staff of the Division of the Board of Education, Nashville Tenn., Sept. 1.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

August 18-Sunday-Genesis 44:1-7
August 19.....Genesis 44:18-34
August 20.....Genesis 45:1-14
August 21.....Genesis 45:16-28
August 22.....Genesis 46:1-8
August 23.....Genesis 46:28-34
August 24.....Genesis 47:1-12
August 25-Sunday-Genesis 48:1-46

Methodist women from the eastern third of Kansas and from neighboring states met at Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., July 15-19 for what is said to be the only completely integrated School of Missions in the U. S. More than 300 women, representing the Kansas Conference and the Central West (Negro) Conference, lived and studied together for the sixth consecutive year. Faculty represented both races.

A worship center surrounded by stores will set a new pace in church extension this summer at Scottsdale, Ariz., where the first Methodist church in America will be located in the heart of a shopping center. The Rev. James R. McCormick, 27, of Jackson, Miss., appointed by Bishop Gerald Kennedy to head the new church, said that it "will open the doors for a kind of ministry where there's no precedent."



BACKBONE OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP

An appeal for churchmen "to give as much for others as for self" was voiced at the annual meeting of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in Evanston, Ill., July 17-18.

The Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, general secretary of the commission, declared that "the church that seeks to save its life will lose it" and that the concept of "as much for others as for self" is "the very backbone of good stewardship."

"I have visited mission fields all over the church and some behind the Iron Curtain," Dr. Fisher said, "and I am more than ever convinced that the future belongs to us. It is time we acted as though we believed it."

The commission paid special tribute to its president, Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., who will retire next July after being related to the church's promotional program for 20 years and chairman of the commission since 1952.



'GOD'S SEAL ON ALL AREAS'

The opening and closing of doors across the world was stressed at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 20 as nearly 700 Southeastern Jurisdiction Methodists opened their annual missionary conference. Also emphasized was the role of all Christians as missionaries, as well as the professionals.

Keynote for the conference was Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, minister of First Church, Evanston, Ill., who declared that the work of the church in the world "is simply the activity of our placing God's seal on all areas of human life." He said that there "has been a lot of waste motion, time, energy and love lost in the battle between a personal gospel and a social gospel," but added, "if Christ's Kingdom fully comes, it will mean a radical revolution in the social, economic and political structures of our society."



BISHOP PALMER ON AIR

Bishop Everett W. Palmer of the Seattle Area will be the speaker on the Aug. 25 "Church of the Air" broadcast. This program will be the last Methodist broadcast in the 1963 CBS-radio series.

Please check your local station listing for the exact time of the broadcast in your community.



What a wonderful thing it would be in any church to have a men's missionary society.

Girls Attend School of Missions With Ladies



ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT: Jean Perkins, First Church, and Carol Gunn, Trinity, Church, Alexandria.



LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT: Frances Arpke, Leesville; Janet Malarky, First Church, Lake Charles; Earleen Williamson, Westlake.



RUSTON DISTRICT: Claudia Ann Neele, Grace Church, Ruston; Sandra Lutrick, Jonesboro; Vicky Lynn Van Hooser, Trinity Church, Ruston.



TEACHERS: Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Mrs. Cecil Matthews, and Mrs. Sam Dunbar.



MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR. (right) led the Bible Hour; Mrs. T.A. Pitt (left) and Mrs. Joe Bond had charge of arranging the display room of worship settings.



BATON ROUGE DISTRICT: Emma Sue Brode, Clinton; Linda Harris, North Baton Rouge; Sharon Galloway, First Church, Baton Rouge.



MONROE DISTRICT: Evelyn Williams, Stone Avenue Church, Monroe; Joyce Bearden, McGuire Church, Monroe; Sage Redding, St. Paul's Monroe.

The girls who were a refreshing section of the annual School of Missions and Christian Service last week, will be heard from in the not too distant future as leaders in the Woman's Society and in Methodism on local, district, state, and perhaps even national levels. Twenty-four girls from as many different churches are pictured on this page. They attended classes with the ladies, and had separate youth workshops.

Also pictured are the teachers and a few of the leaders. The nine classes had an enrollment of 342 women and girls studying the four topics to be emphasized throughout the current year. One hundred and twelve churches were represented. Mrs. Warren Orr reported the literature room sold books to the value of \$1,289.00.

The special offering amounting to \$209.00 was sent as a gift to missions in honor of Miss Elizabeth Stinson, a native of Louisiana, who retired this month as Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Division in New York.

The school was held as usual, at Centenary College in Shreveport.

Pictures are by Lona Wilson of Louisiana Methodist Information.



(above)

MRS. WIDEMAN WATSON (left) was chairman of the school; Mrs. T. Haller Jackson served as dean.

(above, right)

MISS MARTHA SHELBY (left), former missionary to India, served as resource person; Mrs. C.C. Coffee from Lubbock, Texas, was a teacher.



LAFAYETTE DISTRICT: Wilma Beville, Houma Heights Church; Ann Burleigh, Louisiana Memorial, Opelousas; Julie Ann Haack, First Church, Lafayette.



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT: Jacquelyn Collins, St. Paul's; Sara Ann Phelps, Algiers; Diane Dunn, Munholland.



SHREVEPORT DISTRICT: Sallie Dixon, Belcher; Lee Jolley, Broadmoor Church; Shreveport Kerry Salmon, North Highland Church, Shreveport; Pat Quin, First Church, Shreveport.



TEACHERS: Mrs. Paul Arrington, Miss Virginia Thomas, and Mrs. Russell Hearer.



MRS. GEORGE METZEL (left), one of the teachers, is president of the Okla. Conf. WSCS; Mrs. Guy Hicks was also a teacher; Miss Kathleen Gates, deaconess candidate, served as resource person.

Pictures of Building Progress



THE REV. B.A. GALLOWAY, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, center, is shown with members of the Building Committee of the recently completed building at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches. They are l. to r.: Guy W. Nesom, Mrs. Jack Fisher, Mrs. T.G. Williams and Leo. T. Allbritton. Mr. Galloway, a former pastor, preached the sermon for the Consecration Service, July 28.



THIS GROUP FROM Louisiana attended the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 13-16. Included was the largest group of young people to ever attend this conference from the Louisiana Conference.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

President Ngo Dinh Diem, in a recent press interview in Saigon, South Vietnam, strongly denied charges of religious discrimination brought against his regime by leaders of the Buddhist majority in that country. The Roman Catholic chief of state was interviewed as a group of 108 Buddhists began a hunger strike in the "holy city" of Hue in protest against the government's policies.

World Lutheranism now has more than 73 million baptized members according to figures released at the Fourth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Helsinki, Finland.

The plight of millions of Christians in Communist East Germany is one on which attention must be continually focused, Dr. Otto Dibelius, head of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg, recently declared in a radio broadcast in Berlin. In making this plea he criticized the recent 11th German Evangelical Church Day (Kirchentag) for having "deliberately by-passed" the conflicts and problems caused by Germany's political situation.

Christianity is on the decline everywhere in the world except in the U.S. and Canada, Dr. A. Leonard Griffith, pastor of City Temple, London, recently said in Toronto. He said that only two per cent of the British capital's population of 9,000,000 attend church as compared with 65 per cent in some U.S. and Canadian cities.

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Names of Winners of Laymen's Scholarships Are Announced

Recipients of the Conference Layman's Scholarships to Centenary College for the 1963 fall semester are Miss Carol Wood of DeRidder, Miss Martha Sneed of Jonesboro, and Miss Betty Vickers of Leesville. The announcement was made by Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, conference lay leader, after consultation with the scholarship committee of the Conference Board of Lay Activities.

Money for the scholarships is raised by Methodist Men's Clubs throughout the conference. In churches where there are no organized clubs, members of

the Official Board and other organizations secure the funds. Each district is responsible for raising \$250 each semester. The men hope to add one more scholarship, making a total of four. This would enable them to award one new scholarship every year, while also being able to assist each recipient through the full four years at Centenary. These \$500 scholarships are given to young women who are entering the field of Religious Education.

Miss Vickers is a prospective deaconess candidate. She has served two summers at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans working mainly with small children. She is a 1961 graduate of Zwolle High School and was Valedictorian of the senior class. She is a junior at Centenary.

Miss Wood is also a junior, majoring in Religious Education. She is working during the summer as Youth Director (continued on page 6)

Labor Groups Complete Project At Ruston

Volunteer labor for six Saturdays completed renovation of the Junior-High Boys Cottage of the Methodist Children's Home. The project was financed by the Bible Class of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Some of the union men helped to buy paint and light fixtures. Some business concerns in Monroe also contributed light fixtures.

Men of the Carpenters, Painters, Electrical Workers and Communications Workers Unions contributed labor. Boys resident in the cottage helped carpenters and painters throughout the project. Acoustic tile ceilings, pressed

Pictures of this project will be found on page 6.

plywood wall panels, and new light fixtures were installed throughout the building. The entire interior was repainted. The maintenance crew of the Home and the boys resident in the cottage will repaint the exterior wood trim.

An open house will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 15.

Appointment

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton announces the change of appointment of Donald R. Autrey, Deacon, On Trial, from Associate Minister at First Church, Minden, to that of Minister of Education and Associate Pastor at First Church, Houma, effective September 1, 1963.



Miss Wood



Miss Vickers



Miss Sneed

A Critical Day In Human Relations

NEXT WEDNESDAY, August 28, could be one of the most critical days in the stream of current developments in the field of human relations. Many feel that the massive "March on Washington" planned for that day will dramatically climax a long summer of racial demonstrations and that a positive end will be served by it. Others feel that there are such explosive possibilities for violence and rioting that progress in human relations could be set back many years by the "march." Whatever one feels about these matters the fact remains that the eyes of the nation and of the world will be focused there next Wednesday.

It is our feeling that much more understanding of and a greater contribution to human relations will be implemented through a very important meeting which will be taking place at the same time in Chicago. The Methodist Conference on Human Relations will bring together representatives from every part of our church to take a look at where Methodists stand at the end of this "long hot summer" of racial demonstrations.

Some men are demonstrators and when times like these arise they will be marching to serve the cause which they think is relevant at the moment. Steps in human and social relations have always seemed to need their demonstrators. However, not all men of Christian principles and goodwill fall into that category and they should not be criticized for feeling that desired ends can be accomplished by other means. Some well-intentioned persons will make the long journey to Washington next week and join the massive march. Their sincerity should not be questioned.

The larger number of persons of goodwill will not be marching. Their sincerity should not be questioned by those who chose to march. The prayers of all will be lifted that

forces above and beyond us all will be brought to bear to the end that all that has transpired this summer will be in the end result in progress toward better understanding between us all. Their prayers will also include a sincere petition that the events of a few short hours in the nation's capitol next week will not setback positive progress that has been made quietly and carefully through the efforts of many persons who will not feel impelled to march.

Thanks To Dr. Sockman

WE REGRET that this issue of your paper must be the first you have received in many years without the column written by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. Many of our readers have looked forward week after week to his simple yet profound messages which truly gave them a "Lift for Living." We were fearful that the time of his retirement from the influential pulpit of Christ Church, New York, indicated that his decision to give up writing his column might not be too far behind. We asked him about this when he visited the Little Rock Conference a little more than a year ago and he said that he would continue this writing just as long as he could.

Dr. Sockman had a parish that extended far beyond New York City through his radio ministry, his lectures and his writings. The column which this paper carried had a tremendous circulation in religious and secular papers across the nation. As we have traveled in Arkansas and Louisiana it has been apparent that many of our readers turned first to his column.

Many duties which were formerly extracurricular for this outstanding minister have come to occupy an increasing proportion of his time, and now that he is entering into a new relationship with Union Theological Seminary in New York he feels that the time necessary for his column is not available. We regret this decision, but we know that Dr. Sockman will continue to reach widely-scattered sections of the Church with his ministry. Our loss will be the gain of many others.

At the moment we are not planning to replace Dr. Sockman's column with another, but will use the space in a variety of ways as we serve you.

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NEWS and NOTES

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE Sadie Moon Sub-district visited the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, Saturday morning, Aug. 10.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN I. GREY presented the Harmony Chapel Church with 20 Samsonite folding chairs for the new youth fellowship building. The pastor is the Rev. Eddie Morgan, Jr.

THE REV. KARL WOOD, pastor of the Methodist Church at Rayne, La., conducted revival services at the Hopewell Methodist Church, July 21-28. The Rev. Ira M. Robinson is the pastor.

THE REV. ALBERT A. COLLINS, pastor of Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the noontide services at The Church House, New Orleans, the week of July 22-26.

THE REV. CALVIN LAPUYADE, pastor of the Iota-Maxie Charge, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Jennings, June 23. The Rev. Wm. F. Mayo, the pastor, was at Camp Brewer with a Junior Camp.

A FISH FRY WAS held at the Maringouin Community Center for the benefit of the Rosedale Methodist Church, Aug. 16. The pastor of the Rosedale Church is the Rev. Stephen F. Wendt.

THE SENIOR HIGHS and Older Youth of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, enjoyed a swimming party on Aug. 14 at the home of Mrs. L.B. Kilpatrick. Their pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

THE REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Downsville Methodist Church, Aug. 25-Sept. 1. The pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman.

MR. STARR HARDEE of Kaplan, a student at U.S.L., was the speaker for the Aug. 7 meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where the pastor is the Rev. James Stovall.

NEW SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE Children's Division of the Church School of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, are Mrs. John Haynie, superintendent, and Mrs. Sinclair Kouns, associate superintendent. The pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes.

MARK SOLOMON, A MEMBER OF Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, and a student at Southeast State College in Hammond, was the speaker for the three

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FACTS and FOLKS

services of worship at Asbury on Aug. 11. The pastor is the Rev. C. Robert McCammon.

LEADERS FOR THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK at First Methodist Church, Bossier City, July 28 - Aug. 1, included the pastor, the Rev. Jack Midyett, Mr. W.W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miles, Mrs. A.B. Ewing and Mr. H.H. Smith.

USHERS FOR THE SUNRISE Communion Service held at the recent Laymen's Retreat at Centenary College were laymen from Love Chapel Methodist Church. This church, whose pastor is the Rev. Ken Griffith, also prepared the elements for the service.

AT THE AUG. 9 Family Night supper at Gretna Methodist Church the pastor, the Rev. J. Taylor Wall showed pictures of the devastation of Cameron when Hurricane Audrey struck that region several years ago. He was pastor at Cameron during that period.

DURING THE MONTH OF August and the first two weeks of September the young adults of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, are studying and discussing Richard Niebuhr's book, "Christ and Culture." The pastor is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

THE WSCS OF LAKEVIEW CHURCH, Minden presented special membership pins to Mrs. O.B. McCormick, Mrs. Dorothy Broadburn and Mrs. Ruthdyne Jones at their July business meeting, which was in charge of the president, Mrs. McCormick. The pastor is the Rev. Gray Wilson.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE Executive Committee of First Methodist Church, Denham Springs, are: Jim Delaune, chairman; Jack Odom, vice-chairman; Miss Mildred Leftwich, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Graham, secretary; and George Smith, financial secretary. The Rev. Ted A. Howes is the pastor.

ON JULY 20 THE MYF of Oak Ridge Methodist Church was entertained at an "Eclipse Party" given by Mrs. W.M. Nolan. Divided into two groups, the "Suns" and the "moons," games were played throughout the evening with each group trying to "eclipse" the other. Their pastor is the Rev. George B. Cunningham.

MR. AND MRS. C.G. LEONARD of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently attended the meeting of the National Association of Church Business Administrators at Orlando, Fla. Mr. Leonard was installed at the meeting as the president of the Louisiana Chapter of the organization. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

THE JUNIOR HIGHS OF Rayville Methodist Church studied "What Other Faiths Believe" during their recent Christian Adventure Week. Guest speakers included Father Bergeron on "Catholic Beliefs," Rev. Faires on "What Presbyterians Believe," and Father Goodman on "Episcopal Beliefs." The Rayville pastor is the Rev. R.E. Walton.

DR. GLYN PHILIPS OF Wales, who has been attending Munholland Memorial Church, Metairie, while engaged in research at the Department of Agriculture Laboratory in New Orleans, spoke to the Men's Bible Class of that church on Aug. 11. He discussed "Christianity in Wales." The pastor of the church is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

THE SPRINGFIELD MYF held an "Apron Sale" on Aug. 3 for a money-making project. A good profit was reported from the sale. About eight members of this group attended the picnic at Camp Istrouma on July 27 and all reported an enjoyable time. Their pastor is the Rev. John Sayes.

MR. AND MRS. CARL WILLIAMS presented a word and picture report of their recent participation in the dedication of the home and agricultural center for Carl and Julia Williams in Bolivia, at the evening worship hour of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Aug. 11. Their pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

MRS. ARTHUR KERR, Bishop Walton's secretary has been in Jefferson, S.C., for two weeks at the bedside of her mother, who has been critically ill. She will be back in the office about Sept. 1. In her absence Miss Elsie Meyer has been helping with the secretarial work in the office. We will all be remembering Mrs. Kerr and her mother in our prayers.

THE REV. CHARLES PARKS of Springhill was the guest preacher at Cotton Valley Methodist Church, Aug. 11, and on Aug. 4 this pulpit was filled at the morning worship hour by Mr. F.M. Milburn. The evening services were conducted on both Sundays by the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Sr., father of the pastor, the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr.

Gifts to Mount Sequoyah

	Due	1961-62	1962-63
Alexandria	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$350.00
Baton Rouge	500.00	300.00	300.00
Lafayette	230.00	173.00	240.00
Lake Charles	270.00	275.00	130.00
Monroe	440.00	40.00	405.00
New Orleans	320.00	320.00	330.00
Ruston	400.00	400.00	525.00
Shreveport	430.00	300.00	200.00
Total	2910.00	2128.00	2480.00

Sub-District

The Aubrey G. Walton sub-district held its monthly meeting on August 5, 1963, at Noble Methodist Church. The service was opened with a hymn. We then sang "Into My Heart" as a prayer. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Vernon Fairly, showed slides which he took while working at the Yuma Indian Mission in Southern California. Also, he told of some of the Indian customs and about his experiences in working with them.

Judy Wells, vice-president, conducted the business meeting. All the MYF groups, Many, Mitchell, Noble, Pelican, Pleasant Hill, and Zwolle, were present. Mr. Crone from Zwolle announced about Zwolle Youth Week, which is to be held from August 26-30.

The next sub-district meeting will be

held at Pelican Methodist Church on September 9.

New Iberia Youth Activities

The Senior MYF of the First Methodist Church in New Iberia held their Youth Activities Week July 22-26. They began their activities with a trip to New Orleans to visit places which are of Methodist interest. They left at nine o'clock Monday morning.

This tour included visits to the McDonnell Home in Houma and St. Marks Community Center in New Orleans. While in the Crescent City, they stayed in the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church of which Rev. Jack Cooke is pastor. Enroute home Tuesday, the group stopped in Baldwin to visit the Sager Brown Home.

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Day Camp at Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge

Some 38 junior-aged boys and girls participated in a week long session of Junior Day Camp held July 22-26 by members of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The camp, held at one of the area's parish sites, was part of a series of summer programs for the church youth and proved to be quite successful.

The group studied Mary E. Venable's "We Discover in God's World," using materials close at hand in the out-of-doors to carry out the theme of the week. The children were assisted in setting up two primitive camp sites, and in making a variety of crafts that included sun blueprinting, terrariums, sundials and others.

The week began with a hiking and discovery experience that was guided by a staff member of the Louisiana

Forestry Commission. Information gained from his informal lecturing was used in nature study throughout the whole day camp program.

Following lunch each day, devotionals and discussions were led by the pastor of the church and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Barry Bailey. The group left from the church about 9 each morning, returning at 1:30 p.m.

A particular highlight of the camp week was the Friday cook out when the youngsters took part in fire building and learned something of out-door cookery.

Mrs. Charles Middleton served as the camp director and was assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hollenshead, children's division superintendent. Seven older youth assisted the six adults who worked during the week.



THE NEW LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, cornerstone laying services for which were held Sunday evening, Aug. 4., with Dr. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent, officiating.

New Iberia

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MYF's participating in this trip were Pam Shaughnessy, Virginia Huckaby, Sherron LaVawe, Norma Eldridge, Ann Warren, Kay Thomas, Elvira Frick, Scott Boatright, Bill Lanphier, Mike Koeninger, George Wilson, Sally Dorr, Jackie Marting, Butch Koenig, Mike Deare, Linda Williams, Mack Chandler, Jacob Stansbury, Gene Walters, Ann Garrould, and Ralph Lewis. Accompanying the young people were Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Bergeron, Mr. Thomas Land, Mrs. B. E. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Phillips.

Thursday was used for their evaluation of the trip. They discussed what they had gotten from the trip to New Orleans that would be of interest to the whole church. This would be shared at their supper Friday night.

A Parent Appreciation Banquet was hosted by the MYF on Friday night in the Fellowship Hall. This event marked the end of Youth Activities Week. Following the invocation and the meal, Miss Sherron La Baerue, mistress of ceremonies, welcomed those present and called upon members of the MYF to introduce themselves and their parents.

Various reports on summer activities were then given. Billy Booth reported on the Youth Assembly which was held in Shreveport at Centenary College from June 24-28. Miss Virginia Huckaby reported on the Lafayette District Tennessee trip which was held from June 30 - July 3. Miss Elvira Frick reported on the MYF trip to New Orleans held on July 22-23. Miss Kay Thomas concluded the program with a forecast on the School on Moral Concerns to be held on August 11-16 at Camp Istrouma.

Mrs. E. B. Fox, Sr., superintendent of education, spoke briefly on the MYF goal and program, then showed movies of the trip to New Orleans.

The MYF benediction was then led by the Rev. T. R. Bergeron, the church's associate minister.

Local MYF counselors are Mrs. James Lerangue, Mrs. Luther Booth, Mrs. Jack Clark, Mrs. Cecil Broussard, Mrs. E. H. Frick, and Rev. T. R. Bergeron.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Luther L. Booth.

Area Calendar

September

- 5 - Monroe District Council
- 7-8 - Shreveport-Ruston Districts Lay Retreat, Caney Lake
- 9 - Lake Charles District Council
- 10 - Lafayette District Council
- 12 - Baton Rouge District Council
- 13 - Lake Charles District Workshop for Lay Leaders and Ministers
- 13 or 22 - Church School Promotion Day
- 15 - Hospital & Homes Stewards Day at Children's Home, Ruston
- 16 - Ruston District Council
- 18 - Conference Commission on Christian Vocations,

- Alexandria, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 - Alexandria District Council
- 21-22 - Monroe District Retreat, Chemin-A-Haut
- 22 - World Service Sunday
- 23 - Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Alexandria
- 23 - Bishop's Mission on the Ministry Adjourned Session of Annual Conference, Alexandria, 9:30 a.m.
- 28-29 - Wesleyan Service Guild Coaching Conference, Camp Brewer
- 29 - Church School Rally Day (with offering)
- 29 - Oct. 6 - Christian Education Week
- 30 - Baton Rouge District Workshop for Church Lay Leaders, Official Board Chairman & Ministers

Evangelistic Survey of Church School
First Call of 1000 Club

CONFER ON INNER CITY

About 50 Methodist ministers, mostly pastors of churches along the Eastern seaboard, in cities where slums and juvenile delinquency are prevalent, met in Philadelphia recently to exchange experiences and to help each other discover solutions to problems.



YOUNG PEOPLE who participated in the Youth Activities Week tour at First Methodist Church, New Iberia.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1963: STRUGGLE AND VICTORY

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 29 through 36. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 32:22-32.

MEMORY SELECTION: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. -Peter 5:6

AIM OF LESSON: To show how important it is for one to be at peace with God and man and to stress some things that are essential in reaching that blessed experience.

SINCE LAST LESSON

After the dream Jacob had at Bethel, of which we studied last Sunday, he moved on to Haran and to the home of Laban his uncle, the brother of Rebekah.

Laban had two daughters. Jacob fell in love with the younger daughter, Rachel. Laban promised to give her to Jacob as wife if he would work for him seven years. To this Jacob gladly agreed.

At the end of the seven years, Laban brought to Jacob the older daughter, Leah, probably heavily veiled as was the custom, and gave her to Jacob as wife. When Jacob learned of the deceit he protested to Laban. He was told by Laban that it was not the custom to give the younger daughter in marriage unless the older daughter was already married.

Since plural marriages were the custom, Laban

promised to give Rachel to Jacob as wife after a week of married life with Leah, if Jacob would work another seven years. Jacob agreed to this and for another seven years he worked for Laban.

Jacob lived with Laban, his father-in-law about twenty years. Their relationships were not always congenial and their dealings were interspersed with trickery on both sides.

All of this time Jacob must have had in his mind memories of the land God had promised to Abraham, his grandfather and to Isaac his father and to him as the one in direct line of succession. Finally he decided to return to Canaan. Twenty years was not long enough to erase from his memory the fact that Esau had planned to kill him, and this danger he must face if he returned to his former home.

So great was his desire to return home that he decided to risk the danger. Afraid that Laban might hinder his going, Jacob with his wives, his children and his possessions, slipped away without Laban knowing he was going. He was gone three days before Laban knew he was gone. Laban followed Jacob and caught up with him at Mt. Gilead. There were some words but finally Laban and Jacob parted in peace and Jacob moved on toward Canaan.

He sent messengers ahead to tell Esau of his coming. About all that Esau let the messengers from Jacob know was that he was coming to meet

him with four hundred men. Conscience-stricken as he was, this frightened Jacob as it appeared that Esau was coming to carry out his purpose to kill him. Jacob selected special gifts to be given Esau and planned that they should be presented at short intervals as repeated evidence of Jacob's recognition of his indebtedness to Esau. Along with this offer of gifts, Jacob had all of his possessions and his family to move on toward the meeting place with Esau. He himself, for the time remained behind.

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"AND JACOB WAS LEFT ALONE"

After Jacob had sent his party on, the 24th verse of our lesson text says, "And Jacob was left alone." Jacob found himself alone with his thoughts and his conscience but also alone with God. Despite our weakness, folly and sin, for most normal people there comes a time when we find ourselves alone with our thoughts and God. It was the Psalmist David who said, as he seemed to stand before God in his guiltiness, "Against thee and thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight." We cannot sin against our fellow man until we have first sinned against the goodness, mercy and guiding spirit of God. However great may be the wrong we have done our fellow man, it cannot but be secondary to the fact that, in doing it, we have rejected God's plan for our lives. This is the great sin of life because every other sin we commit is the result of this basic sin.

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TWO GREAT RECONCILIATIONS

1. First there was the reconciliation with God. Jacob felt that he was in the presence of God at the place he named Bethel shortly after he had started to Haran. However, for the twenty years that intervened between that experience and the time he was to meet Esau, there was not so much said about Jacob's relation to the Lord. Now in this crisis of his life, when he must meet the brother he had wronged and with whom he hoped to be reconciled, Jacob suddenly realized how important it was to first be reconciled with God.

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NEWS

...from the office of the



LOUISIANA METHODIST AREA COUNCIL

P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana - 71104

Lona Wilson, Editor

Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



Miss Vera Zimmerman, specialist in work with younger children, will be in the Louisiana Conference the week of October 6-12. There will be a series of meetings for Nursery Home Visitors and workers in Sunday morning nursery classes. On the weekend there will be a Workshop for workers in church-sponsored week-day Nursery Schools and Kindergartens. Keep this week clear and watch for dates and places so you can attend.

REPORTS

Report time comes around ever so often for all of us. This is the time when we can check up on our program and evaluate the progress we have made. Each year we can compare our activities with the ones held previously and make suggestions for those planning for the future.

Vacation Church Schools - Be sure to send your V.C.S. report as soon as your school closes so that it can be included in the conference report which needs to be ready by November 1.

Reports have been received by Districts as follows:

Alexandria -4	Baton Rouge -9
Lafayette -6	Lake Charles -11
Monroe -11	New Orleans -2
Ruston -6	Shreveport -12

As soon as you have mailed in your report, you will want to begin to gather resources for your school for next summer. The theme for 1964 is Jesus.

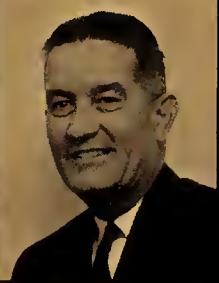
Junior Day Camp - Some reports of Junior Day Camps are also being received. If your church held a Day Camp and it has not been reported, please write for a report blank. Address your request to:

Conference Director of Children's Work
P.O. Box 4325
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

Shiela Nuttall

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



The last two weeks have been busy ones here at Centenary College. (The Area Council Office is located in the R.E. Smith Building. First, we had pastors' School, then the Conference Layman's Retreat which was followed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions. One who had the opportunity to observe these groups in action could not help but be proud of the Methodist Church.

As a layman, your correspondent had heard of Pastors' School for a long time but, of course, had never been closely associated with it. The thought occurred to me that others might be interested. This is the time each year when the ministers of the conference come together for a week of study, fellowship and inspiration. It is what we laymen would perhaps call a combination retreat and workshop. Nationally known lecturers come and conduct courses on pertinent subjects and usually one of our Bishops speaks each evening in periods of inspiration. The school is of great value to the individual minister in that he has a week of sharing with others of the same calling his problems, his hopes and his dreams at the beginning of a new church year when the challenge of his program is no doubt the greatest. I am sure he returns to his local responsibility with renewed enthusiasm. This year's session provided me a unique opportunity to confer with many of the ministers and District Superintendents regarding opportunities that are ours within a relatively short time.

The week-end was filled with the Conference Laymen's Retreat. Suffice it to say, this was, in an abbreviated form, to the layman what Pastors' School was to the minister.

Then for your correspondent the second unusual opportunity to observe occurred, for last week the campus was filled with lovely ladies from all over the state when the Woman's Society of Christian Service moved in for their School of Missions. The dispatch with which they conducted their meetings was beyond description. It made me proud that I am a Methodist to see their dedica-

tion to missions and the church and besides, the campus looked so much better with all of them scurrying about than it did with the previous two meetings.

I would again remind you of the Shreveport-Ruston District Retreat which will be here before we know it. Remember September 7 and 8 at Caney Lake. You will be hearing more about this time of fellowship.

Laymen from the Lake Charles District will want to mark September 13 on their calendars. Your correspondent will be in Lake Charles on that date to help with a workshop for Church Lay Leaders. The ministers of the district are being asked to attend with their Lay Leaders.

Monroe District laymen remember the Monroe District Layman's Retreat on September 21 and 22 at Chemin-A-Haut State Park.

We will be in the Baton Rouge District on September 30 for a Workshop for Church Lay Leaders, Chairmen of Official Boards and their ministers. This session will be at the Wesley Foundation Building in Hammond and will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



Have you had a Church-Wide School of Missions in recent years? Or, ever? This is a local church project that deserves some thoughtful concern, for it pays dividends in many ways.

For one thing, it offers a chance for real mission study. So often we fail in our promotion of missions because we offer no promotional information. A convincing mission story must have foundation and structure.

For a second thing, our people need to know that Christian Missions are a success. The missionary story is one of surprising triumph, overcoming tremendous hardships and heartaches. Nothing lifts our faith in missions quite like studying its success. Our church membership needs both the lift and the information available in a Church-Wide School of Missions.

Third, through Missions we seek to evangelize and help a needy world in the name of Christ. The cause deserves our serious attention. The people expect us to promote what we say we believe in.

Fourth, a Church-Wide School of Missions engages many persons in a Mission activity. It takes people. Participation is the best way to share experiences and develop a concern for Mission work.

And fifth, it keeps alive the larger vision of the Kingdom of God. Often we become warped and wrapped in our own problems. Our world never seems larger than the posthole limits of our church grounds. We need the "big" view.

A minister recently said, "I had never tried a School of Missions before, but I determined to make a try at it. It proved surprisingly successful. On five successive Sunday nights we had a study group following a pot luck supper. I thought attendance would drop, but it increased every night. We had sixty out the first night. I am still walking on air and plan to have another."

Of special interest this year is the study "Our Mission Today", by Dr. Tracey K. Jones Jr., published by the Board of Missions for use in the quadrennial emphasis of The Methodist Church. It is an excellent book for study in many different kinds of groups.

Pastors of churches may prefer to use the World Mission study theme "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia" or the National Mission study theme "The Changing City Challenges the Church."

Pastors and Commissions are invited to write the Methodist Area Council for materials and suggestions of a helpful nature. Schools of Missions are "catching on" in many of our local churches.

More information and suggestions on the organization of Local Church Schools of Missions and the suggested studies will be obtained this week while attending the Jurisdictional Methodist Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. A good delegation is present from Louisiana and we should all be able to assist in a greater way upon our return home.



Louisiana youth at missions meeting, Mt. Sequoyah.



PART OF THE CROWD that attended the *First Anniversary Service* at Christ Church, Shreveport, recently. The one-year old church, whose pastor is the Rev. Oscar Cloyd, now has 225 members and carries a full program including an Advance Special of \$1800.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

at the Rayville Methodist Church. She has held a number of offices during her two years at Centenary, including: freshman representative and recreational chairman on the MSM Council; secretary-treasurer of Kappa Chi religious fraternity; Chi Omega Social Sorority, Best Pledge — 1963, Junior Panhellenic Representative; Student Senate Secretary; Centenary Band President; Conglomerate (Centenary Newspaper), Circulation, Feature Editor; Yoncopin (Centenary Yearbook) Organizations Editor; James Dormitory Council, Junior Representative; Phi Beta (Honorary Music Fraternity); Women's Recreational Association, Outstanding WRA Freshman. She was an honor graduate of DeRidder High

School, and her present scholastic average is 3.0.

Miss Sneed was also a member of the Conglomerate staff, the Methodist Student Movement, Alpha Sigma Pi honorary fraternity, and the Women's Recreational Association. During the past two summers she has served both as counselor and instructor in camps for various ages. Miss Sneed received a number of honors in high school including: president of the National Honor Society; vice-president of the Dramatics Club; won the DAR Citizenship Award, the VFW Academic Award, the Air Force Space Aero-Dynamics Award in chemistry, placed second in the chemistry division at Regional Science Fair, and placed in English and civics at the literary rally. During high school, she also held a num-

ber of offices in the MYF and attended the National Youth Convocation at Purdue University, the MYF Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, the MYF Assembly at Centenary College and the Oklahoma

Indian Mission Conference. She was Valedictorian of the 1962 graduating class in Jonesboro.



BOYS OF THE Methodist Children's Home are seen as they assisted workmen in the completion of the improvement project consummated at the home through the efforts of members of a number of labor unions.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

We frequently speak of Jacob wrestling with an angel. Our lesson text, in verse 24 says "And there wrestled a man WITH HIM." The Angel was wrestling with Jacob. The great emotional experiences we sometimes have in our relation with God are at times thought of as struggles with God. Any struggle we have in our relation with God is a struggle within our own hearts in our effort to bring ourselves into such an attitude that God can do for us what we desire. The penitent sinner's anguish of soul is not caused by the refusal of God to answer his prayers and forgive his sins. The struggle is within his own heart trying to come to the place of sincere repentance for the sins of his life and to a willingness and desire to quit them. God does not call us and then, when we come to him, push us back. Rather God "wrestles" with us in an effort to bring us into an attitude in which he can bless us. After the long night of struggle Jacob was reconciled to God.

2. The second great reconciliation Jacob faced was with his brother Esau. Jacob came before Esau in a spirit of humility, repentance, confession, generosity and restitution. It is not surprising that "Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." Jacob found what most of us will find. When we approach those we have wronged in the spirit Jacob exhibited here, we will find that forgiveness and reconciliation will follow as the night the day. We will find also that when we approach God in the spirit in which Jacob approached Esau that God will forgive.

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JACOB'S DATE WITH DESTINY

Shakespeare tells us:

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will."

Jacob, like all of us, was caught in this "divinity shaping" destiny. He had to stand before God with the life he had built, with every fault of life as plain to God as an open book. Despite the

powers of trickery and scheming or the unusual brilliance we may think we possess let us be sure that we too have a date with destiny at which time we must stand in the presence of God.

Jacob's date with destiny meant also that he must meet the fact that he had wronged his brother. He ran away from the scene of his deceit and treachery and stayed away twenty years but he never got away from the wrong he had done another. We may do a kindness or show a favor to another and forget it with the passing of the years. It is doubtful if we can deliberately wrong anyone without the memory of it following us until we have righted the wrong or passed beyond the power to do so. It should never be necessary for us to dodge anyone for a day or twenty years as Jacob did.

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A NEW NAME AND A NEW NATURE

After Jacob's experience of wrestling through the night, he received a new name and much better he received a new nature. He could turn from the presence of God to meet an angry brother with a degree of confidence and assurance that would have been impossible otherwise. Jacob's new name was Israel. He bore it well and gave the name to his descendants who bear that name until today.

Jacob called the place Peniel where he met God, and received a new name. When we have experienced our Peniel we too receive a new name - it is Christian. That name we should bear proudly and faithfully. We should avoid, so far as possible, doing anything that would dishonor the name we bear.

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NOT ALWAYS EASY TO BECOME TRULY CHRISTIAN

It is possible for children, properly trained in home and Sunday School, to naturally, normally and apparently easily make a dedication of their lives to the Christian way of life, when they have come to the proper age.

While that may be true of children, for the adult, who has known the way of deliberate sin, the

process of being transformed into a new creature is not easy. We have known people of that character to wrestle with the impulse to be Christian much longer than Jacob wrestled with the angel.

It may not require much of a struggle to get consent of one's mind to join the church. Joining the church and becoming genuinely Christian are not necessarily synonymous terms. Some join the church without becoming Christian; some think they can become Christian without joining the church. The latter may be possible but it is not very likely. Transformations are not easy. One needs all the help he can get when life is being transformed. One does not just "make up his mind" to be transformed in character. That for an adult is a rather revolutionary experience. It is not easy but it is eternally rewarding.

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SUCCESS DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN HAPPINESS

Jacob was unusually successful in his twenty years of work with Laban in Haran. He had herds and flocks and servants and most of the things that wealth of his day could provide. With his life of trickery, in his dealings with Laban and in Laban's dealings with him, Jacob could hardly have been truly happy.

Another thing that must have eaten like a cancer at his soul was the knowledge of the wrong he had done his father and brother. This wrong had robbed him of his home and his homeland for twenty years.

Finally his desire to return home and right the wrong he had done caused him to risk his life in the attempt. It is doubtful if his decision to return home made him really happy. Real happiness began only when he found peace with God and later peace with his brother.

The supplanter bows before the supplanted and is forgiven. The sinner bows before God and is forgiven. Having made peace with God and man there came a sense of happiness and well being to Jacob which all of his material substance could not bring.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

August 25- Sunday..Gen. 48:1-16
August 26.....Genesis 50:1-14
August 27.....Genesis 50:14-26
August 28.....Genesis 8:13-22
August 29.....Leviticus 19:1-16
August 30.....Leviticus 23:1-14
August 31.....Leviticus 23:15-22
September 1-Sunday..Ps. 65:1-13

In Memoriam



Mrs. Aber Files

Mrs. Aber Files, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 4 at her home in Oak Ridge. Pallbearers for her funeral were her four grandsons, William D. Files, Jr., Joe G. Files, William S. Files, Jr., Neil W. Mott, Jr., and her four nephews, Elmer Bondy, John S. Barr, III, Sam M. Abel and Darrell E. Utely.

Services were held August 5 in the Oak Ridge Methodist Church with the Rev. Jack H. Midyett, the Rev. George Cunningham, and the Rev. Robert L. Peyton officiating. Interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

She was a native of Catahoula Parish and came with her parents to Oak Ridge in 1898. Her father was assigned as pastor of the Oak Ridge Church at that time. In 1904 she married the late William O. Files, who died in 1951.

She was very active in the Oak Ridge Methodist Church since childhood. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Abram Morehouse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Neil W. Mott of Oak Ridge; two sons, W. Dan Files of Bastrop and William S. Files of Shreveport; four sisters and four grandchildren.



Mrs. Mary C. Hasty

Mrs. Mary Caroline Hasty was born October 5, 1878 in the Shiloh community near Crocketts Bluff, Ark., where she has lived all her life. She passed away July 30, 1963.

She was the widow of T. T. Hasty and the daughter of the late A. J. and Amanda Gunnell.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. L. E. Shafer of Marengo, Indiana and a son, Tom Hasty of Crocketts Bluff, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Shiloh Methodist Church with Rev. Charles P. McDonald of DeWitt officiating.

Mrs. Hasty was a loyal member of the Shiloh Methodist Church. She loved her church and especially loved to sing as long as she was able to attend.

Her home was always a gathering place for friends and neighbors. She always loved to have the preachers and their families in her home.

The passing of Mrs. Hasty brings sorrow to the entire community.

Everyone shall always cherish in their memory the many kind things she did for others.

METHODISTS MAKE NEWS

James A. Hamilton, a Methodist attorney who is associate director of the National Council of Churches, Washington, D.C., Office, is being released from all present duties to work full-time in cooperation with denomination-of agencies interested in civil rights legislation.

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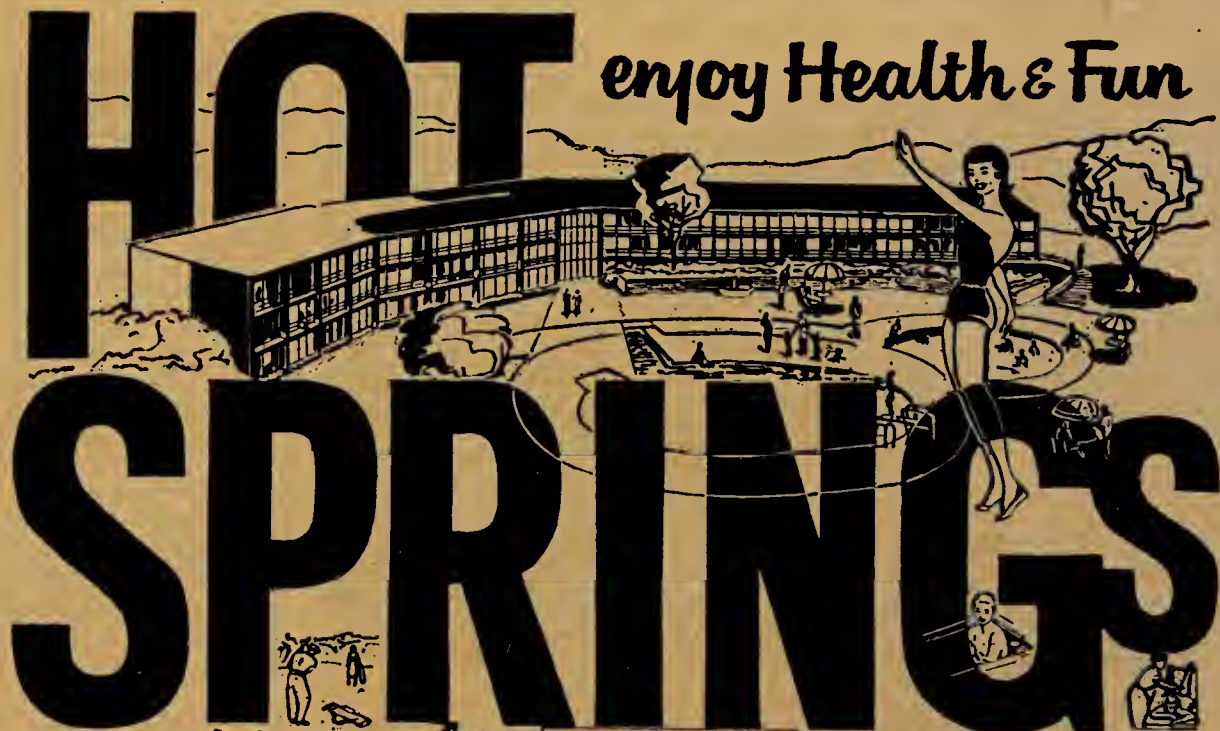


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AN INTERESTING visitor at the recent Laymen's Retreat was Dr. Glyn Phillips, Welsh chemistry professor and science consultant to the British Broadcasting Commission, right, who is shown as he interviewed Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, director of Louisiana Methodist Information, for a program to be broadcast over BBC.



PART OF THE enrollment of the Vacation Church School at Castor Methodist Church, left, and the Junior



High group, right. The pastor is the Rev. Howard Staples, and the director of the school was Miss Mildren Chandler.



AT THE CLOSING program of the Vacation School at Magnolia Methodist Church, the Rev. and Mrs. William Jaccoks were presented a gift by the



Junior High class, left. The other picture shows a part of the students participating in group singing on the closing night.



THE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS were presented Scouts Roland Morton, Jr. and Joel Woodward at St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Aug. 11. Participating were, l. to r.: Harold O. Thiele, scoutmaster, Troop 103; Morton; R. Gilbert Myers, director of Calcasieu Council, BSA; Woodward; the Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., pastor, St. Luke Church; and James O. Walker, scoutmaster, Troop 132.



MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION on Membership and Evangelism, Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans. The commission chairman is S.J. Primm and the pastor is the Rev. John T. Redmon.



THE NEW BUILDING of the Hackberry Methodist Church, which is rapidly taking shape. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Milton.



THESE CHILDREN in the second and third grades recently attended a "back to school" party at First Methodist Church, Jennings.



RUSTON DISTRICT Junior Camp held at Caney Lake, Aug. 5-9. The Rev. W.P. Cassels of Simsboro was director.

Centenary College Announces New Library Acquisitions

(Special to the Methodist)

Charles W. Harrington, librarian of Centenary, has announced inauguration of a memorial book plan through which substantial additions have already been made to the Centenary library's book collection.

Harrington said that during recent months, the library has added several titles which will be useful in the study and research of both faculty and student body. The most significant additions, with the persons memorialized, are as follows:

"Who's Who in the South and Southwest," Vol. 8; "William Wordsworth" by Harper, 2 vols.; "History of English Poetry" by Courthope, 6 vols.; "18th Century Critical Essays," by Elledge, 2 vols.; "Crete in Colour" by Hoegler; "Folklore and Symbolism of Flowers, Plants and Trees," by Lehne; in memory of Mrs. Ana Hardin of Shreveport.

"Reading on the Character of Hamlet, 1661-1947," in memory of Dr. Kathryn French of Shreveport.

"Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales," in memory of Eugene Shaver of Benton.

"Encyclopedia of American History" by Morris, in memory of Mrs. W. H. Marshall of Shreveport.

"Orchids" by Withner, in memory of Mrs. Esther G. McKee of Lake Charles.

"Sourcebook in Psychology," in memory of Mrs. E. W. King.

"Caribbean Seashells" by Warmke, in memory of Mrs. Creighton Webb.

"Handbook of World Opera" by Crowell, in memory of E. H. Wilson.

Representation at Mount Sequoyah

Persons from Louisiana attending the South Central Jurisdiction School of Evangelism are as follows: the Rev. and Mrs. K. G. Rorie and family, Shreveport; the Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Hearne and family, Shreveport; the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Harris, Shreveport;

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For Ruston and Shreveport Districts

Two-District Laymen's Retreat Planned At Caney Lake, Aug. 7-8

Methodist laymen of the Ruston and Shreveport Districts will hold their annual Retreat at Caney Lake Camp near Minden on the weekend of September 7 and 8. Theme of the Retreat is "Jesus Christ Is Lord." An old fashioned type camp meeting is planned.

Dudley Snow of Shreveport has been in charge of planning the program.

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Tom Pitt of Shreveport will be the principal speaker, and will address the group at 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Also on the list of speakers is Shelby Smith of Shreveport, a member of the General Board of Evangelism; and Mr. Snow, who is Shreveport District Lay Leader. Mr. Pitt is Associate Area Director of the Method-

ist Area Council.

Gerald Ross of Shreveport will lead the group singing and Bob Pittard of Minden is in charge of registration and arrangements.

The Retreat will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 7, and close the following day at noon.



THIS GROUP FROM LOUISIANA attended the Conference on Evangelism at Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 19-22

"Gemstones of North America" by Sinkankas, in memory of J. Theron Brown.

Harrington said that all interested readers are encouraged to contribute to the memorial book fund. He explained that the money is spent for appropriate gift books, each of which is marked with a book plate giving the name of the donor and the person to whom the book is to be a living memorial.

Acknowledgements are sent out on the receipt of each gift and, when desired, an appropriate announcement is sent to the heirs of the person to whom the book is dedicated.

Checks for the memorial book fund should be made payable to Centenary College Library and sent to the library in Shreveport, Harrington said.

Sesquicentennial Drama At Covington

The MYF of the Covington Church presented a play entitled "This Is My Life" in honor of the one hundred-thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the church, and in keeping with the spirit of the city wide celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Covington in July. A covered dish dinner followed with an overflow crowd in attendance. Many of the guests arrived wearing period costumes.

The play, written and produced by Mrs. Louise Morrill, MYF counselor with the help of MYF members, told of the early history of Methodism in Louisiana and in Covington in particu-

Significant Action By Aurora Board

The Official Board of Aurora Methodist Church, New Orleans, recently took significant action in which they voted to "welcome any and all persons who desire to participate in our services of worship." The chairman of this Official Board is Robert R. Lamb, and the pastor of the church is the Rev. L. Ray Branton.

Following the action, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton strongly commended what was done.

The discussion began in this board last June which resulted in the request that the Commission on Christian Social Concerns draft a resolution to be presented to the board.

The following "affirmation of faith" was adopted by the Official Board at its August meeting:

"We, the officials of the Aurora Methodist Church confess our faith:

"We believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

"We believe He came into the world to save all men.

"We recognize we cannot give Jesus' invitation to salvation unless we, like Him, issue that invitation to all who wish to hear.

"We believe that if we prevent any person from hearing the gospel we will deny our Lord.

"Therefore, we affirm our intention to welcome any and all persons who desire to participate in our services of worship."

When asked to comment on this ac-

tion, Bishop Walton made the following statement:

"I commend the members of the Official Board of Aurora Methodist Church for the action they have taken and for the sincere Christian spirit of the language with which they have stated their position. Other congregations within the Louisiana Annual Conference have made similar decisions. To them also I offer Christian encouragement.

"Nowhere in Methodism is the authority given to an Official Board to deny to anyone the privilege of worshiping God in the public services of worship conducted in Methodist churches. However, the matter which should be of most concern to us in this connection is whether the position we have taken meets with the approval or disapproval of Almighty God. We all must stand in judgment before Him—and, as Methodists, we have always proclaimed that 'The Church is of God.'

"These are days when not only Methodists but Christians of all communions everywhere must, of necessity, search their hearts to see if where they stand is in keeping with the way of Christ, based on vicarious love, or whether it is the way of men, operating under principles which are contrary to the mind and spirit of our Lord.

"The members of the Official Board of Aurora Church have searched for Christian truth and have come up with their answer. My prayer for them and for all our people is that the Holy Spirit may direct them as they seek their way and sustain them as they endeavor to give expression to their Christian convictions in daily life."

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Tempted to be Christian

IN A DAY like this when temptations come in a wider assortment of sizes and in more attractive packaging than ever before we have a feeling there is another kind of temptation that bothers the average Christian as much as the inclination to follow the suggestions of "the evil one." This is the recurring compulsion to cut free from the patterns of the world and be completely Christian.

These are days when temptations face us in intensity never before known as so many forces are allied with the tempter. In art, literature and the mass media we and our children are brought face to face daily with words and ideas that a short time ago were unheard of. The courts have ruled that there is little we can do to apply any kind of control against such abuses. The temptation to be unethical and downright dishonest is a very real one today. This has become a game and the general public seems like a cheering section extending its plaudits to the one who can be most original in his twisting of the ethical code. There is also the temptation to flaunt old vows and traditional mores. It remains to be seen whether the publicity concerning the Profumo affair in England and the conduct of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton encourages or discourages others to "go thou and do likewise."

But the picture is not all dark. In these same confusing days there are many who are seriously tempted to be Christian. In this connection we are not thinking so much of the unsaved and the unreached, but of the nominal Christians who need to be drawn to full commitment of their lives in every area. We are often thrilled to talk to young people who stand out from a background which is not dominated by Christian principles and make commitments that result from this temptation to be Christian.

ROUTE OF SUCCESSFUL PRAYER



A few days ago we read a release from Religious News Service in which a prominent business leader said that in the immediate future preachers should be prepared to counsel with businessmen who decide they will be wholly Christian in all of their business relations. Here, too, are those who are being tempted to be Christian.



The Situation in Vietnam

FEW PROBLEMS have so confused the architects of American foreign policy as the current situation in South Vietnam in which the Buddhist religion, which is indigenous to that section of the world, is under serious attack from the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem. On a foreign battlefield which has never been fully justified to the American public, we now hear of strange injustices from which we cannot altogether absolve ourselves because of our commitments.

News releases have been quite free in labeling the Diem dynasty as "Roman Catholic" and in surmising that the denials of religious liberty are religiously-inspired. We are not in a position to say whether this is fair or not. However, it does appear that the strange political involvements in this mysterious land cannot be altogether divorced from the religious since the country's leading Catholic is a brother of the president. It is our conviction that the Roman Catholic Church could pass along a word that would do more to alleviate the situation than we could do with sharply reducing the flow of American dollars to South Vietnam. The implementation of the former would not necessarily eliminate the necessity for the latter.

This we know, our efforts to oppose Communism on this front have been hampered from the beginning by the demonstration by the government that they were more interested in our monetary subsidies than they were in an effectively military operation. A way must now be found to stop any semblance of American support of a display of injustice which the Reds can exploit to the hilt.

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NEWS and NOTES

ABOUT

THE MYF OF LOUISIANA MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Opelousas, is holding its annual Retreat at Camp Brewer, Aug. 27-30. Their pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

THE REV. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, pastor of the Oak Ridge Methodist Church, was the resource person, for the Youth Activities Week at Rayville Methodist Church, Aug. 5-9. The pastor of the Church is the Rev. R.E. Walton.

DR. HENRY BOWDON, SR., Director of the Louisiana Area Council and a former pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest preacher at that church on Aug. 11. The pastor, Dr. G.W. Pomerooy, was on vacation with his family.

THE REV. HARRY E. EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, was the guest preacher for the morning worship service at the Jonesboro Methodist Church, Aug. 18. The pastor is the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum.

"CONVERSION PLUS," a 40-minute sound movie produced by the General Board of Evangelism, was shown to the congregation of the Kenner Methodist Church, as part of a recent Sunday evening worship service. The Rev. Marvin Corley is the pastor.

THE SPEAKER FOR THE Methodist Men's Club at First Methodist Church, Crowley, Aug. 12, was Miss Lynn Finley, who was recently named national girls' essay winner for the I.O.O.F. UN Pilgrimages. The pastor of this church is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

MR. JOHN BEVAN, JR., a young man who has been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Slidell Methodist Church for Local Preacher's License, filled the pulpit of that church at the evening worship hour on Aug. 11. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is the pastor.

THE REV. L.D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home-Hospital, New Orleans, was the guest preacher at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, for both morning worship services on Aug. 18. The Rev. Jack Cooke is the pastor.

A GROUP OF 30 SENIOR HIGH Young People and seven adults of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently took a mission tour of Louisiana, which carried them to Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Houma, Dulac, Baldwin and Lafayette. Their pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

A SEMINAR FOR COLLEGE Youth and their parents in the New Orleans District was held Aug. 13.

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at St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans. The seminar was planned by the Rev. Howard Daughenbaugh, director of Wesley Foundation at Tulane, Newcomb and LSUNO.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF PHARR CHAPEL, Morgan City, recently sponsored a fish supper to raise money for painting their church. The attendance exceeded the hopes of the men and made it a profitable and enjoyable affair. The pastor of this church is the Rev. John Sewell.

MISS JOE MARIE ELLETT, who has been serving as director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, has been selected to fill that position at Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, beginning Oct. 1. The pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

SIX MONTHS' PERFECT ATTENDANCE pins were recently presented to the following at Abbeville Methodist Church: Harry Tranter, Cathy DeHart, Marilyn Ann Mouton, and Roy Serbert. A three months' pin was presented to Roland Lee Duplantis. The pastor is the Rev. Tracey R. Arnold.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL OF Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently honored Mrs. Ruth Rush for more than 18 years of service as teacher and as superintendent of the Children's Division. A copy of the New English Bible was presented to her by the Church School. The Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the pastor.

RECENTLY-ELECTED OFFICERS of the MYF of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, are: Bonnie Allen, president; Ralph White, vice-president; Martha Lowery, secretary; Bobby Wyche, treasurer; Ann Alford, fellowship; Connie DeLee, worship; and

Larry Green, program. The pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

DONNA EDWARDS, DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards of Kilbourne, La. placed in the blue ribbon group and won a trip to the national 4-H Club Congress in a recent citizenship contest. Donna and her parents are active members of the Kilbourne Methodist Church, of which the Rev. C.J.T. Cotton is the pastor.

MR. NORMAN WIGLE, certified lay speaker in the New Orleans District, conducted services in the St. John and Luling Methodist Churches, Aug. 11, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. James L. Adams is the pastor. Mr. Wigle is one of those who recently attended the Lay Speakers' School of the New Orleans District.

THE RETREAT FOR THE SENIOR High Young People of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was held Aug. 23 and 24 at Camp Chicot, Ville Platte. The theme of the retreat was "The Stranger Within," and the guest speaker was the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., pastor of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

DR. ROY I. BAGLEY, district superintendent of the Hope, Ark. District, was the guest evangelist for revival services at Springhill Methodist Church, the week of Aug. 18. Directing the music for the services was Mrs. Fran Shirley, wife of the pastor of Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport. The pastor at Springhill is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

THE SENIOR MYF OF Love Chapel Methodist Church, Bossier Parish, has been presenting an informative and inspiring series of "Stories of Famous Hymns" during the regular Sunday evening worship services. The project, directed by Mrs. Walter Downey, is part of this church's program to utilize the young people in various phases of the worship service. The pastor is the Rev. Ken Griffith.

MR. JOSEPH RUNNING, who has served as Organist and Choir Master at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, has moved to Sewanee, Tenn., where he is to become head of the Department of Music at the University of the South. He will also serve as Or-

ganist and Choir-Master for the University Chorus. The Broadmoor Church Bulletin for Aug. 11 expressed that church's deep sense of regret at his leaving. Dr. James T. Harris is the pastor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held July 8-12 at Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, with 197 attending. 45 young people and adults worked in the school. A sharing program on July 14 concluded the week of study and fun. An offering taken will be used for three projects: The Louisiana Migrant Ministry, the Children's TV program, "Breakthru," and religious education books for the children of Korea and Hong Kong. The Rev. C.R. McCammon is the pastor.

WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF 26, the WSCS of Pharr Chapel Church, Morgan City, has completed an inspiring study on "Prayer." Mrs. Louise Sewell was the leader, assisted by Mesdames Kay Townsend, Essie Yonge, Donna Chance, Joann Cross, Mary Comeaux and Misses Beth Young and Pam Hammond. As an outcome of the study, a prayer group was formed to meet every month. The Rev. John Sewell is the pastor.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF Denham Springs Methodist Church recently completed a successful Youth Activities Week. Speakers included Mrs. Ruby Tyler, Mrs. Louise Thomas, the Rev. J.M. Wilkes, Mr. Fred Milton and the Rev. George Hess. An outstanding recreational feature of the week was the Thursday hillbilly night. The group is especially appreciative of the assistance of Miss Hattie Scivicque, Mrs. Carl Falco, Mrs. Ted Howes and Wes Sorenson. The pastor is the Rev. Ted Howes.

RECENTLY INSTALLED AS OFFICERS of the WSCS of Elizabeth Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Ira M. Robinson, were: Mrs. Ruffin Scoggins, president; Mrs. Robert Reese, vice-president; Mrs. George Pollards, recording secretary; Mrs. Clyde Hurst, treasurer; Mrs. J.D. Collins, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Paul Sigler, spiritual life; Mrs. W.R. Scammahorn, children's work; Mrs. Byrl Wisenbaker, student and youth work; Mrs. Joseph Ranton, literature and publications; Mrs. Ira M. Robinson, missionary education and service; Mrs. Harry Hendershot, Christian social relations; Mrs. Richard Baggett, supply work; Mrs. Billie Anderson, circle chairman.

Mt. Sequoyah

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Mr. and Mrs. John Bornman, Alexandria, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ezell, Ruston.

Attending the youth section of the School of Evangelism: Miss Pat Ezell, Ruston; Miss Margaret Weas, Ruston; Miss Mary Bingham, Simsboro and Miss Linda Epps, Shreveport.

Louisiana Methodists who attended the Workshop for Local Church Commissions on Missions the previous week, according to the Rev. K. G.

Rorie were: Baton Rouge District: Miss Fannie B. Burch and Mrs. Mabel B. Finch, Amite; Merlin Pritchard and Mrs. Chester Harris, Baton Rouge; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coburn, Ponchatoula; Lafayette District: Mrs. Frank Bazerque, Crowley; Lake Charles District: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Henslee, Jr., and two children, Lake Charles; Monroe District: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Eyre, and son, Stephen, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Halbert, West Monroe; Jack Hover and Vernon Mears, Monroe;

Ruston District: Mrs. L. K. Wells and Mrs. W. F. Manning, Ruston; and

Ground Broken For New Sevier Memorial Church at Ferriday

Groundbreaking services were held for the new building of Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, Ferriday, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18.

The contract for construction of the building has been signed with Con-

Mrs. Brady Forman and Mrs. Jim Bell, Downsville.

Area Council Office: The Rev. K. G. Rorie, Shreveport.

cordia Builders of Vidalia for \$145,000. Total cost of the building when completed and furnished is expected to be about \$165,000. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in from six to eight months.

Members of the Building Committee are: John Anders, chairman; R. S. Rife, L. L. Denham; R. L. Irvin and Ben Green, Jr.



THIS LARGE GROUP from Louisiana participated in the Workshop for chairmen of Local Church Commission on Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 17-18.



PARTICIPATING IN the groundbreaking for the new Sevier Memorial Church at Ferriday: (l. to r.) R. S. Rife, chairman of the Official Board and member of the Building Committee; John Anders, chairman of the Building Committee; L. L. Denham; Mrs. A. B. Browne and C. C. 'Deacon' Wailes; and the Rev. Jerry Means, pastor.

Children's Home Summer Activities

by the Rev. Harry Ezell

With the largest enrollment in eight years this has been a busy summer at the Methodist Children's Home.

Cottage Duties

Children are responsible for keeping their own rooms clean and in order. Responsibility for maintaining living rooms and other general living quarters are rotated. Children and house parents prepare two of the three meals each day. Older cottages operate on individual food budgets with children helping to plan menus and purchase supplies. Junior High and High School girls do all their own laundry. Others do part of their own laundry.

Work Projects

Several of the cottages had cottage gardens this summer, growing vegetables for their own tables and sharing with others. Watermelons were picked as soon as ripe but were generously distributed to all cottages. An especially noteworthy work project was the interior renovation of the Junior High Boy's Cottage. Financed by the Bible Class of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, free labor was contributed by the labor unions. Boys in the cottage helped carpenters and painters all through the project.

Recreation

Our Activity Director, Mr. Ralph Cooper, and his summer assistant, Miss Shirley O'Dell have been extremely

active. Children have participated in summer league ball, cook-outs, camp-outs, trampoline and tumbling, roller skating and a multitude of sports. The City of Ruston allowed the Home free and exclusive use of its swimming pool on Saturdays. Mr. Cooper conducted swim classes for all of our children.

Worship

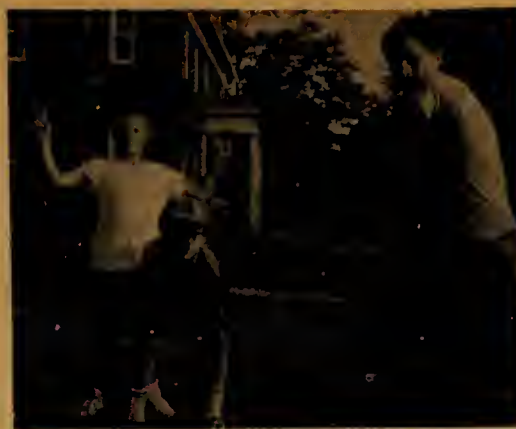
Each Wednesday night has seen the Home "family", children and staff alike, gathered in the chapel for worship. Children from the Home, with the staff, take part in the regular Sunday program of the downtown church, with boys from the Home and one house father operating a shuttle service of vehicles.

Intake

Among our busiest people have been the social work staff, doing their counseling and planning with children and staff, and studying and supervising intake. Thirteen children have been received into the care of the Home since May first, with two more to come in during August.

Dedication of Memorials Held

The Sacred Service of Dedication of Memorials was conducted July 14 in the Bonita Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth W. Paul.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

An altar candlelighter was dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Mr. Herbert Allen Sission. It was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Eckles and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Clack.

Methodist Hymnals were dedicated in loving memory of: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bradley, D. R. Hays, Mrs. Lizzie Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mont-

gomery, Sr.; and Mrs. Rosalie Robertson. These hymnals were given by Mrs. Bama Lee Nesom, Mrs. Billie Hays, the Montgomery family; Mr. and Mrs. James McKoin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. French, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Means, and Mrs. F. M. Doles.

One hymnal was given in honor of Master James Milton Hays by Mrs. Belle Hays, his grandmother.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 1963: WHEN WE WONDER WHY

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37-50. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 37:17b-28.

MEMORY SELECTION: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable are his ways! Romans 11:33.

AIM OF LESSON: To show the hurt that can come when favoritism and jealousy develop in family life.

BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON

After working 20 years for Laban, his uncle, and after marrying both of his daughters, Jacob decided to leave Haran and return to Canaan. This decision involved not only a return to his homeland, it involved also the necessity of a reconciliation with his brother Esau, whom he had defrauded 20 years before.

Nevertheless, Jacob's desire to return to Canaan outweighed his fear of Esau. Hence, with his family and his possessions, Jacob started on his return journey to Canaan. On the way he was met by Esau and they were happily reconciled. Soon after this reconciliation they parted and apparently saw little if anything of each other until the death of their father Isaac.

With the appearance of Esau at the burial of his father and the record of the generations of Esau

as recorded in Genesis 36, the record of the personal life of Esau closes. He returned to Edom where he became the father of the nation of Edomites.

Jacob remained in Hebron, in the southern part of Palestine. As Israel, the new name he received at Peniel, he became the father of the Israelites.

TROUBLE DEVELOPS IN JACOB'S HOME

There are fewer opportunities for the development of tensions in a normal home than in a home where abnormalities exist. As we think of it today, there were abnormalities in the home of Jacob that made troublesome tensions almost inevitable.

The twelve sons of Jacob were born of four different women all of whom lived in Jacob's house. Only two of these women were wives of Jacob and one of these Jacob did not really love. The other two women were but concubines in Jacob's home. It is easy to see that in such a situation, there was little chance for a normal, happy home life. In such an explosive situation, the favoritism of Jacob and the egotistical, fanciful dreams of Joseph were like lighted matches in a powder house.

REPEATING A GREIVIOUS MISTAKE

Since he himself had been one of the victims of the terrible blunder of paternal favoritism, as prac-

ticed in the home of Isaac and Rebeckah, one would think that Jacob would have learned by experience the dangers to family life of such a course. We will remember that, in a recent lesson, we learned, as related in Genesis 25:28, that "Isaac loved Esau... but Rebeckah loved Jacob."

Despite the home-shattering tragedy of such a course, we read in the third verse of Chapter 37, from which today's lesson is taken, the statement, "Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than all his children." How two families in succession could make the same tragic mistake of showing favoritism among children of the home is difficult to understand.

It is not difficult to understand the reason for Jacob's special love for Joseph. He was the "son of his old age." More especially, he was the son of Rachel, the one wife Jacob loved. While these may have been the reasons for the feeling in the heart of Jacob, they in no sense justify the actions of Jacob which revealed to his other sons this glaring favoritism.

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WHY JOSEPH'S BROTHERS HATED HIM

1. It was Jacob's custom to send the ten older brothers of Joseph long distances from home with the flocks to find good pastures and to watch over and protect them while they grazed. Although Joseph was seventeen years old and able to take these journeys, he was not sent with the other brothers to tend sheep. Rather Jacob would send Joseph as his representative to see how his brothers were getting along and report back to him. At other times Joseph was kept at home with his father. The brothers felt that their father was shielding Joseph from the arduous tasks he had assigned to them. This they deeply resented.

2. Although Joseph was younger than any of the ten brothers he was reporting on, it appeared that Jacob had made him a kind of inspector of the work of his brothers with the responsibility of reporting his findings to their father. This deepened their resentment against Joseph.

3. The most glaring evidence of favoritism and partiality was found in the special manner in which



Lona Wilson, Editor

Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We had an interesting and delightful week at Camp Istrouma, August 12-16, with the Youth School of Moral Concerns, sponsored by the Conference Board of Social Concerns. The registration was just a few short of last year's attendance, but the spirit and enthusiasm of the young people made it a most helpful week. We had a very wholesome group of young people at camp and they were seriously concerned about finding moral principles by which to live in a time when moral values are undergoing change. We feel sure that each young person present went away better prepared in body, mind, and spirit to cope with the perplexing problems facing modern youth. It is high time that we who are older forget our criticism and condemnation of modern youth and do all we can to assist them in solving their problems by giving to them a bit of love and understanding. The Church has a tremendous stake in this whole business, and it had better be alive to its responsibility if it is going to be of any real help to modern youth.

Now is the time for churches and subdistricts to begin setting up their Leadership Schools for this winter and coming spring. We hope that whenever possible, a course on "The New Curriculum for the Children's Division," will be included in each school. We do not have an over-supply of accredited teachers; and, for that reason, it is necessary to get your school set up just as soon as possible. This office stands ready and will be delighted to give any needed assistance in this matter.

We have already begun the rounds of the districts in which we are acting as resource person when the district superintendents call together their district councils. We had a most helpful meeting in Baton Rouge District last week with Dr. Bentley Sloane and his district staff. Other meetings are scheduled for the month of September.

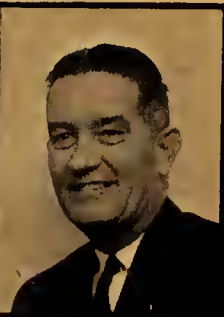
Have you completed your plans for Christian Education Week, September 30-October 5? This is a very important week, and should be a high-light period in the beginning of your educational work for the new Church School year.

REMEMBER THE RALLY DAY OFFERING, SEPTEMBER 29. WE NEED TO SHOW AN INCREASE IN THIS OFFERING THIS YEAR.



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



Your correspondent enjoyed filling an invitation from Mr. C. A. McCartney of Jena to speak to the LaSalle Parish Men's Clubs and explain the work of the Area Council. We met for a wonderful barbecue dinner at Cities Service Oil Company camp near Tullos. There was a good turnout in spite of the rain. Three times a year these fellows get together from all the churches in the parish. LaSalle, being a rural parish, has a number of smaller churches that cannot support a chartered Methodist Men's Club. These meetings are sponsored each time by one of the Men's Clubs of a larger church and all the Methodist Men of the parish are invited, whether their local church has a Men's Club or not. This provides a time of fellowship when all the men can participate. The feeling of closeness that I observed among these men was something we can all strive for. Their next session will be a ladies night affair to be held during November in Jena.

As I travel about I realize there are still a large number of people that do not yet fully understand the purpose and function of the Area Council, so let's use this space to go over it again.

The Area Council is a correlating and promotional body that was approved by the Annual Conference in 1962. It was formally set up and began its operation by action of the Annual Conference in 1963. Our office is on the second floor of the R. E. Smith Religious Activities Building on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport. When you are in Shreveport feel perfectly free to drop in for a visit with us at any time. It is your office and we are here to serve you. We will always be glad to see you.

The staff of the Area Council consists of the Area Director, two Associate Area Directors, a Director of Youth Work and Camping, a Director of Children's Work, and three secretaries.

Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, a man of great talent and energy, and well known in the conference, is our Area Director. In addition to the overall supervision of the office and the staff, he has assumed the duties of the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, which was the work formerly performed by Dr. Bentley Sloane for many years. In connection with this area of work he is assisted by the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert and Miss Sheila Nuttall who were formerly associated with the Board of Education. Miss Nuttall is also related to the Town and Country work. Dr. Bowdon also works with the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The Rev. K. G. Rorie is the ministerial Associate Area Director. He left his most recent pastorate at Haynesville to fill his present appointment. Mr. Rorie has as his responsibility work with two of our most important concerns, that of Missions and of Evangelism. In these areas the church must have an aggressive program if we are to fulfill our mission.

Your correspondent, Thomas A. Pitt, is the lay Associate Area Director. For me this new relationship is an adventure in faith. For the past fifteen years I served as manager of the Electrical Division of Weeks Supply Company in Monroe. My responsibility is in the area of Lay Activities, where I am related directly to the Conference Board of Lay Activities. This includes Methodist Mens Clubs, Lay Speaking, Stewardship and Finance (which was formerly done by the Rev. Carl Tooke), training of the Church Lay Leader and Official Board, 1000 Club, and in general the work of the laymen in the total program of the church. I also serve as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions.

It is the duty and responsibility of the Area Council to correlate and promote the programs of all these areas of work as established by the various Boards. We supplement and help give impetus to the total program of the church. We solicit your prayers and your council as we work together for Christ and His church.



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The Missionary Workshop for our South Central Jurisdiction was held August 13-16 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our District Missionary Secretaries and other special officers have been in attendance, as well as one of the largest and most representative groups of young people we have had in several years from Louisiana. Among our delegation were Dr. Virgil Morris, Executive Secretary of our South Central Jurisdiction, Dr. Karl Tooke, of the Board of Missions, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Vice-President of the Board of Missions, Women's Division, Rev. Alfred M. Brown, Chairman of our Conference Board of Missions and Rev. Jack Cooke, Conference Missionary Secretary. District Missionary Secretaries attending were: Rev. Art Baker, Rev. Harold Hine, Rev. James Ailor, Rev. James Lawton and Rev. J. C. Skinner.

Thirteen of our young people attended the Youth Section of the Missionary Work, as follows: Carol Gunn, Trinity, Alexandria; Samuel Emmanuel, Tangipohoa; Wanda Meinke, Live Oak; Melody Sue Allison and Gloria Thornton, First Methodist, Lake Charles; Nedra Bond, University Church, Lake Charles; Dorothy Risinger, Oak Park, Lake Charles; Calvin DuBose, Indian Bayou; Lenora Dampier, Waterproof; Merry Alice Orr, St Luke's, New Orleans; Mike McKee, Hilly; Betty Barnes, Keithville; and James Gillespie, Broadmoor, Shreveport.

It has been impressed upon us as never before that the task of missionary education is a continuing task. Though the workers change, the work must go on. The purposes of missions cannot be achieved by an occasional spectacular campaign or even by a few well-conceived programs. This has always been true. A careful reader of the New Testament cannot fail to be impressed with the effort of Christ to help the first disciples understand the nature and purpose of His cause. The Church is never true to itself when it is living for itself. If it is chiefly concerned with living for itself and saving its own life, it will lose. The nature of the church is such that it must always be engaged in finding new ways to express itself in its mission. The Church is a mission, it exists by a mission, and if it is not engaged in a mission, it is not really the Church of Christ.

We have realized these past days how our task is to help the people called Methodists in Louisiana to grow in their understanding of the mission of our Lord and to bear witness to the Gospel in a world that needs true bearings on which to set a proper course.

Our primary task, and that of every Local Church Commission on Missions, is to interpret mission and missions to local congregations and to encourage their participation in and support of the worldwide missionary outreach of The Methodist Church. At Mt. Sequoyah this week we have pledged ourselves once again to this important task and prayerfully seek the thoughtful concern of every person in our Louisiana Area.

Covington Sesquicentennial

(Continued from page one)

Bradley, Halter Smith and Tommy Prickett told of the history and life of the community of Methodists before the church was formed. Edward Dutsch Jr. played the part of the first pastor. The Rev. Robert C. Carter spoke on the present life of the church. Ken Masters, Official Board Chairman passed a torch of trust on to MYF President Lynne Olsen who passed it on in prayer for the future life of the church to the members of the Kindergarten Class.

The stage scenery pictured the early church building and was created by Mrs. Peter Van Duym, Beth Carter, Kim Dallas, Julian Dodge, Roger Morrill, Diana Van Duym, Becky Marsolan and Herbert Anderson. Dinner arrangements were made by Mrs. Halter Smith and Mrs. G. J. Fortier and MYF members.

Missionary Visits

One of the highlights of Greensburg Methodist Charge consisting of Greensburg and Wesley Churches, was the visit to us by Miss Elna Ashley, missionary and graduate nurse of the Maydiri Mission in Southern Rhodesia. This is Miss Ashley's year of leave to U.S.A. of which she is due one year at home for every five she serves in Rhodesia.

Miss Ashley moved to St. Helena Parish as a girl from West Virginia.

Here she lived neighbors with our pastor the Rev. John Casey also Mrs. Agnes Redden. She and Mrs. Redden have kept in touch since that time. Each time Miss Ashley has been on leave to U.S.A. she has visited with Mrs. Redden. Of course Miss Ashley has many other friends among us. However her family has moved to California, so we are quite fortunate that she continues to visit us.

Mrs. Glen R. Nordike drove over to Greensburg with Miss Ashley on Tuesday, July 9. Rev. and Mrs. Casey drove her out to Wesley Methodist Church that afternoon at which time she lectured to the church W.S.C.S. on her experience as a missionary. After that the Caseys and Miss Ashley had supper with friends and back to Greensburg

Methodist Church, where the Guild and W.S.C.S. jointly invited Miss Ashley to have a service. She presented a slide lecture on her work. This was enjoyed by each societies and many guests.

During the rest of the week Miss Ashley was house guest of Mrs. Redden. They visited friends in St. Helena, Livingston and Tangipahoa Parishes. Then Sunday night Rev. Casey turned his services over to her. She gave us a wonderful lecture on more of her work and showed slides of Holy Land. Monday she returned to Baton Rouge.

Greensburg Charge as well as guests from Ponchitula charge, Amite Methodist, Montpelier Methodist, and Greensburg Baptist churches were left with a very warm spot in their heart for Miss Ashley and a better understanding of

her mission.

Rev. John Casey is Greensburg charge pastor, Mrs. Evelyn Addison is president of Guild, Mrs. Agnes Redden is president of Wesley's W.S.C.S. and Mrs. Rebecca Yarbrough is president of Greensburg W.S.C.S.

WORTH QUOTING

"Music is perhaps the most versatile way of communicating both the factual and the emotional content of the gospel message, but we know far too little about how to use it."—Dr. Walter Towner, Nashville, Tenn., an executive of the Board of Education, giving the keynote address at the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas.



THE CAST OF the MYF-sponsored play, "This is My Life," presented at Covington Methodist Church. The pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Carter, stands at far right.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (from page four)

Jacob dressed his favorite son. In verse three of Chapter 37, as mentioned above, which tells of Jacob's special love for Joseph, we find also the statement, "And he made him a coat of many colors." The Revised Standard Version reads that "he made him a long robe with sleeves." We are told that there was no mention of color in the original translations. The distinctive thing about this special garment Jacob made Joseph was that it had long flowing sleeves which reached his palms and in length reached his feet.

The garments worn by the ten older brothers were about knee length and had short sleeves. This kind of garment was necessary in order not to hamper work. The special coat Jacob made for Joseph was such as might be worn by a prince and was evidence to the brothers that their father expected Joseph to be head of the house and chief of the tribe. The ten brothers looked on him as the favored, pampered son of an aging father. They thought of him as an egotistical, tale-bearer. For this they hated him and, for all of this, their father was more to blame than Joseph.

4. Perhaps the thing that caused the widest breach between Joseph and his brothers was Joseph's recital of his dreams. Joseph told of a dream in which he and his brothers were binding sheaves in the field. Joseph said that in the dream his sheaf stood upright and that the sheaves of his brothers made obeisance to his sheaf. He told of another dream in which the sun, moon and eleven stars made obeisance to him. We are told that Joseph's brothers "hated him yet the more for his dreams." In reciting these dreams Joseph seemed to be telling his brothers that ultimately he would be their ruler. This did arouse their hatred.

It was the presumption of Joseph pitched against the uneasy patience of his brothers. In such a conflict it is not difficult to forecast the results. So far as we can determine, the Bible does not tell of one deliberate sin in the life of Joseph. Aside from Jesus, Joseph is the most nearly perfect character in the Bible. However, Joseph did make some

mistakes and the telling of his dreams was possibly his greatest mistake.

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SENT TO REPORT ON HIS BROTHERS

At the time of our lesson, Jacob's ten older sons had gone north to Dothan to find pasture for their flocks. Dothan was about fifty miles north of Hebron. That was quite a distance to go for pasture land. As we might expect, Jacob was anxious about his flocks. As seemed to be his custom he sent Joseph to see them at Dothan and report back to him. We see something of the sturdiness of Joseph since Jacob expected him to make this round-trip, hundred-mile journey alone.

Unfortunately, Jacob sent Joseph on this mission wearing the special coat he had made him which seemed to set him apart from his brothers. When the brothers saw Joseph coming they immediately "conspired against him to slay him."

We see here how deeply they resented Joseph's dreams. They said, "Behold this dreamer cometh." Their decision was to kill him and throw his body into a pit and report that "some evil beast had devoured him." They added the very revealing statement, "We shall see what will become of his dreams."

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RUBEN SAVES JOSEPH'S LIFE

Ruben, Jacob's oldest son, heard the plans of the brothers to kill Joseph. He persuaded them to spare his life. He suggested that they throw Joseph into a dry pit where, supposedly, he would be left to die of hunger and thirst. It was Ruben's intentions to take Joseph from the pit and return him to his father Jacob.

When Joseph reached his brothers they immediately stripped him of the despised coat. Following Ruben's suggestion, they put him in a pit where they thought he would be left to die.

As they were eating, apparently in the absence of Ruben, some Ishmaelites were passing by on the way to Egypt. Judah, the fourth son of Jacob, suggested to his brothers that they sell Joseph to the

Ishmaelites instead of allowing him to die in the pit.

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WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO JOSEPH?

Just here things get somewhat hazy. It is commonly thought that Joseph's brothers sold him into Egyptian bondage. However our lesson text says that "There passed by Midianites merchantmen: and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites.... and they brought Joseph into Egypt." Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible tells us that this is what really happened and that the brothers of Joseph did not really know what happened to Joseph.

"WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH"

Regardless of whether the sons of Jacob or the Midianites sold Joseph into Egypt, the ten brothers felt that they must account to Jacob for Joseph's absence. They killed a kid of the flock and dipped Joseph's special coat in its blood. The blood-stained coat was taken to Jacob for identification. Jacob knew it was Joseph's coat and he went into mourning for Joseph as dead.

Hence it was that Jacob, who had so craftily deceived his blind father, is in turn deceived by his sons in a heartless, cruel manner.

We do not always reap so directly in kind as the result of our sins. However, sin unrepented begets sin and finally we must reap in our own lives the result of our sins. In this instance like did beget like and Jacob received deceit for deceit.

JOSEPH GREW UP AT BOTTOM OF PIT

Joseph was never the same after this rude awakening at the hands of his brothers. He must have done some clear thinking and radical readjusting there at the bottom of the pit.

Pride, conceit and self-centered ambition were gone. Joseph came to feel that he was an instrument in the hands of God for special service. Although a bondservant and slave, and at times a prisoner in a heathen land where nobody cared what he did, Joseph held faith in God and felt that God through him was working out his plan for the redemption of the world.

In Memoriam



Mrs. Vivian Shell

Mrs. Vivian Madge Shell, wife of the Rev. Frank Shell, pastor of The Methodist Church at Magazine, Arkansas, died at her home on Thursday evening, August 15. Funeral services were held at the Magazine Methodist Church on Saturday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. J. T. Byrd of Waldron brought the message, and the Rev. J. C. English and the Rev. W. J. Spicer participated in the service.

Mrs. Shell was born December 13, 1907, at Leslie, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Mr. I. F. Boyd and Elizabeth Redwine Boyd. She was married to Brother Shell September 24, 1940, at Marshall, Arkansas. They had three boys, Jerry, who will be a senior at Little Rock University this fall; Lee, who will enter the University of Arkansas as a freshman; and Lewis, 13, of the home. Mrs. Shell is also survived by two brothers: Mr. Bert Boyd and Mr. George Boyd, both of Leslie, Ark.; and three sisters: Mrs. Walter Yarns of Coffeerville, Kansas, Mrs. W. F. Reeves of Marshall, Ark., and Mrs. Jerome Cotton of Leslie, Ark.

The Rev. and Mrs. Shell served together at McRae, Hartman, Massard, Pottsville, Dyess, Alpena, Cave City, Turrell, Mt. Carmel, and Bradford. They came to Magazine in 1962. She taught in public school for 21 years. She received her B.S. degree from Arkansas State College in Jonesboro four years and one day before her passing.

Mrs. Shell was known and loved affectionately by so many people. She had a wonderful spirit and indomitable courage throughout her long illness.



Mrs. C.B. Mitchell

Mrs. Hollie Pankey

RESOLUTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, to remove from our midst two of our most faithful members, Mrs. C. B. Mitchell and Mrs. Hollie Pankey, both are members of the Ida Metcalf Circle; and

Whereas, we are conscious of the great loss to our Woman's Society of Christian Service, realizing that two have gone whose places can never be filled; their devotion to God and His Church have been manifested by their consistent generous giving of services and material means throughout the years; and

Whereas, we, their fellow-workers in Christ, who will miss their unfailing cheerfulness, ready smiles and loving spirits feel especially blessed in having been associated with them; and knowing that our loss is heaven's gain, we are confident that now they are happy in their heavenly home with God whom they both served so faithfully here on earth;

Therefore be it resolved by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of West Monroe, Louisiana, that we give utterance to our sentiments through the publication of this Resolution; by sending a copy to both their families and

by leaving a copy in the minutes of the Society.

SIGNED

Mrs. Fred Riser, President

Mrs. Erma Dudding, Secretary

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. R. G. Taylor

Mrs. Erma Dudding

Miss Mildred Smith



Mrs. Lora West

Mrs. Lora O'Neal West, whose earthly life measured nearly one hundred years, died at Davis Hospital in Pine Bluff, July 21st, 1963. She was born in Henderson, Tennessee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Trice. In January 1887 she was united in marriage to Isom Christopher O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal had a kinsman who was engaged in business at Vinegar Hill, one of the earliest Jefferson County communities. Soon after marriage the young couple came to Arkansas to be associated in the enterprise with them. After a few years he and Mrs. O'Neal moved to the site of what is now Wabbaseka and opened a merchantile establishment there. Here Mr. O'Neal died in 1901.

Later Mrs. O'Neal was married to W. W. West. They continued to make their home in Wabbaseka. For nearly fifty years they conducted large farming and business enterprises. They were leading citizens both in the community and in the country. Their contribution to the economic and moral and spiritual growth of the area was large.

Mrs. West had not been reared in the Methodist Faith, but when the first Methodist Church was organized in her home community she became a charter member. During her days she was closely associated in it's life and work. She and Miss Willie Hocker were the promoters and organizers of the first Methodist Sunday School, which was the only one in the community. Through her days the Christ and the Church were the continued objects of her devotion and service. Her spiritual and economic support were never failing.

Where could it better be said:

"Servant of God well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past;

The battle's fought, the race is won,

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. L. G. Garrett and Mrs. Ben Word, both of Wabbaseka; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Tillman, of Henderson, Tennessee; six grandchildren, Mrs. R. S. Barnett, Jr., Marshall Garrett, Glenn Garrett, Grover Cleveland, Mrs. John Griffith, Mrs. Gene Mathis; and there are eight great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

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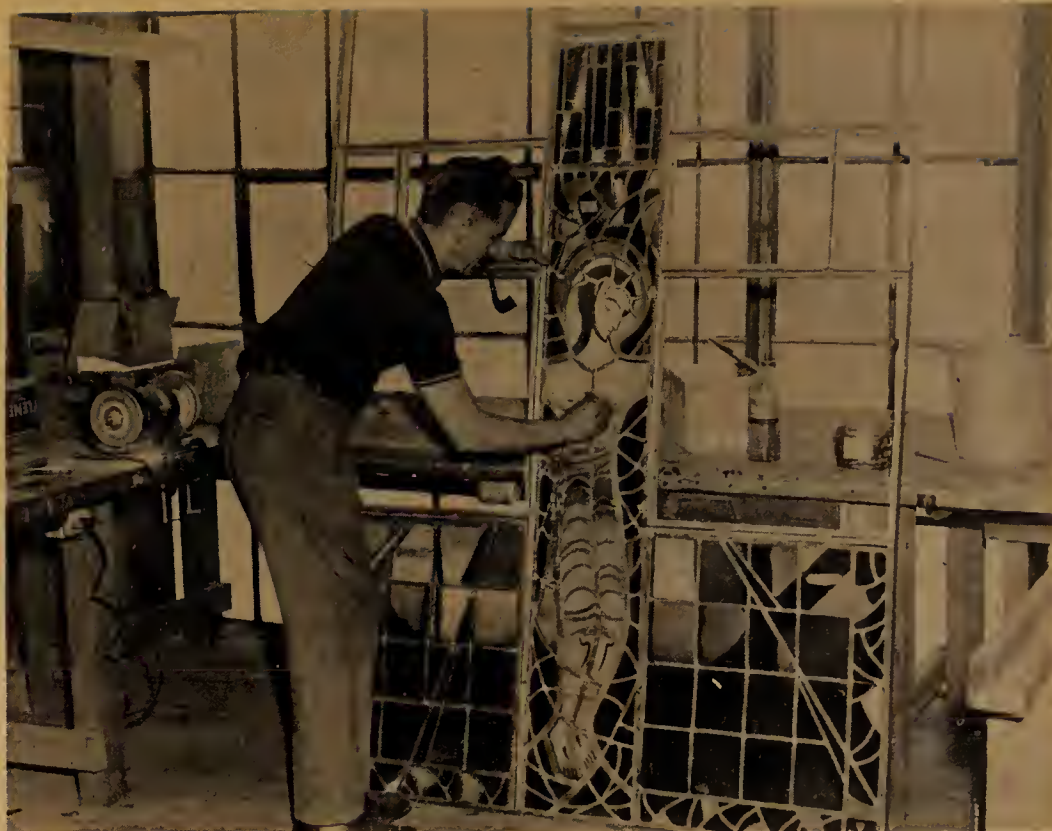
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DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Sept. 1-Sunday....Ps. 65:1-13
Sept. 2.....Jeremiah 8:18-22
Sept. 3.....John 4:31-38
Sept. 4.....2 Cor. 9:1-15
Sept. 5.....Rev. 14:13-20
Sept. 6.....1 Kings 17:1-16
Sept. 7.....1 Kings 17:17-24
Sept. 8-Sunday 1 Kings 18:1-16

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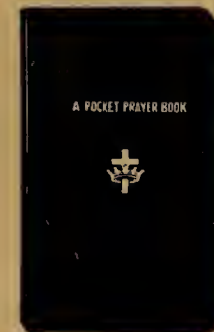
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A GROUP OF THE SENIOR HIGH youth of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, seen during their recent Youth Activities Week.



OUTGOING PRESIDENT of the Golden Meadow WSCS, Mrs. Ruth Herrin is shown with the new president, Mrs. Mary Coles.



THE CRYER MEN'S Chorus of First Methodist Church, Mansfield, organized in memory of Mr. Richard G. Cryer. The director is Mrs. Maxine Caraway and the organist is Mrs. Mildred Kidd.



MRS. JOHN MILLER, director of the Vacation School at Elizabeth Memorial Church, Opelousas, observes one of the groups at work.



THE KINDERGARTEN GROUP of the recent Vacation Church School at Algiers Church, New Orleans.



A BANQUET WAS held recently for the new members of the Junior MYF at Algiers Church.

Louisiana Methodist News in Pictures



MRS. S. B. MORGAN, who celebrated 75 years as a member of Shongaloo Methodist Church by attending revival services, is shown with Cecil Bailey, left, chairman of the Official Board, and the Rev. C. D. Pinkard, pastor.



CHAPLAIN (COL.) OAKLEY Lee, pastor of Welsh Methodist Church, is pictured during a recent tour of duty in New Orleans. Major John W. Gilfry, right, is a Lafayette resident, who was also serving a tour of duty.



LEADERS IN THE recent Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism at Mt. Sequoyah were: Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, chairman of British Methodist work in Wales; Dr. Cecil R. Culver, chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism; and Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of the Arkansas Area.



TRI-DISTRICT SENIOR HIGH Institute held at Camp Brewer Aug. 5-10, for young people of the Alexandria, Lafayette and Lake Charles Districts. The Rev. Jack Winegeart of DeQuincy was dean, and the Rev. Robert Galatis of LeCompte was platform hour speaker.

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ADMINISTRATOR HONORED

Ewell D. Singleton, administrator of Glenwood Hospital, West Monroe, was one of 19 hospital administrators recently honored by advancement to membership status at a meeting of the American College of Hospital Administrators in New York.

The group was recognized at a special breakfast for Methodist hospital personnel, August 27, at the Park-Sheraton Hotel in connection with the annual convention of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, was host

Alexandria, September 23

Louisiana 'Mission on Ministry' First Of Series Across Nation

The meeting of Louisiana Methodist leaders on Sept. 23 in Alexandria to give special consideration to the "challenge and glory of the ministry" will be the first of more than 60 such sessions being held across the nation this fall as part of the "Bishops' Mission on the Ministry."

This program has been termed the "largest personal effort by the Bishops of The Methodist Church since the

Crusade for Christ two decades ago."

Three-man teams of Bishops are visiting each of the episcopal areas. In many cases special sessions of the annual conferences are being held, as is true here in Louisiana.

Bishops William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill., and Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss., are scheduled to comprise the team in Louisiana. Bishop Walton will preside over the session that will begin at 10 a.m. and be adjourned at 4 p.m.

The "Bishops' Mission on the Ministry" has a three-fold purpose, according to Bishop Francis Gerald Ensley of the Iowa Area, general chairman of the program. It is intended to:

1. Call attention of the church to the crucial importance of the parish ministry;
2. Lift the morale of the current corps of pastors; and
3. Lay the groundwork for later cultivation of recruits.

"The church needs about 1,200 new men each year to man Methodism's pulpits and to make up for the attrition

of retirements and death, and our seminaries normally graduate fewer than 1,000," Bishop Ensley points out.

"The Bishops, as the appointive authorities of the church, are aware of the acuteness of the need and are taking this way of alerting the church to the significance of the problem.

"Then, too, every vocation tends to lose its bloom, forgetting its imperatives and the reason for its existence. The Bishops would like to contribute to a renewal of the ministerial dedication."

Three groups of persons are expected to attend the convocations — pastors, pastors' wives, and lay members of annual conferences.

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Hospitals and Homes Stewards Day Planned At Children's Home

The Second Annual Hospital and Homes Stewards Day will be held on the campus of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, according to the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will take part in the program by bringing the closing inspirational service of the day. Also present for the occasion will be Dr. J. Henry Bowdon Sr., director of the Area Council.

Letters of invitation are being mailed to every local church hospital-home steward and to every person holding this same responsibility at the district level. Letters of explanation are also going to every minister and district superintendent in the conference.

The program will begin with a luncheon at noon and will include a welcome from Dr. Marvin T. Green, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Home, and a message from the vice-president of the Alumni Association.

Following the luncheon there will be a presentation of the needs and problems of the Home with a discussion period.

Concerning the purposes to be served by the special day, Mr. Ezell said, "When we consider the twin facts that the population of the Home has almost doubled since 1960 and that the per capita giving of Methodist people of the state, while increasing, is still below that of 1955, in so far as the Home is concerned, the need for such a promotional effort is obvious."

Last year one hundred persons from the northern part of the conference attended. It is hoped that from two to three hundred people from the entire conference will be present at the Children's Home for Hospital-Home Stewards' Day, Sept. 15.

Bishop Schedules Dedications For BR District

Bishop Aubrey Walton will dedicate three buildings in the Baton Rouge District on an official visit Sept. 8, according to Dr. Bentley Sloane, district superintendent. The Lee's Landing-Wesley Chapel circuit will have the Bishop at 11 A.M. for dedication of the sanctuary at Wesley Chapel and at 2 P.M. for dedication of the Educational Building at Lee's Landing. The Rev. Carey Martin is the pastor.

At 7 P.M. Bishop Walton will preach and dedicate the new sanctuary at Faithful on the Faithful-New River-Meadow's Chapel charge. All three congregations will be present for this evening service and the Rev. K. K. Carithers, the pastor, has invited the congregation of the Gonzales church to attend this dedication and preaching service.

At a later date buildings at Kentwood and Pine Ridge on the Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge charge will be dedicated.



FAITHFUL METHODIST CHURCH, Ascension Methodist Parish, which Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, will dedicate Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. The pastors are the Rev. K. K. and Rose Carithers.

Editorials

A Little Religion Is A Dangerous Thing

IN THE PROVERB "a little learning is a dangerous thing," the major accent is not on "learning" but on "a little learning," which leads to overconfidence, pride and a false sense of authority. It would be far more appropriate to say that a little religion is a dangerous thing because that, too, can lead us to these same limitations and, as Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick once observed, make "us immune to the real thing."

As the third commandment forbids our taking the name of the Lord in vain, it is so easy to rationalize away its impact by saying that it applies to the use of profanity and all who do not swear can shrug away its admonition. Dr Elton Trueblood once said that to take God's name in vain means to "take up for unreality." This is what many good church members are doing in these days, and as they do this the once-bright image of the Church grows more tarnished.

Although atheistic groups occasionally attract attention in the press—when they appeal for a decision on prayer from the Supreme Court or when they speak of plans for organizing a colony in Kansas — and we shudder to consider the spreading influence of the atheism of the communists, the fact remains that the mission of Christ in the world is not endangered nearly so much by atheists as it is from the trivia to which so many professing Christians commit themselves in their deeds if not in their words. With so many, a little religion is a dangerous thing because it contributes to the fact that the Church and its members march far behind many others in the contemporary parade of social progress.

Actually, an empty, meaningless faith, a faith not taken seriously, can be worse in its effects than no faith at all. On one occasion President Theodore Roosevelt proposed to Congress that the motto "In God We Trust" be removed from Ameri-

can coins. We have a strong feeling that there was some connection between this proposal and the statement he once made that "It is better to strike no blow at all than to strike a soft blow."

A little religion is a dangerous thing.



The March Was Well Implemented

THE AUGUST 28 MARCH on Washington is now history and rather significant history at that. Having been among those who raised some question about whether it could be conducted without adverse results for the cause it represented, we would like to give credit to the planning which made possible such an orderly demonstration. Those who sat in front of their television sets during the day and those who saw the films on the later programs could not see one evidence of violence or disorderly conduct.

It is true that the ten leaders selected to lead the march didn't get to lead, because of a spontaneous beginning prior to the announced time. Marion Anderson could not get through the traffic jam in time to lead the group in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," but it got sung.

Certainly no event has had such united endorsement of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies or attracted more of their top leaders to appear in the interest of a social cause in our time.

The impact of the march is still with the jury of history, but credit should be given to those who were able to implement their plans as they did.

A few days ago a friend visited in our home whose brother has a position with the National Park Service making him responsible for special events in the city of Washington. She echoed his concern that blood might stain the grounds and streets where the march was to be held. A letter, written after the march, said his only concern now was cleaning up the paper and lunch boxes. He is one of many that is greatly relieved that things moved as they did in Washington.



BLOWING BEANS AT GIBRALTAR



An urgent plea for Anglican dioceses "living in luxury" to help those living in squalor was made at the recent World Anglican Congress by Bishop J. C. Vockler of the Fiji Islands. Bishop Vockler said his whole budget for last year was \$54,000, "a shoe-string that wouldn't support some of your parishes for a month."



BOOK REVIEW

Morris L. West, *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, Morrow, \$4.95.

This book, which has been Number One of the fiction best seller list for a number of weeks, tells the story of the selection of a new pope and the difficulties of his early days as he tries to fill "the shoes of the fisherman."—the fisherman being St. Peter in good Catholic tradition.

The author is a newspaperman who has "covered" Rome and the Vatican for a number of years giving him the ability to picture the event and the surroundings with authenticity.

The story is given a most unusual slant by the author who tells of the choosing of a non-Italian pope, one with a Russian background, of all things. The one chosen is Kiril Cardinal Lakota, who had been named Cardinal only a short time before by a dying pope.

More interesting than the establishment of relationships with the leading officials of the Vatican is the story of the development of diplomatic relations on an informal level with the head of the Russian government, whom Pope Kiril had known intimately through a long period of imprisonment.

Both the thought of the choosing of a Russian as the first non-Italian pope in centuries and the cementing of Vatican-Kremlin relationships by this means lends the story the intriguingly different slant that may keep it a best seller for a long time.

The secondary plot which gives the element of romance to the novel concerns the effort of an American newspaperman to obtain the annulment of the marriage of an Italian politician and his wife, so that he might marry her. This gives a "behind-the-scenes" look at the turning of this machinery.



MEN OF THE WEST MEET

The first Western Jurisdiction convocation for men of Methodism drew 300 of them from across the 10-state region for a three-day session at University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., July 19-21.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC Bishop William G. Connare of Greensburg, Pa., (right) chats with two Protestant clergymen attending the second annual retreat for Protestant ministers at Loyola-on-the-Potomac, the Jesuit retreat house in Faulkner, Md. At left is Dr. Albert Edward Day of Falls Church, Va., retired minister of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore; and at center is Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, Bethesda, Md. They were among 40 clergymen from six denominations who attended the retreat conducted by Bishop Connare. Ministers participating included 19 Methodist.

SC Jurisdictional Social Concerns Group Asks Passage of Test Ban

Methodist leaders of the church's eight-state South Central Jurisdiction have called upon the U. S. Senate to ratify the nuclear test ban treaty.

A resolution passed by about 200 persons attending an annual briefing conference on Christian social concerns also urged the U. S. Government to move "toward an agreement on general and complete disarmament under strict international control" preferably under

strengthened United Nations authority.

The action was taken at the Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., Aug. 1.

In another resolution, the group urged each local Methodist church in the jurisdiction "to be fully involved in a continuing effort to change segregated patterns in the American life as related to church, business, schools and institutions" and commended the non-violent practices of groups, organizations and councils seeking to eliminate all forms of racial injustice.

Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn of Albuquerque, N. M., president of the jurisdictional Board of Christian Social Concerns, announced the actions following the meeting, which was attended by social action leaders of Methodist annual conferences in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The meeting was one of a series of regional briefing conferences.

CHURCH'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS SAID 'ALARMING'

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Financial support of church-related colleges and universities by the church, itself, has been showing recently "the least growth percentage-wise" compared to giving by other "constituencies" of the institutions, the Methodist-sponsored national Institute of Higher Education was told here.

This is perhaps an "alarming development," said Edwin E. Armstrong, New York City, president of Ward, Dreshman and Reinhardt, fund-raisers.

"Should this trend continue indefinitely," Mr. Armstrong said, "it could mean that the colleges and universities forced to find their capital support in larger measure to her than through the church may find themselves in the position of drifting further away from the church."

Theologian Scolds Brethren for Lack Of Unity Support

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Methodists were scolded by one of their own theologians here for being involved "more by proxy than by participation" in the Christian unity movement.

Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Tex., declared that Methodists, even though one of the two largest denominations, "are not big enough to go it alone in dealing with the accumulated disasters of modern society." He keynoted the Conference on Methodist in an Ecumenical Age sponsored by the World Methodist Council.

Although the church is well represented at ecumenical meetings and is a generous supporter of the movement financially, many members see the effort "only as a sly trick toward merger, and merger is not really the question at the moment."

At the close of the session, attended by some 150 persons from a score of states, Outler outlined a do-it-yourself program of ecumenism. He said more homework, building bridges with two-way traffic and learning how to theologize are necessary to "get us out of the awfully nice rut we're in."

He said adequate Methodist involvement in the unity movement "does not require an addition to its interests so much as it calls for an awareness of the ecumenical sense of what we're already doing and for making decisions with consideration of the total household of God." He urged getting to "know what it is like to be a Lutheran or Presbyterian."

DIALOGUE POSSIBLE

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Protestant-Catholic dialogue "is now possible as never before," but time is necessary to prove its value, Methodist observers at the Vatican Council declared here. They agreed at the Conference on Methodism in an Ecumenical Age that the Vatican Council was not with "a thought to merger" with Protestants but to renewal of the church in order to save the world.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading for the period indicated. The Board of Evangelism invites you to share in this continuing program of fellowship.

Sept. 8-Sunday...1 Kings 18:1-16
Sept. 9.....1 Kings 18:17-29
Sept. 10.....1 Kings 18:30-40
Sept. 11.....1 Kings 18:41-46
Sept. 12.....1 Kings 19:1-8
Sept. 13.....1 Kings 19:9-21
Sept. 14.....1 Kings 21:1-16
Sept. 15-Sunday 1 Kings 21:17-29

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Lake Junaluska Trustees Plan Extension Drive

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly have approved plans for a proposed one million dollar long-range expansion program, it was announced recently by Dr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N.C., president of the trustees.

Chief project in the expansion program will be a \$400,000 addition to the east wing of the Lambuth Inn.

Hugh Massie of Waynesville, N.C., chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, said work on the addition to the east wing of Lambuth Inn will begin Sept. 3, and construction is expected to be completed by the start of the 1964 assembly season.

The assembly's trustees also approved new parking facilities at Lambuth Inn for 150 cars.

Another construction project in the one million dollar program is that of a new lodge building adjacent to the Edwin L. Jones Cafeteria, to cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

The long-range expansion program according to Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction Assembly, will include the 1964-68 quadrennium of The Methodist Church and perhaps some time beyond that.



THE U.S. CHRISTMAS STAMP selected by the Post Office Department for 1963 is shown here. As was true of the stamp issued last year, it carries no religious symbolism. Dominating the illustration is the so-called "Nation's Christmas Tree" placed annually in the ellipse between the White House is shown in background. Designed by Lily Spandorf, Austrian-born resident of Washington, it is only the third stamp in U.S. history to be designed by a woman. Retiring Postmaster J. Edward Day said two billion copies of the Christmas wreath stamp were sold.



SANDSTONE PILLARS in the "Garden of the Gods" at Colorado Springs, Colo., provide a backdrop for outdoor ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of The Navigators, an interdenominational Protestant laymen's organization.

From Centenary College

INVESTING IN FUTURES

B. C. Taylor
Vice-President
Centenary College

Today, America is investment conscious. People everywhere are investing in futures. For some it is speculative stocks; for others, it is real estate; still others are buying oil royalties; and the cautious ones are investing in guaranteed bonds.

I would like to suggest another kind of investment: An investment in scholarships for worthy boys and girls who want a college education. This kind of investment pays off in development of personality; strength of character and growth of purpose. This is an investment in futures that gives the donor a spiritual dividend that cannot be found anywhere on the stock market page. This year we are being called on for assistance beyond our resources, due to the rising costs of going to college.

A full scholarship for a year is \$640.00. This pays for tuition only. We have discovered that a student who has tuition arranged for can usually make it the rest of the way by working at the college or in the city of Shreveport. Progress reports are given to the donors each year so they may know how their investment in the student assigned to them is progressing. Our office will be happy to send further information to anyone who desires to invest in student futures.

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THE CHANCEL CHOIR of First Methodist Church, Monroe, spent the Labor Day week-end at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Ark. They are shown during one of their rehearsals there with Dr. Wilford D. Smith, directing. Mrs. Everett Zeagler is the organist and Stanley Boggs the president. Mrs. Anita Fleming was elected president for the new year.

Mission On Ministry

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The general format of each meeting will be the same across the nation, beginning with a service of worship conducted by the resident Bishop and a keynote address by one of the visiting Bishops on "The Challenge of the Parish Ministry." The remainder of the morning will be spent in consideration of questions from the floor by a panel of the three visiting Bishops.

At noon another of the Bishops and a representative of one of the Methodist seminaries will speak on "The Equipment of the Parish Ministry."

The early part of the afternoon will be divided into three discussion groups, each headed by a visiting Bishop. The ministers, ministers' wives, and laymen will each consider their group's particular relationship to the parish ministry.

A closing hour of worship will in-

clude an address by the third visiting Bishop on "The Glory of the Parish Ministry."

"The Bishops' Mission is not a recruitment conference," Bishop Ensley stresses. "Young people who may be led to decision for the ministry will be called together by the Bishop of their area at another time."

"Emphasis will be placed in these convocations upon the role of the minister and the Christian home as the continuing ground of recruitment of ministers throughout the church and the congregation."

Pastors have received letters outlining the convocation and a pamphlet prepared for the meetings.

The Louisiana Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction will meet November 19 in New Orleans. Visiting Bishops are scheduled to be M. LaFayette Harris of Atlanta, Ga., Edwin R. Garrison of Aberdeen, S. D., and William C. Martin of Dallas.

Centenary College Sophomores Receive National Scholarships

Centenary College sophomores, Richard Samuel Hruska and Don George Scroggin, have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships by the Methodist Board of Education, Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary College, has announced.

Certificate for Clinical Training

The Rev. Don Wineinger, former pastor of McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, and now a chaplain intern at the Institute of Religion, Houston, Tex., received a certificate on Aug. 23 for completing the three-months course, "Clinical Pastoral Education," at this institution.

The certificate was presented by Dr. Dawson Bryan, director of the Institute, which is located in the complex of the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

This three-months course is offered to pastors and senior seminary students, serving as an introduction into the relationship between medicine and religion as both strive to minister to the whole man.

The Institute is a cooperative venture of five seminaries in Texas, operated by the Baptists, Presbyterians, Christians, Episcopaleans and Methodists.

Louisiana Youth Honored By NCMYF

Will Finnin of New Orleans, president of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, was elected to a two-year term on the editorial board of *Classmate*, Methodist youth magazine at the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, held Aug. 18-24 at Evansville (Ind.) College.

Attendance at the meeting was 125, including presidents of senior high and older youth organizations of the annual conferences.

Among the planned projects of the NCMYF, it was announced, is a nationwide effort to decrease the number of school "dropouts." One of the

Hruska, son of Mrs. Ruth Hruska of Minden, plans to major in physics at Centenary. He is a graduate of Minden High School where he served as class president for three years, worked three years on the student council, and filled the office of president of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship. At Centenary he is a member of Alpha Sigma Pi, honorary scholastic fraternity, the American Guild of Organists, the Methodist Student Movement, and is a participant in intramural basketball.

Scroggin, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hall Scroggin of Shreveport, graduated at the head of his class at Fair Park High School. He plans to major in physics. Honors he has won at Centenary include the Freshman Award in Mathematics and the Chemical Rubber Co. Award. He is a member of the Methodist Student Movement, Alpha Sigma Xi and Alpha Sigma Pi.

National Methodist Scholarship Awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 8,000 National Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of National Methodist Scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

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MOST RECENT PICTURE of progress being made on the new Wesley Foundation Building at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches. The building, to be completed for use by Oct. 25, will provide chapel space for 175 people and will include dining facilities for 300 people. Methodist student enrollment at this institution is expected to exceed 670 this fall.

things called for is Methodist youth sponsorship of back-to-school programs in local communities.

The organization announced its plans to employ a youth associate in race relations. He is John Newman, Kalamazoo, Mich., former president of the Michigan Conference MYF. It also voted support of civil rights organizations and demonstrations.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE JUNIOR HIGH MYF of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, held a retreat at Caney Lake the week-end of Aug. 25. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

DR. KEITH MASON WAS THE guest speaker for the first Family Night of the season at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sept. 4. The pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, held their annual "Christmas in August," at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. John F. Kilpatrick, August 27.

CHAPLAIN DANNY BURTRAM of the Reception Station at Fork Polk, was the guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Leesville, Aug. 18. The pastor is the Rev. Kirby Vining.

GUEST PREACHER AT WELCH Methodist Church, Aug. 18 was the Rev. W. F. Mayo of Jennings Methodist Church. The pastor of the Welch Church is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN of Shreveport met on Aug. 23 at Mangum Memorial Methodist Church of that city. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

DURING AUGUST AND THE first two Sundays in September the Young Adult Fellowship of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, is studying Richard Niebuhr's book, "Christ and Culture." Their pastor is the Rev. B. A. Galloway.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE Sept. 4 meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was Mr. J. T. Sylvester, Jr., of the FBI, who addressed the group on "The Work of the FBI." The pastor is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

THE PRELUDE AND OFFERTORY of the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Lafayette, were dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Dobbins, choir directors who were leaving. The pastor is the Rev. R. R. Branton.

THE REV. DON ALVERSON, pastor of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for "Chapel of the Air," radio program sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Church Federation, on Sunday, Aug. 25.

THE REV. J. B. GRAMBLING, retired minister of the Louisiana Conference who heads the Retired Ministers Homes program, was the guest preacher at Summer Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, Aug. 18. The pastor is the Rev. Otis W. Spinks.

SPECIAL SERVICES WERE HELD at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Aug. 18, concluding the Vacation Church School. Each class dramatized a portion of their activities for the week. The pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

THE REV. JACK COOKE, pastor of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, conducted re-

vival services at the Delhi Methodist Church the week of Aug. 25. The Delhi pastor is the Rev. William V. Sirman.

DR. B. C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, was the guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday, Aug. 18, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, who was on vacation with his family.

THE NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, is Gordon O. Brown, choral and opera director at Xavier University. Prior to coming to New Orleans, he was the choir director of Lover's Lane Methodist Church, Dallas. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. is the pastor.

A FEATURED SPEAKER FOR Homecoming Sunday at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Aug. 25, was Mrs. W. M. Nolan of Oak Ridge, who is a granddaughter of the Rev. H. O. White, who served as pastor of the Trenton Methodist Church in 1874 and 1875. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Earl Emmerich.

A RECENT BULLETIN of First Methodist Church, Crowley, extended the congratulations of the church to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hayes, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 27. We would like to join in congratulating this couple, whose pastor is the Rev. W. D. Boddie.

THE REV. ROY GRANT of Ringgold Methodist Church was the guest evangelist for an old-fashioned arbor revival at the Love Chapel Methodist Church, Aug. 18-24. The singing for the meeting was directed by A. W. Morgan of Shreveport. The pastor is the Rev. Kenneth E. Griffith.

SOME FIFTY MEMBERS of the Wesley Methodist Church, Sulphur, honored their pastor, the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, at a surprise party recently on the occasion of his 75th birthday. The social occasion was combined with the regular Thursday evening choir practice.

AN ADULT STUDY OF the New Testament will begin September 11 at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Metairie. They will study the Revised Standard Version and the textbook "Understanding the New Testament" by Howard Clark Kee and Franklin W. Young. Their pastor is the Rev. Ebb Munden. We are happy to be included on the mailing list of the "News Letter" from this church.

ONE OF THE NEWEST church bulletins to include us on their mailing list is the Bethel Methodist Church, Logansport, whose pastor is the Rev. S. Alvin Mayo. We hope an increasing number of churches will begin to send us their bulletins so that "News and Notes" can be made more representative of church news all over the conference.

AT BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, Open House was held Aug. 28, climaxing the summer youth program in that church. The young people displayed the work they have done in ceramics, mosaics, tile and art. They also presented a play under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Sartin. The pastor is the Rev. Barry Bailey.

A MOVIE ON MALAYA was shown at the regular monthly meeting of the Young At Heart of Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Aug. 28. This group has a special interest in that country because it is the area in which Joe Anne and Don Small are serving as missionaries. The Istrouma pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

RICHARD EZELL, WHO RECENTLY journeyed to South America to have a part in the dedication of the new Carl and Julia Williams mission center in Bolivia, reported on his trip

at the evening worship service of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Aug. 25. Richard recently graduated from Louisiana Tech and will soon begin work toward his Master's degree in Spanish at the University of Oklahoma.

THE JUNIOR HIGH MYF of Slidell Methodist Church had a very successful Christian Adventure Week, the week of Aug. 11, with an average attendance of about 25 each evening. Their officers are: Jackie Dabdoub, president; Hollis Stokes, vice-president; and Libby Bailey, secretary. The counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nixon, and the pastor is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

GUEST MINISTER at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, Aug. 18 was the Rev. William E. Nolan, director of Alumni Affairs at Centenary College. Guest soloist for the service was James Earl Alexander, senior music student at Louisiana Tech. Presiding at the service was Lucius McGehee, one of the laymen of the church. The pastor is the Rev. Wilson L. Watson.

A SUCCESSFUL VACATION CHURCH School has just been completed at Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, through the cooperation of the following leaders: Mrs. Charles Moring, Mrs. G. D. Beattie, Mrs. E. A. Guillot, Mrs. Cyrai Banting, Mrs. W. E. Thomas, Mrs. William Van Santen, Mrs. N. F. Coco, Miss Sandra Coco, Miss Crystal Hill, Miss Laura Latham, Miss Stevie Lee Jordan and Louis Guillie. Their pastor is the Rev. Albert A. Collins.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR OF First Methodist Church, Monroe, held their Annual Choir Workshop at Camp Aldergate near Little Rock, Ark. over Labor Day Week-end, under the direction of Dr. Wilford Smith. The choir members and their families attended the camp, during which they worked on their fall music and began preparation for their Christmas cantata. Their pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE evening worship service at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Aug. 25, was 1st Lt. James L. Ballard, an active member of that church, who is on duty at Barksdale Air Force Base. He is a teacher in the Church School and a counselor for the MYF. His message was entitled "Challenge to Christian Youth." The pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

A RECENT ISSUE of "The Church-o-gram" of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, carried the following announcement: "The office for the district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, which is to be located in the new Adult Center of our church, has been given in memory of Mr. Allen J. Hawsey, Sr., by his daughter, Mrs. William A. Gotschall." The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of Munholand Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, honored Mrs. Herbert H. Hoppmeyer recently by presenting her with an honorary life membership in the Guild. This honor represents a gift of \$100 given to missions in the name of the recipient. Mrs. Hoppmeyer helped organize the Guild in this church 11 years ago when she was president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, Director of Louisiana Methodist Information, whose grandfather, William L. Moore, passed away Aug. 25 at DeLeon Tex. at the age of 89.

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The Sunday School Lesson



LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 1963: THE LOVE THAT FORGIVES

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37-50.
Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 45:4-15.

MEMORY SELECTION: "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven." Matt. 5:44-45.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the value of faith in God in times of testing and to stress the value and beauty of the true forgiving spirit.

BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON

The Book of Genesis has three major divisions. The first eleven verses deal with the creation of the world by the Lord, the fall of man and the destruction of the world by the flood, Noah and his family alone were saved. Chapters 12 through 36 deal largely with the life and character of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Beginning with the 37th chapter and through to the end of Genesis, Joseph is the leading character discussed. In these thirteen chapters we have a more detailed picture of the personal life of Joseph than we have of any other Bible character except Jesus.

Today we have the second of three lessons given to the study of the life and activities of Joseph. Today our lesson deals with possibly the finest moment in the life of Joseph. Here Joseph reveals to his brothers his identity as their brother and assured them that he had forgiven the wrong they had done him.

SINCE OUR LAST LESSON

Whether Joseph's brothers actually sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites, as they planned to do, or whether the Midianites kidnapped Joseph and sold him to the Ishmaelites or whether the Midianites and the Ishmaelites were the same people is of no real significance. The brothers of Joseph had decided to sell him as a slave and their sin against Joseph was just as great as if they had done so.

We may not be sure that they knew just what had happened to Joseph. However, he was gone and it was necessary for them to account to his father, Jacob, for his absence. Hence it was that they killed a kid from their flock and dipped the special coat Jacob had made for Joseph into the blood of the kid. They then brought the coat to Joseph for identification, as if they were not sure that it was Joseph's coat. Jacob of course recognized it and mourned Joseph as dead.

Joseph was carried by those who brought him into Egypt. There he was sold as a slave to Potiphar, a captain of the guard in the army of Pharaoh.

As a slave in Potiphar's house, Joseph was severely tempted by Potiphar's wife. When he resisted her repeated advances, she falsely accused him of insulting her. Joseph was thrown into prison. In prison for doing what his heart told him was right, Joseph must have faced the inevitable question we so often ask, why? Lesser souls and weaker characters would likely have questioned the value of righteousness and might have been content to be a run-of-the-mill slave. Not so with Joseph.

Joseph's power, under God, to interpret dreams finally brought him to the attention of Pharaoh, who was being troubled with strange dreams. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams to mean that there were to be seven years of abundant harvests followed by seven years of famine.

Pharaoh was so well pleased with Joseph's interpretations of his dreams that he freed him from prison and elevated him to a position in the Egyptian government next to Pharaoh himself. In this position Joseph directed the storage of the surpluses of the years of plenty in order that Egypt might have food through the years of famine.

After the seven years of plenty, the famine came. It not only affected Egypt, it reached into the countries about Egypt including Canaan. It reached the home of Jacob and his sons. Since Egypt, through the wise management of Jacob, was the only country that had food supplies, Jacob sent his sons into Egypt to buy food.

JOSEPH HARASSES HIS BROTHERS

In Egypt Jacob's sons were brought before Joseph with their requests for food. Joseph recognized them as his brothers, but the brothers had not the slightest idea that this great Egyptian ruler was their brother Joseph.

But for later developments, we might think that, in the beginning, Joseph was uncertain whether to take vengeance on his brothers or forgive and deal gently with them. Joseph did several things to harass them.

1. They were accused of being spies and were imprisoned three days.

2. They were then released and told that they must bring their brother Benjamin with them next time they came for food. Joseph kept Simeon as a hostage until their return.

3. To further confuse them Joseph had the money they paid for grain put back into their sacks with the grain.

4. When the famine forced them to return to Egypt for food, they brought Benjamin with them. To the surprise and confusion of the brothers, Joseph spread a great feast for them.

5. When they left for home, the money was again put in the sacks with the grain. Also, Joseph had his servants to put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. Soon after they left officers caught them and searched their sacks for the cup. It was found, of course, in Benjamin's sack where it had been placed. Benjamin was arrested and was taken back to Joseph, supposedly to be his slave. All of the brothers returned with him.

Judah had stood sponsor for Benjamin to Jacob before Jacob would allow Benjamin to go into Egypt with his brothers. Hence it was Judah who came before Joseph and pled that he be allowed to serve as Jacob's slave instead of Benjamin and that Benjamin be allowed to return to his father. Judah declared the loss of Benjamin might cause the death of his father.

JOSEPH REVEALS HIS IDENTITY

This evidence of their great love for their father and their willingness to suffer in Benjamin's stead was more than Joseph could bear.

In the first three verses of Genesis 45, from which our lesson text is taken, we are told that "Joseph could not control himself before them that stood by him." He had everyone to leave the room except his brothers. Genesis 45:2 says, "And he wept aloud and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard."

Then it was, according to the opening verse of our lesson text that, "Joseph said unto his brethren, come near me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt."

FROM PIT TO PALACE

What an astounding thing it must have been to Joseph's brothers when they realized that this great Egyptian ruler was, in fact, the brother they had so despised only a few years before.

Was there ever in fact or fiction a record of such an amazing transformation of life as had come to Joseph in these few years? The fanciful story of Cinderella and any other similar story of "Rags to Riches" must play a poor second to this story about Joseph.

A boy seventeen finds himself at the bottom of a pit where jealous brothers had apparently thrown him to die. He is pulled out of the pit and sold to common slave traders who resold him into slavery in Egypt. For most of the years he had been in Egypt, he was a prisoner in disgrace in an Egyptian jail.

We must know that only a miracle, wrought by the power and sustaining grace of God, lets us find Joseph, at the end of thirteen years in Egypt, elevated to a place of power second only to Pharaoh, in the strongest nation of earth at that time. In this position he is entrusted with a work on which depended the very survival of Egypt itself.

WITH A SENSE OF MISSION

According to our lesson text, Joseph not only forgave his brothers for the wrongs they did him, he even tried to release them from a sense of responsibility for what they did.

Joseph told his brothers not to be grieved or angry with themselves for what happened. He said, in verses 7 and 8 of our lesson text, "God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God."

In a great benevolent spirit of forgiveness Joseph would apparently absolve his brothers from any sense of wrong-doing. Furthermore it appears that he wanted them to feel that they had acted as agents, in the hands of God, to get him to Egypt in time to prepare for the great crisis that would threaten that part of the world.

The viewpoint of Joseph approaches the theory that it is right to do wrong that good may come of it. A teacher of moral ethics would hardly agree with this viewpoint. However, Joseph, with his high sense of mission, felt that somehow the hand of God was in it all.

ASKS THAT HIS FATHER BE BROUGHT

Having relieved his brothers' fears, Joseph then urges them to bring his father, Jacob, to Egypt as soon as possible. Joseph asked them to tell his father that God had made him lord of all Egypt. Joseph said, "Tell my father of all my glory in Egypt."

There were yet to be five years of famine. Joseph promised his brothers that they and their father would be located in Goshen which was one of the choice spots in Egypt. It was a good pasture land. Hastings's Dictionary of the Bible says that it was probably located on the eastern border of the Delta of the Nile.

Along with this wonderful location, Joseph promised also to "provide" for his kinsmen through the remaining five years of famine. What could be better?

A LOVE THAT FORGIVES

After this revelation of his identity and his instructions about bringing his father to Egypt, with the promise to provide for them "in the land of Goshen," Joseph gave way to the great emotions that had been stirring his heart.

First he fell upon the neck of his brother Benjamin and wept. Joseph and Benjamin, sons of Rachel, were own brothers. Joseph was only a half brother to the other ten. Nevertheless, the closing verse of our lesson text says that "He kissed all of his brothers and wept upon them."

This is forgiving love. Joseph was far ahead of his time religiously. This was 1,700 years before Jesus said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City Newspaper, has said that the "grave conflict" in South Vietnam involves a political and not a religious controversy. It stated that the crisis is not a conflict between Catholics and Buddhists or between the Catholicism and Buddhism. The page-one editorial said the conflict sprang from the President Ngo Dinh Diem government's "political opinion, justified or not," regarding the ability of the Buddhist community to resist communism.

Certainly we should give the religious aspects of this struggle the benefit of a doubt, but this is a remarkable illustration of the kind of difficulty that follows when a governmental regime is too closely allied with religious leadership.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), has called the action of the House of Representatives in voting funds for church-related colleges "sad and disheartening for those who believe in separation of church and State."

These efforts to make the same logic apply to elementary education and higher education by POAU seem a bit strained. Their cry is "controlled education," but it seems to us that if these institutions do not receive some help it will mean the end of "independent" liberal-arts education at the college level.

A Roman Catholic congregation in Wiesloch, Germany, has donated an altar cross to a new Protestant church in the small rural town. For 16 years the Wiesloch Catholics made their church available for Protestant services until an Evangelical worship center could be built. The Catholic parish choir sang at the dedication of the Protestant Church and both congregations met later at a social gathering in the Catholic parish hall.

Here is an unsung saga of church cooperation which goes back long before the Second Vatican Council was even a dream in the mind and heart of Pope John.

Controversy over a new "commercial" radio approach to unchurched Americans has developed in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. even before the project in question has been launched. The Rev. Charles Brackbill, interim executive director of the denomination's radio and television division, said complaints already have been received about the proposed broadcasting of spot announcements recorded by humorist Stan Freberg.

Here is a striking example of a church that believed there were values in some "unconventional evangelism" and now runs into opposition from those who would be always "conventional."

An ecumenical expert recently took a speculative look at the future status of the Church unity effort and suggested that denominational appear-

ances may remain even after the removal of organizational barriers. Dr. Albert C. Outler, interviewed at Southern Methodist University, where he serves on the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, said the reunion of Christendom "may mean very little in some practical form . . . it would not mean a super-Church or monolithic Church. Denominations might have a continued existence, somewhat like religious orders in the Catholic Church."

We have not seen this interpretation recently. It seems to suggest a strange hybrid between a united church and one which is still following many different ways. This resembles the idea which Dr. E. Stanley Jones has championed for some time.



ANCIENT BRONZE figures retrieved by fleeing refugees from temples in Communist-outrun Tibet have been earmarked for safekeeping in four Kalmuk Buddhist temples in New Jersey and Philadelphia. The sacred objects, believed to be from two to three hundred years old, were presented in New York by Church World Service, Protestant overseas aid agency, to Thutben J. Norbu, brother of the Dalai Lama.

Major speakers at the recent Mennonite Church's biennial General Conference meeting in Kalona, Iowa, called on members of the traditionally conservative denomination to recognize that changes in society are inevitable and to look to the Church for guidance. The Rev. Paul Erb, former editor of the denomination's weekly Gospel Herald, criticized Mennonites who show a "sense of bewilderment in the presence of changes they do not understand and cannot control."

Revolutionary moves to modernize the Anglican communion; even at risk of causing schisms between member churches, were suggested at the World Anglican Congress meeting in Toronto. Among speakers advocating effort throughout the world communion to heighten its effectiveness as a religious force was Bishop William Glyn Hughes Simon of Llandaff, Wales.

Closer cooperation between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. was also urged at the Anglican Con-

gress. An English priest, Canon H. M. Waddams of Canterbury Cathedral, charged that though the North American denominations have a common 3,000-mile "ecclesiastical frontier," they conduct their affairs "as though the other were not there."

Trade unions must work to eliminate racial discrimination within their ranks, the Synagogue Council of America declared in its annual Labor Day message. The statement was issued by Rabbin Uri Miller, president of the Council, which is the national coordinating agency for the rabbinical and congregational associations of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish communities.

The National Presbyterian Church in Washington, which is to be replaced by a new sanctuary and center at another location, has been sold for \$2,575,000. A spokesman said sale of the church, to be torn down, was contingent on a change in zoning regulations to permit construction of a 90-foot high building. This is the church attended by President Eisenhower when he was in the White House.

Luke E. Hart, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, said recently in Milwaukee that the organization encourages membership by Negroes. In reply to charges made by two Roman Catholic archdiocesan newspapers, Mr. Hart estimated that there are about 10,000 Negro members in the organization. Because records do not indicate race, he said, exact figures are not obtainable.

The Massachusetts attorney general has issued a ruling which permits voluntary periods of "silent meditation" and some traditional religious observances in public schools. Edward Brooks issued a 22-page opinion on religious practices in the schools in reply to a request from Commissioner of Education Owen B. Kieran. His decision was hailed as "intelligent, middle-of-the-road" by The Pilot, newsweekly of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

Word, a general interest magazine designed for Catholic women, will begin publication in October, it has been announced by Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, head of the National Council of Catholic Women.

The Bible is still the best seller of all time and the King James version is outselling all other translations by a margin of 4 to 1, a survey of 150 publishers attending the 14th annual convention of the Christian Booksellers Association in Washington disclosed. Publishers report good sales of the New English Bible, which has sold more than 2,000,000 copies in the United States. Sales of the Revised Standard Version are still continuing brisk, but the booksellers state that 4 out of every 5 Bibles sold are still the King James Version.

The highly-controversial best-seller, "Honest to God," which calls for revision of the Christian "image" of God, was defended before the recent World Anglican Congress in Toronto by Canon Max Warren of the Church of England, general secretary of the Church Missionary Society. He said that the book written by Bishop John Robinson of Woolwich is "a deeply sincere and profoundly courageous attempt to lower barriers between Church creeds and intellectuals."

"The Hoodlum Priest"—a lifelong friend and defender of convicts seeking rehabilitation and a new chance in life is dead at 62. The end came at St. Mary's Hospital in a suburb of St. Louis after a long illness suffered by Father Charles Dismas Clark, whose unique story was the subject of a motion picture two years ago.



Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We begin a tour of the districts this week in which we will meet with the district superintendent and his district staff. The district staff as it is now set up is quite different from anything that we have had in the Louisiana Conference during my ministry. It is the main group with which the Area Council will be working to promote the whole program of the Conference. The district staff is composed of the district secretary of every major interest of the Church. If a district Superintendent has a strong district staff to assist him, it will be much easier for him to do a good job on the district. The members of the district staff should be more than paper names. They should be men and women who are completely sold on the interests which they represent. Men and women who have some time to attend outside meetings and are willing to do it. It requires a great number of meetings to implement as large a program as The Methodist Church carries on. After this year of adjustment the Area Council will make an honest effort to cut down the number of district-wide meetings which the leadership in a district will have to attend. In this first meeting with the staff of each district we will only try to make plain the relationship of the Area Council to the district staff, and Miss Nuttall, who will accompany me on most of the trips, will make plans with Children's Division Workers for the workshop on curriculum which we will hold in November. We have had good attendance in the two districts in which we have been.

The independent and church-related college is the last stronghold of academic freedom which we have here in America. For that reason it is so important that all of us give to Bishop Walton our strongest support as he heads up the forthcoming drive for more adequate support of our own Centenary College. Our first job is to get to him on time the list of names he requested in a recent letter. This is our first step and let us make it a good one.

REMEMBER RALLY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 29. LET EVERY CHURCH TAKE AN OFFERING AND LET US MAKE IT A GOOD ONE.



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



As the first quarter of this church year draws to a close it would seem appropriate that each of us take a close look at a most important aspect of our stewardship, that is, the matter of our financial pledge to the church. Vacation time is drawing to a close. Many have been away from home enjoying new sights and experiences, making new friends. All this is a part of the good life. However, have you also taken a vacation from God as well? Jesus calls us to a full time commitment to His way of life. Christianity does not take a vacation in that its challenge and the program of the church is a continuing thing. The obligations and responsibilities of the church go on during the vacation months just as always. During our travels have we forgotten our pledge to the church? Take a look at yours and see if you have taken a vacation from God. Considering all the blessings of this vacation season, would it be anything but fair to express our appreciation to Him by catching up on our pledges and perhaps even a little extra just to say "Thank you, Lord, for a wonderful summer." Each local church should, by now, have paid one-fourth of its acceptances for World Service and Conference Benevolences and all the other items of its budget. How does your church stand in this regard? Is it waiting on you?

This will be my last opportunity to remind the men of the Shreveport and Ruston Districts of our Retreat at Caney Lake on September 7 and 8, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and finishing after lunch on Sunday. It will be your correspondent's privilege to be the speaker for this occasion Saturday evening and Sunday morning. I hope to see you there.

This office now has available a number of film strips, with recordings, scripts, etc., for your use in meetings of Methodist Men, Commissions or other groups. We have the following:

- (1) "Chain Reaction"
- (2) "What Changed Charlie" (These two for Methodist Men)
- (3) "Partners in Service" (A filmstrip version of the motion picture, SEE ALL THE PEOPLE, about Advance Specials)
- (4) "Fantastic Journey" (Effects of World Service)
- (5) "The System and Mr. Smith" (Missions)
- (6) "Twins in Time" (Education)
- (7) "The Cut of The Truth" (Christian Social Concerns)
- (8) "Lost in The Crowd" (Membership and Evangelism)
- (9) "Send Me, I'll Go" (Stewardship and Finance)
- (10) "Trip to The Green Planet" (Children)

All of these are here for your convenience. There is no charge for their use. Please address your request for them far enough in advance of your required date to be sure they are reserved for you. Send the request to Thos. A. Pitt, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104.

These have been produced for the Board of Lay Activities and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to help present the program of the church in the areas indicated. They are yours to use for the asking, so if you do not already own them, let us know and we will be glad to lend them to you.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The South Central Conference on Evangelism was held August 19-22 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Attending this annual conference were the Rev. and Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn and family, First Methodist, Shreveport; Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris, Broadmoor Methodist, Shreveport; Mr. and Mrs. John Bornman, First Methodist, Alexandria; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ezell, Grace Methodist, Ruston. Attending the Youth Section of the conference were Miss Pat Ezell and Miss Margaret Weas, Grace Methodist, Ruston; Miss Mary Bingham, Simsboro; and Miss Linda Epps, Broadmoor Methodist, Shreveport.

The inspirational high points of the conference were reached in the messages of Dr. Maldwyn Edwards and Bishop W. Kenneth Pope. Dr. Edwards is a minister of the Methodist Church in England and Chairman of the Wales area, equivalent to a Bishop and Area in American Methodism. He is currently serving as summer exchange pastor of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis, Methodism's 25th largest church in America. Bishop Pope is resident bishop of the Arkansas Area. Elected a bishop in 1960, he was former pastor of First Methodist Church, Houston, Methodism's third largest.

The place of importance of evangelism in the local church and the role of laymen in the work is receiving increased attention in recent years. The Conference on Evangelism addressed itself to this new realization and set in motion some plans and goals to make Commissions on Evangelism in local churches more effective instruments for serving the church's needs and winning others to Christ's way of life. Louisianans attending the conference were impressed in a great way.

The summer of 1964 will offer for all interested laymen a week-end Workshop on Evangelism, to be followed by the regular annual South Central Jurisdiction Conference on Evangelism. This would be similar to the present plan of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions, and is designed to meet the growing demand of Local Church Membership and Evangelism Commission chairmen for training and guidance in their work and responsibility. Pastors and lay leaders should encourage commission chairmen and interested commission members to attend next summer at Mt. Sequoyah. Official Boards should make it possible, if necessary by offering financial assistance, for interested and responsible commission members to participate. An interested and informed evangelism chairman could possibly transform a local church commission from a mere paper organization to a throbbing force in the life of your church. We will never know until it is tried and proven.

An interesting side-light came to my attention during a meeting of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism. Dr. J. T. Harris, a member of the Jurisdictional Board as well as our Louisiana Conference Secretary of Evangelism and pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, was unanimously commended for his spiritual leadership in the jurisdiction, especially as it related to the establishment of prayer calendars and the daily remembrance of others by name in prayer. This work was an outgrowth of work and experience in local churches Dr. Harris has served and principally in his present pastorate. It is good to have one of our Louisiana ministers distinguish himself in such fashion and to receive such broad recognition.

The summer dates for 1964 at Mt. Sequoyah are as follows: Week-end Workshop for Chairmen, August 7-9; Conference on Evangelism August 10-13, with the Youth Section again included.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Suggestions for Worship Settings



SEPTEMBER- "What It Means to Belong to the Woman's Society and Guild"
Picture- Christ at Door with Staff
Words- A Way of Service
(cream)
Wine cloth, candle, ivy



AGAIN WE PRESENT suggestions for worship settings appropriate for use with the programs at the monthly meetings of the Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds. The arrangements were on display at the Centenary School of Missions in August and were the handiwork of Mrs. Joe S. Bond and Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt. The sketches are by Mrs. Genevieve A. Gentry, and pictures were taken by Lona Wilson.



OCTOBER- "The Church Speaks...or Dies"
page 62
Balances - Church - State
Words - Grant Us Wisdom (Gold)
Green cloth, candle, ivy

Alexandria Dist. Seminar Next Week

The Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the Alexandria District will hold their Annual Educational Seminar at the Pineville Methodist Church on Thursday, September 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Not only all local missionary education secretaries, but all members of the WSCS and WSG are urged to attend this meeting.

Mrs. S.E. Richardson, district president
Mrs. H.V. Dunford, district secretary of missionary education

Annual Report Off the Press

GLANCING THROUGH the Annual Report, edited by Mrs. George H. Thomas and off the press last month, we are so impressed with reports of the institutions and workers that we plan to reprint some of them from time to time, hoping that they will get a wider reading audience than from just those who have access to the Report. The Dedication was to deaconesses, missionaries, and workers in Louisiana, in other fields, and retired. The roster was most impressive. May we add our urging to that of the conference officers that local societies make full use of the Report.

MACDONELL METHODIST CENTER
Houma, Louisiana
John L. Howe, Jr., Director

Our children here at MacDonell—a home for dependent-neglected children—are definitely "persons of special need." Because of their sense of insecurity and rejection, they frequently suffer severe social handicaps which cripple development of personality or character. Our program with the children is aimed at helping them become "responsible citizens for tomorrow's world." Many factors influence the growth and development of any one child, but the pivot is the houseparent. She serves as a buffer—and in his relationship to her, the child finds comfort and help during his difficult adjustment period.

Though there have been a number of changes this year, the staff has been better stabilized than in earlier years, and there is a corresponding stabilization in our program. The staff in every department is excellent and we are making real progress in our services to the children. A staff workshop meets weekly and is compiling a manual that adapts some of the reading in child development and social work to the specific needs of our children. The completed manual will be of use as a review of our workshop discussion and as an orientation pamphlet for new workers and summer help.

Mrs. Helen Gage Harris, an experienced social worker and a Methodist Deaconess, joined our staff in June. The program of social services to the children has been greatly expanded since her arrival. At present MacDonell has thirty-one children, seventeen girls and fourteen boys. Twenty-one are teenagers, ten are 12 and under. This means 65% of the children are teenagers now — compared with 50% at this time last year.

A cottage for staff use on time off is nearing completion and should help with the continual need of the staff for rest and renewal of strength and spirit.

While our emphasis this year is on in-service training and development of staff, we are continuing last year's emphasis on recruitment. Folks living on campus are acutely aware of "campus atmosphere" and its effect on the children. From time to time illness or family needs causes us to lose a staff member. The turmoil created if we must go through a siege of "trial and error" seeking for new staff sets all the children back in their development. MacDonell—along with all other child-care institutions—needs a continual "backlog" of dedicated, mature, and Christian workers.

Ruston District Announces Two Meetings

Of interest to all workers with children and youth in Ruston District will be a joint workshop at Trinity Church, Ruston, on September 18. Registration will begin at 9 A.M.; instruction from 9:30 until 12:30; ending with lunch served for \$1.00.

Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, District Secretary of Children's Work, plans the presentation of the two current mission studies for Primary and Junior children.

Mrs. R. M. Bingham, District Secretary of Youth Work, says that the emphases will be Mission; Recruitment; and MY Fund. Ruston District Director of Youth Work, the Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. will present a look at the total youth program of the church.

The Ruston District Seminar for officers and teachers concerned with the study courses in local Woman's Societies of Christian Service will be held at the Homer Methodist Church on September 11 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30. Registration begins at 9 o'clock and lunch will be served for \$1.00. Presentation of program materials for regular monthly meetings and the four approved studies will be made.

All interested adults are invited. Local secretaries of youth and children's work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service; M.Y.F. counselors; and church school teachers are especially urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

In Memoriam

by Miss Alma Burk

There is no death. Our loved ones pass
To dwell forever in heaven's fair land
Where we shall meet them face to face
When we have reached that golden strand.

Some Christians, like a radiant sunrise,
Are forceful and vibrant and free.
There are others like a modest sunrise
Who are humble wherever they be.

Though some are strong and aggressive
And others like a meek quiet man
Each has a work in the universe
Each is a part of God's plan.

So it was with those of our comrades
For whom this tribute we pray
Each worked in her own little vineyard
Striving to serve God in her way.

When discouraging things swamped them,
As sometimes such things will do
They would say to the din quite sternly
"We have no time for you!"

When they got no hilltop vision
Nor valued God's presence within
They humbly then remembered
One's heart is no place for sin.

'Twas God who let the best within them
Blossom out in accents bold
For He gave them faith and courage
And a kind and loving soul.

Each day they watched for the starry gleam
That flashed from the portals of life
Feeling the beauty of the commonplace
In a world needing love, not strife.

They wanted to sing the old hymns
As all real Christians do;
They loved the words of Old Rugged Cross
And Blessed Assurance too.

Tho' the Bible was a pilot light
To guide them on their way
They sometimes faltered, as we all do
When we are led astray.

We thank Thee, God, for the beliefs they left us
Gleaned through the passing years
Their's was a faith triumphant
Which shielded from the darkest fears.

Each had a mental blueprint
Of things God wanted her to do
They leave their message for each of us
That "we need a blueprint, too".

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This poem was used in the Memorial Service of the Trinity W.S.C.S., Ruston, for the following members who died during the year: Miss Bessie Rodgers, Mrs. J.W. Davis, Mrs. A.D. Bice, Mrs. A.G. Hornsby, Mrs. J.P. Whittington, and Mrs. R. B. Knott.

For What and to Whom Do We Rally?

MOST of our churches plan to observe a rally day in an effort to get down to "serious business" after the letup (or let down) of summer and vacation.

It is interesting to note that rally day as a compound noun, or rally as an adjective have not found their way into even the unabridged dictionaries. Rally itself is there — Mr. Webster giving it eight slightly varying definitions as a verb (both transitive and four as a noun, from this complexity of meaning, we can perhaps pick three which more

or less give us a picture of what we mean by thus naming one day in the church calendar:

(1) to collect or reduce to order, as troops dispersed or thrown into confusion;

(2) to arouse to action; to concentrate the energy of, as to rally one's power or oneself;

(3) to come together in active support or defense; to unite vigorously in a common cause; as, the people rallied round the king.

RALLY DAY then, in the church and the church school according to these definitions, would be a day or a time (1) to "collect or reduce to order" the people and the activities that for some weeks before had been scattered — perhaps even thrown into confusion — by the diversions, and the health and pleasure-seeking of vacation; (2) to bring the people together again for united action to spread and live the Gospel; and (3) to unite vigorously in support of the purposes of the Christian church, carrying out the objectives which Christ had and has for his followers.

In a very real sense every meeting within the church, every gathering of two or three Christian people — within or without the church — should be an occasion for rallying — gathering together, encouraging and rousing each other, in the common cause of promoting the will and purpose of Christ's coming, his life, and his death and resurrection. For the dedicated Christian, every day is rally day. Indeed, it is conceivable that one does not need the presence of great throngs to have a spectacular rally; in the quiet of his own room — in the peace and solitude of one's own heart — there may come the orderliness, the aroused purpose, and the vigorous action that impels men forward "in defense and support of the King." Such determination in pursuit of a high purpose is more likely to come with lasting vigor out of moments of rallying oneself than out of some mass movement consciously or unconsciously related to the psychology of the mob.

AS WE — alone or in the group — approach Rally Day, there are two questions we need to ask ourselves: For what purpose are we rallying? And to whom and for whom are we rallying? Otherwise stated: What is our objective? Who is our leader?

We may well gather in ever swelling

numbers at the church, and still not be reforming and ordering our forces for the purposes for which the church was established. We may be "milling round," not going anywhere, dropping into the same old ruts that got us nowhere last year. We need to see and understand clearly our goal: to bring all men, of every race and nation into a knowledge of and obedience to the will of God as outlined for us in the life and teachings of Jesus — "all men" including ourselves.

AND WHO is the leader we are to

follow? Is it the minister, or some other teacher in the church? Is it our own desires, our prejudices or the mores of the group? Is it ritual, or organization, or the social class, or the economic caste that we permit ourselves to follow — that constitute the real "king" around whom we rally?

We need to search our hearts and minds in depth to make certain that we are rallying not to some mortal person (no matter how good), and not to some institution or way of life that is subject to human error, but to Jesus Christ as King and Leader, and to our highest understanding of his Way of Life as the one objective of our quest.

came in record numbers to help the assembly celebrate the 50th anniversary of its actual start. Registration totaled an all time high of 1,170.

Men from the Memphis Conference, led by R. H. (Red) Bond of Dyersburg, Tenn., were tops with 405 registrants. They've been in first place for the seventh year.

RETREAT FOR CHAPLAINS, LAYMEN IN EUROPE SET FOR OCT. 28

Washington, D. C. — The third annual retreat-conference for Methodist chaplains and laymen among U. S. armed forces in Europe has been set for Oct. 28-Nov. 1, again at Berchtesgaden, Germany. More than 200 persons have attended each of the former sessions.

Speakers include Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco; Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities; and William Patten of Albuquerque, N. M.

PRESIDENT'S AIDE A METHODIST

Washington D. C. — Newest special assistant to President Kennedy is a Washington Methodist layman, E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr. He will serve on the Interagency Committee on Transport Mergers, and help coordinate government activities in the transportation field.

Prettyman, active in Eldbrooke Church here, is a lawyer who aided in negotiations for release of Cuban invasion prisoners last winter.

NATIONAL MYF CONFERENCE MEETS

Evansville, Ind. — Attendance at the annual meeting Aug. 18-24 of the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Evansville College was about 125, including presidents of senior high and older youth organizations.

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

NEW BUILDING AT ANDREW CHAPEL

Vienna, Va. — A new building is under way here for the 109-year-old Methodist Church named for the bishop whose incidental ownership of slaves led to the 1844 North-South split of Methodism. Andrew Chapel was named for Bishop James O. Andrew to indicate its sympathies in an area where many churches were with the northern church.

LOANS TO SCHOOLS APPROVED

Washington, D. C. — A, \$1,225,000 loan to Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., is one of four just approved for Methodist-related schools by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency for college housing. Hendrix will build a dormitory housing 142 men, and remodel a student union building.

Other loans are for \$4,000,000 to

Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., for dormitories for 440 men and student union; \$550,000 to Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont., for residence hall for 152 men; \$255,000 to California Western University, San Diego, for a dormitory for 92 women.

SE JURISDICTIONAL MEN MEET

Lake Junaluska, N. C. — For three days, this community resembled a metropolis (complete with commuters) more than it did a summer conference grounds.

The roads, sidewalks cafeterias and hotels were all crowded, except when Methodist laymen of the Southeast were actually in meetings which filled the 2,500-seat auditorium several times daily.

These men whose forebears foresaw the Lake Junaluska Assembly at a laymen's missionary conference in 1908,



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

He stood straight and confident as he addressed the luncheon club that I attend on Mondays. In quiet, almost measured words, he told of the preparations that the Strategic Air Command has made and is making to insure the physical safety of our country if it should be attacked by military enemy. I sat there profoundly impressed as he told us of the fabulous plans that have been made to provide our country with an aerial shield that is almost immune to attack.

Then he showed us a short movie that translated words into impressive pictures. There was no talk of hatred for our enemies or potential enemies. He said very simply that the SAC must prepare against a possible attack from any other country. It was all a matter of everyday living for him and the men who served with him.

The Strategic Air Command was

created for the protection of our bodies and our possessions. And we furnish billions of dollars to provide them with the very last word in communications and in the science of destruction. There is little doubt that these dedicated people are carrying out the mandate of the people to give us the kind of protection we want.

But a question kept returning to my mind. Is this physical safety enough? Even as we hung on the young man's words there seemed to be something lacking in the whole thing. Is the destruction of an enemy the real answer to the question of survival? Isn't there something we need more than guided missiles and super-sonic fighting planes?

Of course physical life is dear to everyone. God made our bodies. Even our possessions are sacred. We acquired them with the energy that God gave us. But how does all of this fit together

in God's plans?

Jesus made a very strong statement one day about winning the whole world and losing our souls at the same time. Maybe that is the answer. We can't destroy human beings without losing a sense of the value of God's children. No guided missile can be made that A supersonic plane cannot erase the will force us to love our fellow-man — damage to lives of teen-agers who learned from fathers and mothers how to drink.. to swear.. to break laws.. to hate others. The best radar communications cannot be connected to God's switchboard.

The Strategic Air Command is a poor excuse for the Church of the Living God. Nobody knows it better than the men in the Command. It is we on the outside who need to learn some sober lessons before it is too late. The salvation of our souls cannot be bought with defense billions. The currency of God is an humble and a contrite heart.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Touch Of The Master's Hand

Rev. Kirby A. Vining, Minister
First Methodist Church
Leesville, Louisiana

Matthew 8:3—And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him . . .

Jesus put forth his hand and touched a leper, and a diseased body was healed. Simon's mother-in-law suffered with a fever. Jesus put forth his hand and touched her, and her fevered brow was soothed. Two blind men cried out to Jesus, "Thou, Son of David, have mercy on us." He put forth his hand and touched their eyes and their darkness disappeared. Jesus put forth his hand

and touched the daughter of Jairus and the son of the widow of Nain, and a new life flowed through their bodies.

Whenever Jesus touched the spirits and lives of men great transformations took place. Timid souls were made bold. Fearful hearts received new courage. Sinful hearts felt the purifying and restoring touch of the Master's hand and found new life. Those who lived as prisoners of habits that fastened themselves with devastating effect upon the personality found freedom and release. One needs only to look closely at Peter, or Mary Magdalene or the woman of Samaria to see the wonderful results of the touch of the Master's hand.

We need the touch of the Master's hand on our life today. For life does get confused. We do lose our way. We do become fearful and run out on responsibilities. We weaken in loyalties. We become cold and cynical. We need to be changed men and women and youth. We need the touch of the Master's hand.

In so many ways we can feel the touch of his hand upon us. It may come to us, in the words of the late Dr. Peter Marshall, as "the tap on the shoulder." The Master's hand will touch us, and set us apart for his service. I wish we would discard the old idea that says only preachers are "called." For I know businessmen, doctors, teachers, housewives, statesmen, and countless others who have been truly called to the task that is their's to do. I'm not too concerned about what your vocation is, but I am concerned as to whether it is the task to which the Master's hand has led you. I know that my Master's leading is not one that leads astray. I know if he has guided you into what you are doing, then all is well. Never minimize the touch of the Master's hand when it comes as "the tap on the shoulder," setting us apart for his service.

There are times when the touch will be that of the Master's restraining hand. It will be the hand that will halt us when we walk in the path of our

own desires instead of in the pathway of the Master's will. Have you never been grateful for some experiences, for some prompting of the Spirit that gave you a new sense of direction? Maybe the restraining touch came as the still, small voice of the sensitive conscience. Perhaps it came in the words of warning from the lips of sensitive hearts of parents and friends. But it came, and it restrained us:

Two young men walked along the sidewalks of a city. One of them wore a diamond ring. Carelessly he pressed the ring against the glass window of one of the sidewalk shops and was about to carve his initials thereon. But his companion put out his hand to deter him, saying, "Don't write there! You can't rub it out! It was the restraining hand. Just so is the touch of the Master's hand often a restraining hand, holding us back from the fire that would burn us, preventing us from writing what cannot be erased.

But the touch of the Master's hand is also a receiving touch. Always was his hand outstretched to receive anyone who sought forgiveness for his sins and longed for the power to become the sons of God. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." It is the receiving touch of the Master's hand.

Perhaps an old hymn utters for us the prayer that should be in our own hearts:

"Thy touch has still its ancient power;
No word from Thee can fruitless fall;
Stretch out Thy hand this sacred hour,
And in thy mercy heal us all."

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Build a Devotional ON STAYING YOUNG

Arnold Simpson
Lonoke, Arkansas

In his book, *THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY*, J. A. Rosenkranz says, "Keep your mind from getting narrow and you will

keep yourself from getting old." Now we know there is no way to stop the passing of years—birthday anniversaries seem to come a little more often and time flies a little faster. Surely the author did not mean that we would not grow old in years—no, not at all.

In my thinking the author was saying to us, keep your mind growing by filling it with interesting subject matter—new discoveries, new ideas, new ways of doing things, reading good books and, above all, being filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. We should find new life, new joys, even exhilaration, every morning as we see the glories of God and nature awakening about us and every evening as we see the sunset and the stars come out. We should feel ourselves growing in mind and spirit as we find a closer relationship with our fellowman and with our Creator in our business, church and social life, and particularly in a happy home life.

I believe the things that make us grow are wrong attitudes—envy, selfishness, jealousy, hatred and many other things. They are malignant sores that eat away the joys of the spirit and cause the mind to become narrow and then old.

Let the Children Come

(For the next few weeks we will be thinking about the new Curriculum for the Children's Division of The Methodist Church. It is hoped that this may be an introduction to parents, teachers, and children.)

Did you know that all of the materials for use in The Methodist Church for its children is being rewritten? You may ask the question, why? The simple answer is that times have changed since our material was last written. The geography of the world is different—new countries, new boundaries for old countries, new nations and rapid transportation has made the world more interesting and nearer to each of us.

The people of the world have changed. There are few tribes left even in the most remote sections of the world. People everywhere have heard of a better way to live and they are striving to find it—better food, better clothing, better learning, etc.

We and our children are changing. Through TV, radio and travel we come in contact with all of the most up-to-date ideas. Even the words we use everyday have changed! Our children need and deserve the best of what the church can offer to meet their needs in this changing world. Therefore in 1956 the thirty-two denominations that cooperate to write children's literature for their church schools began a study of revision. Questionnaires were sent to all pastors asking them what they liked and thought needed to be changed about our materials. Many busy pastors did not answer, but many did.

After many hours of study the book, "Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches" was published and is free to any Methodist who wants one. This paragraph from this book is a good basis for our new materials:

"Through Christian Education the fellowship of believers (the Church) seeks to help persons become aware of God's seeking love as shown especially in Jesus Christ and to respond in faith and love to the end that they may develop self-understanding, self-acceptance, and self-fulfillment under God; increasingly identify themselves as sons of God and members of the Christian community; live as Christian disciples in all relations in human society; and abide in the Christian hope."

This is the aim of all Methodist teaching but for children the lessons have to be learned step by step. Therefore many more hours were spent deciding which Bible verses, which stories, which learning activities were needed for each age level. Out of this has come a most wonderful group of materials. It is called, "Christian Studies for Methodist Children." Next week we will think more about these materials.

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Poem For The Week

BORN OF THE SPIRIT

You cannot tell how, when nor where
The Holy Spirit has come near
"As the wind bloweth where it will"
We think of God and stand still.

The Holy Spirit gives us power
As a breath, as a shower
He searcheth the hearts of all,
Bids you come at every call.

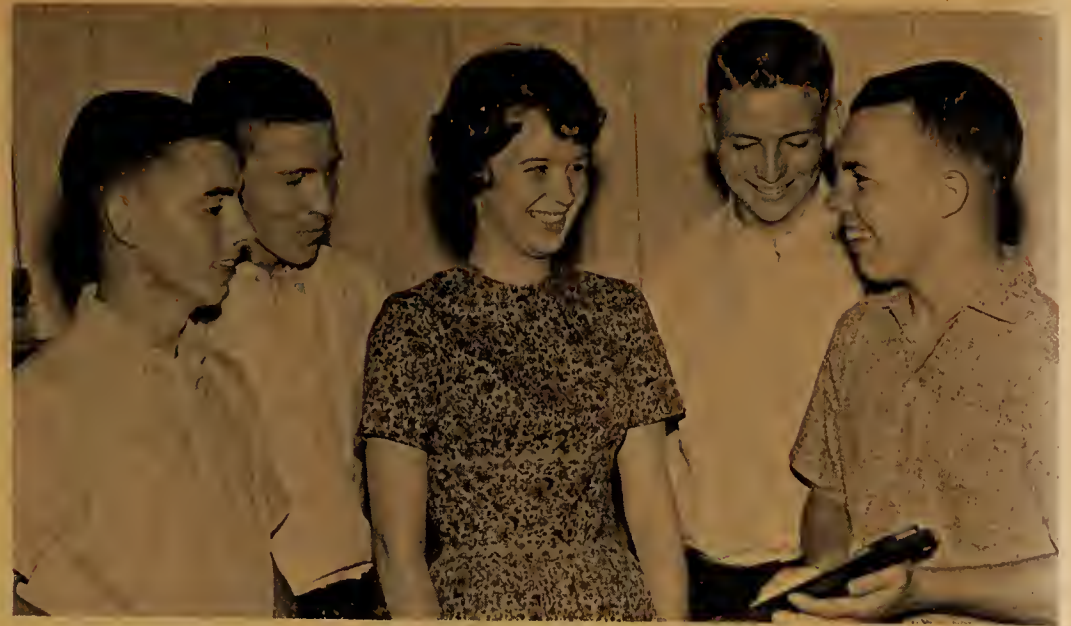
He purifies the soul from sin,
Brings that blessed peace within.
He teacheth us how to pray
When the spirit has his way.

He intercedes to God for us
Saves us from our worldly lust
Guides us all along through life
Saves us from every sin and strife.

By Mattie F. Powell
Hanna, Louisiana



MEMBERS OF THE MYF of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, prepare boxes of clothing for Central Louisiana State Hospital as a recent project of the group.



PALESTINE METHODIST CHURCH MYF's admire the plaque recently given to them as the most outstanding MYF group in the Alexandria District.



THE REV. ROY GARRETT, Jonesville-Harrisburg Charge, served as director of the Alexandria District Junior Camp held at Camp Brewer.

Louisiana

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News in Pictures



MISS MARY FRANCES TOOKE, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Karl Tooke of Philadelphia, Pa., who recently received notice that she was a recipient of a National Methodist Scholarship. She is attending Wesley College, Dover, Del.



MISS MARY JO STEGALL and Mr. Bing Crosby were united in marriage, July 14, at Sibley Methodist Church. SP/4 Richard R. Stegall and Miss Carolyn Lane of Wynne, Ark., were married on July 7. Mary



Jo and Richard are the children of the Rev. and Mrs. W.G. Stegall of the Sibley Church. The Rev. Merlin Merrill of Minden read the ceremony in the Sibley Mary Church.



THE CHATHAM MYF had a night of recreation and a Birthday Parth recently. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Greer are counselors and the Rev. Leon Scott is the pastor.



WESLEY CHURCH, Alexandria, the Rev. D.R. Deen, pastor, which has recently completed extensive improvements to their church building and their parsonage.



THIS GROUP OF young people from Louisiana recently attended the South Central MYF Regional at Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 2-9.



MISS MARGARET SUSAN (Peggy) Romero, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Romero of Kaplan, who was chosen to represent Louisiana in the Miss USA and Miss Universe contests. She is an active member of the Kaplan Church, according to the pastor the Rev. J.B. McCann.

Slidell Youth Have Busy Summer

The Junior High and Senior MYF's of the Slidell Methodist Church have just completed a very active month, with over 60 different youth participating.

Youth Activities Week for the Senior High MYF was held August 5-9 with a different program scheduled for each evening. A panel from the Hammond MYF presented a sharing program the first evening on the "Purpose of the MYF," followed by a devotional by the pastor, Rev. Ed Thomas. Another evening was spent viewing slides of a Work Camp with an interesting talk given by Mrs. Beverly Morgan, who had participated in the Work Camp in the Dominican Republic a few years ago. Nearly 60 youth of various churches in Slidell were guests at an ice cream supper one of the nights, and the closing evening was spent at a Progressive Supper, concluding with a devotional at the church, led by the pastor, Rev. Alfred M. Brown. The climax of this week came on Sunday night when the youth conducted the entire evening service, with one of their number, John Bevan Jr., bringing the sermon.

Another experience of the Senior MYF was a Mission Tour in two parts. The first day took them to New Orleans to visit the Methodist Home Hospital, the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation and St. Mark's Community Center. The second day of the tour took them to McDonell Home in Houma and Dulac Community Center at Dulac.

The group has adopted a long-range project as a result of the week's activities—they are to form a youth choir which will sing each Sunday at a new 8:30 a.m. service. Another project was to help in the Vacation Church School, and still another was to help in a one-day mission study with the small children. These youth sent their president, Miss Susan Mayfield to the Methodist Assembly at Centenary College in June. Counselor of this group is Mrs. Nora Bailey.

Junior Highs had a very successful Christian Adventure Week, August 12-16, using the theme "God's World

Louisianan Named To College Staff

The Rev. J. Marvin Cook, a native of Louisiana, has been appointed to the mathematics department faculty of Florida Southern College.

Mr. Cook, who is also an electrical engineer, is a native of Natchitoches. He received his B.S. degree in engineering in 1951 at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, his master's degree from Texas A. & M. the following year, and his B.D. degree in 1958 from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, where he was graduated with honors.

For the last five years he has worked as a specialist in microwave radar tubes, first for the Sperry Rand Corp., Gainesville, Fla., and then for the ARINC Research Corp., Washington, D. C., where he was also a technical consultant for the U. S. Air Force.

Florida Southern, a Methodist liberal arts college, has an enrollment of 2,000 students.

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WORTH QUOTING

"If the church in America laid on the altar for missions at home and abroad a proportion of the total income of its members equal to that given by members of some younger churches, the opportunities it would open are beyond our power to assess."—Dr. Lewistine M. McCoy, New York, executive secretary for Methodist missionary recruitment, in an address at the Southeastern Missionary Conference, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

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and Ours." Each evening consisted of study, projects, films, fellowship, food and devotions. A field trip to the local dial telephone building proved most interesting. A report on the week's activities was presented at an evening service. Counselors for this MYF are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nixon.

Others helping in the two week's activities were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Packer, Mrs. Virgil Mears, Mrs. Kay Nicholson, John Bevan Jr., Mike Spence, Miss Beverly Pichon, Miss Suzanne Bailey, Mrs. Harry Spence, Mrs. Jean Davis, Mrs. W. A. Baker, Mrs. A. M. Brown.

On August 14 an all day Planning Retreat was held by the Senior MYF—the first time such long-range plans had been attempted. Following the day's work a swimming party was held.



THE SHREVEPORT DISTRICT JUNIOR CAMP No. 2, which was held Aug. 19-23, was directed by the Rev. C. B. Krumnow.

Methodist Hospital Building Fund

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN NAMED

Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Sr., Chairman, Area Division, Methodist Hospital Building Fund announced the complete list of District Chairmen for the Methodist Hospital Campaign as follows:

V. J. French	Alexandria District	Jena, Louisiana
T. H. Matheny	Baton Rouge District	Hammond, Louisiana
James L. Gray	Lafayette District	New Iberia, Louisiana
William A. Ford	Lake Charles District	Lake Charles, Louisiana
Howard W. Lance	Monroe District	Monroe, Louisiana
Elmo S. Koschel	New Orleans District	New Orleans, Louisiana
Henry Y. Galloway	Ruston District	Arcadia, Louisiana
L. Keith Mason, M.D.	Shreveport District	Shreveport, Louisiana

Mr. Daughenbaugh, who is also Lay Leader of the Louisiana Conference, stated that orientation meetings would be held in the near future in all districts.

Methodist Hospital in New Orleans will be the first completely owned and operated Methodist Hospital in Louisiana. First phase construction will provide 150 beds of an ultimate 450 bed hospital.

The actual solicitation will get underway early this Fall.

Premiere of New Corey Play At Shreveport's First Baptist

Centenary College's Orlin Corey, already firmly established among the world's true pioneers in the field of religious drama after the international success of his "Book of Job," will unveil his second stage adaptation of the scriptures Oct. 6, when "Romans by St. Paul" premieres in the sanctuary of Shreveport's First Baptist Church.

The official occasion of the premiere will be a series of events marking the dedication of the church's new building, but the connection doesn't end there. Corey, head of Centenary's Department of Speech and Drama, was first encouraged and later commissioned to begin a dramatization of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans by Dr. James Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in the spring of 1962.

Corey researched and worked on the adaptation of the King James translation until December, 1962, when he completed the first draft of the dramatized version. Three rewritings were necessary before the performance draft was completed in July of this year.

Corey explains that St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans was selected because it is generally regarded as the central statement of doctrine in Christianity—the supreme summary of human redemption and the grace of God. Addressed to Roman Christians of the first century, St. Paul's vision encompasses Christians and churches of all ages.

"It's as timely to the Church in 1963 as it was in 63 A.D.," he declares. "It's my conviction that most of this book of

the New Testament represents a masterful address by St. Paul—perhaps his chief achievement and one which he transferred into a formal statement and sent on to the church at Rome."

"Romans by St. Paul" is an arrangement of the biblical book for speaking chorus. The intense language and spiritual convictions of the apostle form what Corey calls "a logic poem, orchestrated for human voice."

Twelve players—five men and seven women—speak, chant, intone and sing the musical language of the King James translation. In addition to Paul, the twelve divide into four elders of the Church Eternal and seven unidentified feminine saints, to whom Paul speaks.

They in turn question him, sometimes answering his questions. At times they amplify his utterance, or echo his theme. At moments of great climax they unite voices into a choir for expression of exaltation, adoration or thanksgiving. In movement they flow in designs derived from the mood of their utterance.

Auditions for "Romans" were conducted unofficially last May at Centenary's Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. From a large group of aspirants, Corey selected 18 of the most vocally promising; these were mailed copies of the new script in mid-Summer and asked to memorize it as a requisite for final auditions in early September. At that time the cast of 12 will be selected.

Following the premiere at the First Baptist Church, the play will have its regular run at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, Oct. 10-19, daily at 8:15 p.m. except Sunday.

Also scheduled is a limited series of week-end touring performances throughout the winter, to include engagements in Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Little Rock and Oklahoma City.

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A LONG A DUSTY ROAD somewhere in the vastness of India was a village that had become Christian. Her people were new in the faith; they had been Christians for only about 10 years. But they wanted to do something to share.

They decided to invite new Christians from another village to come and live with them for a month so that they might teach the visitors how to read. Four persons accepted the invitation.

In the short space of one month, all four learned to read. One man learned quickly and well enough that he

blighly. In 1940 the all-India literacy rate was only 8 per cent. By 1950, three years after independence, it had doubled. In the next decade the proportion of literates increased by half again to reach the present 24 per cent.

But to catch up — to say nothing of teaching the 20,000 new persons who are the daily net gain in population — is a job of staggering proportions.

Besides the government, many private organizations are at work. Some of the big U.S. foundations are aiding non-sectarian literacy programs. Why are the Christian churches in the work? There are at least four reasons:

other interchurch group, and many denominational units at work in teaching and publication.

To all of this The Methodist Church in Southern Asia is actively related. Indian Methodists cooperate with the all-India literacy and literature programs. But they have a big work of their own.

The Central Conference, which governs The Methodist Church in India, has established a Council on Christian Literature on Publication. Along lines of policy set by the council work two major units—the century-old Methodist Publishing House in Lucknow and the comparatively new Commission on

nice Sluyter, missionary, who has directed this far-reaching program since it was given its present set-up in 1956.

While Miss Sluyter has a keen interest in literacy, her main task is to provide Christian literature and encourage its use. The complexity of this task becomes awesome when it is realized that the program involves 11 annual conferences and nine different languages, each with a distinct alphabet. She is trying to build up field staff in each language area.

The Methodist literature program is closely tied in with the National Christian Council of India, which has periodic workshops for writers and book-sellers. The NCC maintains 10 scholarships in the School of Journalism at Hyslop College.

The volunteer preacher-writers of the past have tended to be too scholarly according to Miss Sluyter. In the Christian community, about 30 per cent of adults can read—more than the national average. But if out of 100 Christians, you take the 30 who can read,

Reading and Writing

by Edwin H. Maynard

(Editor's Note: One of the principal emphases of The Methodist Church in its overseas missionary program during the 1964-68 quadrennium is on the production and distribution of Christian literature. This article tells about literature work in India. The writer is the editor of THE METHODIST STORY and this is one of a series of articles by Mr. Maynard as a result of an extensive visit to Methodist mission fields.)

could read the Bible, so his friends gave him one. He took it back to his home village.

One reading man plus one Bible equals one evangelist. His influence for Christ has been great.

This is the sort of thing that happens — or rather, can happen — when literacy work gets going.

Unfortunately, it does not "just happen." Teaching people to read is hard and sometimes discouraging work. In India as anywhere else, it will take place only with organization and training. In short, it needs a plan.

Christians of India are on the job. And in a nation of 450 million with a literacy level of 24 per cent, the job is a vast one.

The government has been pushing hard on all education, including literacy. The statistics have responded o-

The humanitarian motive to "do good."

A desire to improve the social and economic lot of the Christian community.

A desire to use the printed word to instruct Christians in their faith.

Reading is a means of evangelism to the non-Christians.

From a Christian viewpoint, literacy work in India is a part of a global picture. India's needs are similar to those of many countries. The work is related to international groups working toward the same goals, particularly the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature (Lit-Lit) in New York.

Two national boards set up by Indian Christians coordinate policy and allocate subsidies that are available from abroad. To them are related the big Christian Literature Society, one

Christian Literature.

Methodists began work in India in 1856 and immediately established schools. By 1861 they also had a printing press in operation. That press, first established in Bareilly, continues today as the big Methodist Publishing House in Lucknow.

Today it is a modern printing plant, turning out Christian literature in seven languages. Its building was new six years ago, but already plans are developing for an 80 x 24-foot addition for a bindery. While the printing has been mechanized and modernized, binding continues to be a hand operation. Adding binding machinery will permit this phase of book production to keep up with printing.

The Lucknow press also produces religious books, hymnals, tracts, pamphlets, Sunday school materials and the church paper, Indian Witness. Its printers have learned to do color work, and teaching picture posters now are being produced in full color.

The Rev. W. W. Bell, veteran missionary who was publishing agent for eight years, retired last year. Robert Smyres, formerly mission treasurer, is taking up the reins, while superintendency of the mechanical and distribution departments have been taken up by two British men.

The Publishing House sells its own output and other printed matter by mail and through an attractive bookroom in Lucknow. Other bookrooms through India sell its products.

Writers and editors for the books and magazines of Indian Methodism have usually worked for the love of it. For the most part, they have been clergymen or missionaries who took on editorial chores after hours as one more job to be done. Now, for the first time, the Publishing House has plans to establish an editorial department and assemble a professional staff for this work.

In a compound just behind the Publishing House—close enough for easy coordination—one finds the headquarters of the Commission on Christian Literature. There one meets Miss Eu-



Sunday school and worship services are held on the porch of the parsonage in the Christian village of Zazeeraabad. Here the Rev. K. Jeevaratnam leads a group of children singing. He is a student at the Methodist Rural High School as well as being pastor.

you find that 20 have an education of sixth grade or less. Of the remaining 10, there will be eight with high school education and two who have gone to college. "We have been publishing for those two," she says.

Christian literacy-literature programs are aimed at getting all of the people reading. This requires suitable literature at every level. Also required are more and better Sunday school materials, for religious instruction is steadily being ruled out of church-operated day schools. The Sunday schools will have to pick up the job.

Two special projects play key roles

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When installation of this new high-speed offset press is completed, the output of the plant will be about doubled. The press will be used almost entirely in printing Bibles. First job scheduled is 25,000 copies of Hindi Bible, followed by 25,000 copies of Telegu Bible. The press prints a sheet 24x36 inches.

The Word in India

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in Miss Sluyter's program. One is called "Readers' Service," and the other is the Bible Correspondence Course. The correspondence school, directed by Nirmal P. David, reached 24,000 persons in its first five years—and 85 out of each 100 were non-Christians. Men and women who dare not profess Christianity openly may study it by mail. There are many secret followers; some have been baptized after taking the correspondence course.

The classes by mail are free. About half of those who enroll complete the course and receive certificates. They sign up after reading newspaper ads or hearing about the Bible study from friends. The student has a choice of three New Testament courses in Hindi or a survey of the entire Bible in English.

Mr. David gets many letters like this one: "Most humbly I want to say that my baptism took place on 19th November, 1961. The course and Christian literature which you supplied helped me to understand Christianity. And your personal teachings helped me further to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I was spiritually drawn toward Christianity due to your course and Christian literature."

The reading program picks up where literacy teachers leave off. For country villages it works through the "tin trunk library." For towns and cities, it is worked through reading rooms.

The "tin trunk" is a small metal box packed with 100 paper-bound books. They are light reading, at sixth-grade level or below. Subjects range from stories and drama to biography and

Christian doctrine.

The assortment of 100 books in each library are chosen from a longer list, so all trunks are not alike. When most of the folks in a village have read most of the books, they may exchange with another village to get new titles. The theme, repeated over and over, is: "The books are for reading, not for sale."

The same can be said of the reading room. The main difference is that in a more sophisticated town or city setting the reading room looks more like a library. Books placed in these rooms are more advanced, including high school and university level. Books are not loaned out, but are for reading on the spot.

A local committee to govern the bookroom is required. The committee is asked to provide a room which can be open for reading at regular hours and to provide persons to supervise the room. The committee must also select titles and buy its own books, making an accounting to Lucknow of the use of subsidy funds.

Sometimes the committee's problems require a lot of thought. In one town, a committee of 23 had only three Christian members. The others were Muslim and Hindus of all castes—except for one who was a Communist. Mr. Nathan stepped into that one as an advisor. He told the Communist, "You are wel-

come on the committee so long as you abide by the principles of the library." So far he has behaved.

Indian resources are being put into the work, both in the purchase of books and church supplies and in the establishment of bookstores. (This is a story in itself. Christian bookstores are needed and often make impressive sales. Yet it is not possible to rent space; the storeroom must be purchased. Generally commercial bookstalls and newsstands in public places refuse to handle Christian literature, though a few of the larger bookstores will. This adds weight to the need for Christian bookstores.)

Through Advance Specials, it is possible for Methodists to direct aid to the program at several points. Specials can be arranged for printing equipment, for certain parts of the literature program and for distribution.

None of the Christian literature work in India is self-supporting, though it aims to be. The usual pattern is for Christian books and pamphlets to sell at about half their cost. The 50 per cent subsidy, in turn, comes about half from Indian sources and half from abroad.

In an India where the government is trying to make the nation literate in a

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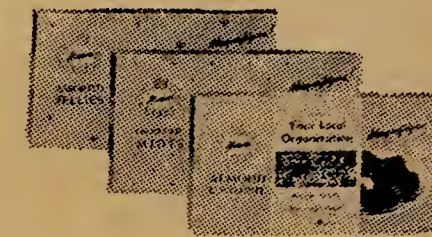


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The Belle Chasse Community Methodist Church

Dr. A. M. Serex, Pastor

The Belle Chasse Community Methodist Church is the youngest Methodist Church in the Conference. It was organized on May 26, 1963, just a few days before the convening of the last session of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Belle Chasse, a French name meaning "Beautiful Hunt," is a Community on the West bank of the Mississippi River, seven miles southeast of Gretna. It is on the northern boundary of Plaquemines Parish, our state's southernmost parish, which extends like a long finger of land following the Mississippi on its final journey into the Gulf of Mexico.

For many years, Belle Chasse was a small and quiet community. The population was overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. In 1944, the few Protestants who resided there decided to band together for church services of their own faith. They were so few in number, that the only practical way was to organize a Community Church. The late O. E. Hodge, well known Methodist layman and businessman of our state, gave the land on which a lovely sanctuary was built and dedicated in 1946. Mr. Hodge passed away in 1954. His widow, Mrs. Nancy Hodge now lives in Shreveport and through the years has kept a faithful interest in the little church. Several of the other charter members of the Community Church are still there: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Freeman; Mr. and Mrs. Russell White; Mrs. M. F. Cain, all faithful and loyal members.

For some 17 years, the pulpit was filled by visiting ministers from several denominations, who alternated Sundays, and kept alive the Protestant witness in the community.

Five years ago, the magnificent new bridge was opened across the Mississippi River, and opened the Westbank for an unprecedented growth and development. It is the fastest growing section of the Greater New Orleans area. New residential subdivisions are being opened up and large apartment projects are under construction. The land-hungry city is rushing in that direction for the space that it desperately needs. Belle Chasse is on the edge of all this. It is only 15 minutes from Canal Street across the new bridge.

With remarkable statesmanship, the Belle Chasse Community Church realized that the only way for their church to cope adequately with this situation was to relate itself to a strong denomination with a great program and the know-how to handle these things.

Overtures were made to other denominations. But somehow the conversations bogged down over some detail or requirement. Then the group began to confer with Dr. Carl F. Lueg, New Orleans District Superintendent. Dr. Lueg became immediately interested in the potential which existed in Belle Chasse, and through his leadership, The Community Church sensed quickly that The Methodist Church was the denomination with the flexibility, the program, and the organizational ability to meet their need. A formal invitation was then extended to the District Superintendent to send a Methodist preacher to serve the Community Church, and to explore further the possibility to organize a Methodist Church in Belle Chasse. On May 1, 1963, Dr. Lueg appointed Dr. A. M. Serex, who was on Sabbatical Leave, to fill the pulpit of the Community Church, and to see what could be done to carry out the proposed plan.

The response in Belle Chasse was most enthusiastic and inspiring. Within 30 days, the new Methodist Church was organized with 100 charter members, sixty per cent of that number coming by baptism, profession of faith and from other denominations. A special cause of rejoicing is the fact that every member of the former Community Church decided to come into the new Methodist Church. There has not been a single loss in the transition from one church to the other. A full Methodist program is being implemented as rapidly as possible, and there is every indication

that the present membership will at least double during the present Conference year.

This influx of new people has taxed the capacity of the former small Community Church. They are in desperate need of Sunday School rooms for children and young people. Fortunately, next to the church building, there is a fine lot 100 to 100 ft., with a vacant store and residence, which the members themselves will remodel and adapt for use.

The Belle Chasse Church is grateful to the Conference for having been assigned the first call of the 1000 Club. Your help will be a worthwhile investment for the growth and development of Methodism in Plaquemines Parish.



The One Thousand Club A Modern Miracle in Our Time in Louisiana

Thomas A. Pitt, Associate Area Director

25 New Methodist Churches in the last 10 years

During the last decade Louisiana Methodists have contributed a quarter of a million dollars through the 1000 Club to help start 25 new churches in the Louisiana Conference. The following is an estimated inventory of what this investment has helped to produce. Memberships totaling 6000 have Benevolent Givings annually of \$30,000.00. This is made possible through annual budgets of a half a million dollars. The total value of these church properties has grown to almost two million dollars. Think of the influence for Christ that has been generated in these 25 communities through your support of the 1000 Club.

The 1000 Club was started in the Louisiana Conference back in 1952 and is sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities. The idea behind its beginning was that 100 Christians would give \$10.00 each three times a year to help start new churches. This would produce \$10,000.00 for each of the three "calls" for a total of \$30,000.00 per Conference year. This money is in turn presented to each of the three new churches designated to receive the "calls" by the Appropriation Committee.

Another feature of the 1000 Club is the help that is given to the various District Boards of Missions for church extension. Each district has accepted a quota that totals \$10,000.00 for the entire conference for each of the three "calls" per year. When this quota is reached all money in excess of the quota remains in the district in which it is raised. These funds are used by that District Board of Missions for church extension projects within their district. The predominant use in the past, and the urgent need at present is for the purchase of land for future churches. Thus the property is acquired well in advance of the actual establishment of the new church, at a time when it can be bought at a more reasonable figure.

The three "calls" for the current year are as follows: The first "call", which is being made now is for Belle Chasse Community Methodist Church at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, in the New Orleans District. The second "call", which will be made this winter will go to Love Chapel Methodist Church in Bossier City in the Shreveport District. The third "call" will be made next spring for Wesley Methodist Church at Sulphur in the Lake Charles District.

To become a member of the 1000 Club an individual, a Men's Club, Church School Class or other organization simply pledges to answer the three "calls" per year by giving \$10.00 for each "call" to their local church 1000 Club Director. If you do not know who your local director is contact your pastor, District Lay Leader, or Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh, 207 Dodson Street, New Iberia, La., or Thomas A. Pitt, Box 4325, Shreveport.



One-Year-Old Church Raising Money For Car For Missionary

Christ Methodist Church of Shreveport, a church only one year old, has taken on a ten-week mission project of raising \$1800 to buy a car for a missionary couple in Malaya. The new church recently completed the first unit of its building program and has already outgrown the facilities. However, their own needs do not take precedent over what they believe to be the true mission of the Church.

The Rev. Oscar Cloyd, pastor, said the mission project has been unanimously endorsed by the membership. He said "They have received a great deal of help themselves and believe that a church which is concerned only with itself does not typify the true Church."

All 225 members of Christ Church are actively involved in raising the money. The membership has been divided into 18 groups, with each group responsible for \$100. Two of these groups are composed of the youth of the church.

On August 15, the project officially started, and each group planned its own fund-raising activities. The youth groups have already held a "car wash" and a "work day." Mr. Cloyd said everyone has received so much enjoyment and inspiration in planning the project that they hope other churches will undertake similar mission projects.

The car will go to the Rev. and Mrs. Donald K. Small in Telok Anson,

Malaya. Mrs. Small, the former Jo Ann Richardson of Baton Rouge, is a 1955 graduate of Centenary College, and was director of Christian Education at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Monroe, 1957-59. Her husband is a native of San Antonio, graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and has done Christian Education work at First Methodist Church in Hammond, La. Both Mr. and Mrs. Small are graduates of Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas. They were commissioned as missionaries of The Methodist Church in January of this year. They both had served previously as short-term Methodist missionaries. They and their small son left in February for Malaya. Mr. and Mrs. Small are serving as Christian educators and he is pastor of two churches, 30 miles apart. Next year, he will be chaplain of seven schools in Malaya. In a recent letter, the Smalls expressed their need for motor transportation.

New Orleans Seminar Stresses Religious Duties of Youth

The Tenth Youth Seminar held recently at Lake Vista Methodist Church in New Orleans stressed the responsibilities of youth in promoting better understanding between different faiths.

The seminar was held under the auspices of the New Orleans Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Aug. 29.

Mr. J. J. Egan of the Family Life Bureau of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, told one group of high school students that "many youths today are overly-concerned with their own problems and interests. They tend to be more interested in themselves than

their families and friends."

Mrs. Egan recommended that the young people work to "help rebuild the solidarity of the home on three levels: intellectual, spiritual and social."

Dr. Joseph E. Gordon, director of admissions at Tulane University, led another discussion group in consideration

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Broadmoor Church, Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Announce Christian Workers' School For Shreveport District

The Shreveport District Christian Workers' School for all adult members and workers in the Church School will be held September 29-October 1 at the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport. The school is planned to inform workers and to offer guidance to members in promoting the Christian faith and skills of Christian Leadership.

The general assembly will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, September 29, and the first class period will follow from 3 to 5 p.m. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, the classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., with a 20 minute intermission.

Ten courses will be taught by in-

structors from Louisiana and Texas. General subjects will be "The Meaning of Methodism", with Dr Robert Goodloe of Dallas, visiting professor at Centenary College; and "Current Viewpoints in Christian Theology", with Dr. Ben Oliphint, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Monroe. The studies for workers with adults will be "Guiding Older Youth" and "Young Adult Work in the Church", taught by the Rev. Wallace Chappell, pastor of the Ridgewood Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas; and "Helping Adults Learn" by Dean Bond Fleming of Centenary College.

Courses for Church School workers

in the various age groups are: "Working with Nursery Children", Mrs. John Haynie of Shreveport; "Working with Kindergarten Children", Mrs. W. I. Eubanks of Watson; "Working with Primary Children", Mrs. Charles Learner of Baton Rouge; "Working with Junior Boys and Girls", Mrs. Frank L. Tiller of Shreveport; "The New Curriculum for Children", Miss Shiela Nuttall of Shreveport; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship" - for adult workers with senior highs - the Rev. George Harkins, Shreveport, for adult workers with junior highs - the Rev. John Hassler of Shreveport. The M.Y.F. courses will also be available in morning ses-

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Area Director Meets With District Councils

Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Director of the Louisiana Area Council, will meet with the staffs of two District Councils next week. They are Ruston, September 16, and Alexandria, September 19. Held last week were: Monroe, Sept. 5, Lake Charles, Sept. 9, and Lafayette, Sept. 10.

At these meetings, called by the district superintendents, Dr. Bowdon explains the relationship of the Methodist Area Council to the District Councils. The District Council is composed of the district directors of Church School administration, children's work, youth work, adult work, camping, Christian vocations, evangelism, Louisiana Methodist, missions, Christian social concerns, stewardship, town and country work, worship, treasurer, lay leader, Woman's Society, 1000 Club, hospitals and homes, public relations, Wesley Foundations, and other special responsibilities.

On these same dates, Miss Shiela

Hospitals-Homes Stewards' Day

The Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, has announced the following schedule for the day, Sunday, Sept. 15:

12:00 Noon - Lunch - Webb Hall
12:50-1:00 p.m. - Welcome
1:00-1:10 p.m. - Recognition of special guests and board members. Registration
1:10-1:20 p.m. - "A Personal View," Melvin T. Lewis, vice-president, Alumni Association
1:20-1:40 p.m. - "Purposes, Program, Problems," by the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent
1:40-2:00 p.m. - Discussion
2:00-2:30 p.m. - Guided tours
2:30-3:15 p.m. - Service of Worship led by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

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Nuttall, conference director of children's work, is holding sessions with children's workers in each district to plan the November district workshop on the new curriculum for the Children's Division.

sions taught by the Rev. J.J. Caraway of Shreveport and Mrs. C. B. Nelson of Warren, Arkansas.

The executive committee responsible for planning the School is composed of: Dr. Jolly B. Harper district superintendent; Mrs. Ella Mae Charlton, district director, leadership training; Dr. James T. Harris, host pastor; the Rev. John W. Hassler, chairman, board of managers; the Rev. George Harkins dean; the Rev. Oscar Cloyd, chairman, curriculum committee; and Mrs. Doris Marsalis, chairman, publicity.

Child care for pre-school and school age children will be available at the church during sessions.

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Cite Membership Gains in Indian Conference

ANTLERS, Okla. (RNS) — Membership in the Oklahoma Methodist Indian Mission Conference gained by 606 in 1962 and now stands at 10,167 in 118 churches, it was reported at its annual meeting here.

Editorials

Education, 1963

WITH the beginning of another school year we are aware as never before of the increasingly important place we all are giving to this important facet of life. Whether a mother is cutting the apron strings of a kindergarten child or helping the college freshman with his final packing she knows that in this highly competitive age the educational facilities beyond the home are reaching out their hands to take a greater responsibility for what they are to become.

Even where problems of integration are most tense there is apparently a new awareness of the danger of trading the child's educational birthright for what some parents had thought was more important. It is doubtful that ever again will there be those who would rather see their schools closed than see court orders concerning integration carried forward. We believe we can someday say that 1963 marked the year when the demagogic politician had to look elsewhere for the fuel for his inflammatory tactics than to the classroom where America's children are clamoring to be taught.

This is also the school term during which new approaches to character education must be found. With required prayers and Bible reading out of the pedagogic picture we can see if we are really serious about believing that the home and the Church are ready to share these increased responsibilities. We dare not ignore the challenge that comes to us from this aspect of the educational picture in the year 1963.

Beyond the apparently heavy concerns of a constantly changing educational picture as rapid events swirl about the schoolroom door and the entrance to the campus, there looms the area that is of greatest concern—that of the child of whatever age moving from the leisure of the summer and the sheltered life of the home into the educational forum from which tomorrow's leaders and

followers, presidents and ordinary tax payers, preachers and unchurched skeptics will emerge to be the "only hands that God has to do his work today."

Smiles For The Winners

IN the sports page of one of this week's papers there was a collection of champions crowned following a number of the week-end's most interesting competitions. The caption above the pictures of the victors was "smiles for the winners." We are all proud of a champion and are greatly caught up in his joy. Yet, behind each of these smiles, marking the moment when the laurel crown or its symbolic substitute was handed to Nicklaus, Osuma, Musial and Bueno, are the multitude of moments when these did not smile.

The Christian faith has a message for the winners, but its greatest mission is to the "also rans" because there are so many more of them. For every champion there are tens of thousands who worked just as hard, sweated just as much to learn at last that the laurel crown would never be theirs. The "one talent" man comes at last to learn that the winner's circle will never be his and he must settle for a vicarious share of the "ten talent man's" day of glory. And yet when that day is gone both the champion and the others must have some deeper source of satisfaction or both will know only a hollow shell of life.

One of the greatest little texts in the Old Testament is composed of the three words spoke by the three Hebrew children threatened by Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace when they expressed their confidence that God was able to deliver them and that He would deliver them—but then came those mighty words which affirmed "But if not—" their faith in him would not waver.

God has never placed a premium on mediocrity, but He had done his mightiest works there because it is the locale where the most of us are so much of the time. We must never assume failure when we start our regimens of preparation for any task, but we'd better keep its possibility in mind or we'll be torn asunder again and again.

Smile with the winner when he smiles, be a part of his victory and rejoice. But be assured that he will be bowled over along with the rest of us and we can all rejoice in the faith that shines brightly when all the lights seem to go out.

A proposal to make religious instruction a part of the public high school curriculum, first urged by the Anglican Primate of Australia, has been rejected in Sydney



EDITOR'S CORNER

Rebirth of The Laity

Last week-end brought an opportunity to be a part of the third conference laymen's meeting of the summer, the meeting of the men of the Little Rock Conference at Camp Tanako. In each of these meetings we have found abundant reason to be grateful for what is going on in the laymen's movement in The Methodist Church.

Dr. Howard Grimes, professor of Christian education at Perkins School of Theology and author of the very fine book, "The Rebirth of the Laity," filled a strategic place on the program at Tanako and shared the basic messages of his book in two messages. All who attended were impressed with his warmth and sincerity and were greatly tempted to be a part of this rebirth of which he spoke. As has been true in each of the other conferences retreats, additional strong leadership from within and beyond the group provided outstanding direction for those attending.

There seems to be no question that every denomination in Christendom—Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox—is equally concerned to stimulate by every possible means the dawning of this new day for the laity. As our laymen come into this conference lay program and then return to their districts to implement that to which they have committed themselves, there is a power for a great new church.

As we read the news stories that come across our desk from the lay activities of other denominations we are made keenly aware of this leaven that is becoming a more vital part of every confessional group.

The Methodist program of lay activities has always been most alert to the needs of the times. Our experiences in being in three conference lay programs this summer gives us added reason to hold to this conviction. Never since Methodist laymen were given equal representation in the annual and general conferences has there been such a challenge before them. New strategies are in the making and we know that our laymen will be ready with that type of witness which comes from their own deep commitment to Jesus Christ.

PERFECT ENDING TO ANY DAY

"LET THE... MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD, MY STRENGTH, AND MY REDEEMER."

—PSA. 19:14



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Volunteer Agencies' Overseas Aid Amounts to \$1,000,000 Per Day

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—American voluntary agencies distributed relief aid overseas at the rate of almost \$1,000,000 a day during 1962, the State Department's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid disclosed here.

The agencies licensed to participate in the program conducted by the Agency for International Development (AID) sent \$363,566,000 worth of help abroad last year, the annual report declared.

This included \$177,919,000 worth of surplus food donated from stocks acquired by the government in price support operations, and \$42,351,000 of other supplies, including drugs, used clothing, etc. The organizations spent \$122,956,000 in cash donations overseas. They also purchased \$20,418,000 in supplies abroad.

Total contributions in cash made by Americans to the voluntary organizations in 1962 was \$148,370,000.

Leading the field in international relief operations, as it has since World War II, was Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference which sent supplies worth \$161,089,000 abroad, almost equal to the total effort of all other voluntary agencies combined. This included \$126,000,000 in

surplus food and other supplies and \$35,726,000 in cash funds.

CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere, Inc.) took second place with \$64,947,000 of relief sent abroad. CARE expended more than \$22,000,000 in cash, most of it for purchases made abroad, and also sent \$42,000,000 in surplus food and other donated supplies.

Church World Service, overseas relief arm of the National Council of Churches listed its 1962 operations at \$41,442,000—\$29,355,000 in surplus food and donated supplies, and more than \$12,000,000 in cash expenditures.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee sent \$30,162,000 of relief, but only \$1,426,000 of this was in surplus food or other commodities and \$26,804,000 was in direct cash donations overseas.

Lutheran World Relief sent \$12,337,000 in aid overseas, including \$9,937,000 in surplus food and donated commodities.

Call For Expanded Church Role in Technology, Politics

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (RNS) — Churches, congregations and individual Christians must play a more responsible role in world technological and political developments or they may be forced into isolation, members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches were told here.

The need for various branches of Christianity to keep pace with world changes and maintain contact with one another was stressed by two speakers before the WCC policy-making body—an African minister and a layman from West Germany.

The Rev. Jean Kotto, general secretary of the Evangelical Church of Cameroun, cited Church responsibilities to the emerging nations of Africa.

Dr. Klaus von Bismarck, head of the West German Broadcasting Network and a grandson of the famous German Chancellor, declared that it is "absolutely essential" that Christians on both sides of the Iron Curtain maintain contact with each other.

Mr. Kotto, calling on the church to "adapt its message to present-day conditions" in Africa, described some principles of church-discipline to which he is opposed.

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WORTH QUOTING

"The purpose of the liberally educated man should not be simply to adjust to the world as it is, but to remake it. To prepare men and women to make a better world is not the primary purpose of professional education; it is the primary aim of liberal education." — Dr. T. R. McConnell, chairman of the Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of California, talking to the Institute of Higher Education, Nashville, Tenn.

New Ministers For Okinawa

A major advance in the life of the small but active United Church of Christ of Okinawa (Methodist-related) came at the recent annual meeting of the church's General Assembly.

The United Church ordained six ministers, which brought the total number of ordained clergy to 18. Thus the addition of six new ministers represented an increase of 50 per cent in the number of ordained clergymen serving in the church. Each of the new ministers had served as pastors from two to four years before ordination.

One of those ordained was the Rev. Karsuichi Yamazato, who was brought to the United States in 1961 by the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions for participation in its Overseas Pastors Training Program.

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New Group of US 2's on Field

For the second consecutive year, the home missions forces of The Methodist Church will be strengthened by the addition of an unusually large group of new two-year missionaries, who will begin service this fall.

The 1963 group of "U.S.-2's," as they are called, numbers 27, one more than the number last year. The 1962 group, on the other hand, had been more than twice as large as the 1961 group of 12. Thus both in 1962 and 1963 the number of U.S.-2's beginning work has been considerably larger than at any time in recent years, and this has caused Methodist Board of Missions leaders to hope that there is a rising trend of interest in and commitment to missionary service on the part of young people.



PROTESTANT, ROMAN CATHOLIC and Orthodox leaders who recently participated in the 24th annual North American Liturgical Week in Philadelphia, which was attended by more than 13,000 persons, included: (l. to r.) Father Vladimir Borichevsky, Russian Orthodox scholar; Dr. Francis Reinberger, Lutheran theological professor; Dr. Walter E. Frieman, Episcopal minister; Father Godfrey Diekmann, Catholic champion of liturgical reform; Dr. Lewis A. Briner, theological professor of United Presbyterian Church; Father James Murphy, chairman of the week's visitor's committee; and Dr. Walter B. Davis, Baptist theological professor.

Methodist Make News

MANY METHODISTS MARCH

Among many Methodist participants in the March on Washington Aug. 28 were six official delegates from the Second Methodist Conference on Human Relations, then in session in Chicago. The delegates carried a message supporting the objectives of the March.

With fewer than a half dozen dissenting votes, the Conference on Human Relations adopted a brief statement which said: "Our support of this March comes from our desire (1) to witness concern of the American People to the national moral issue of racial injustice and (2) to give support to justice implemented through civil rights legislation. Even as you are marching for Freedom we shall be working to implement these common objectives within the organization and congregations of our own Methodist Church."

The six official delegates from the conference who went to Washington were: Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Portland, Ore., conference chairman; Bishop Charles F. Golden, Nashville, Tenn., vice chairman; Mrs. C. A. Bender and Miss Theresa Hoover, both of the staff of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, New York; the Rev. Dr. Grover C. Bagby, Washington, D.C. associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns; and the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, Nashville, administrative assistant to Bishop Coldeen.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Awards for national leadership in civil rights were presented Aug. 28 to seven Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders, by the Methodist Conference on Human Relations in Chicago.

Those honored were: Albert Cardinal Meyer, Roman Catholic archbishop of Chicago; Rabbi Julius Mark of New York, past president of the Synagogue Council of America; Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Portland, Ore.; Bishop Charles F. Golden, Nashville-Birmingham Area; Miss Thelma Stevens, New York, executive secretary for Christian

social relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. Marion Downs, Los Angeles, concert singer and conference soloist; Aaron Henry, Clarksdale, Miss.

SOCKMAN ON AIR AGAIN

NBC's "National Radio Pulpit," the oldest continuous network program on the air, celebrates its 40th anniversary with the introduction of programs during October, November and December.

The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, who appeared on the programs for 35 years prior to his retirement as pastor of Christ Church (Methodist), New York, will return as guest speaker. The series is entitled "Questions We Keep Asking." National Radio Pulpit is broadcast on Sundays. Check local listings for time and station.

SET RETREAT IN GERMANY

Third annual retreat-conference for Methodist chaplains and laymen among U. S. armed forces in Europe has been set for October 28-Nov. 1, again at Berchtesgaden, Germany. More than 200 persons have attended each of the former sessions.

Principal speaker will be Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, chairman of the co-sponsoring Methodist Commission on Chaplains. Other speakers and leaders include Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill.; Prof. Robert R. Powell of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; William C. Patten, Albuquerque, N.M.; recording secretary of the Board of Lay Activities; Mrs. Tippet; and the Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin, Washington, D.C.; general secretary of the Commission on Chaplains. Dr. McLaughlin will direct the chaplains' programs, and Dr. Mayfield, the laymen's group.

To look at the cars outside the church on Sunday morning one would think there ought not be too much trouble in meeting the missionary quota.

Faithful Church Is Dedicated

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, assisted by Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, dedicated the Faithful Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Sept. 8. The Rev. K. K. and Rose Carithers are the pastors.

The building is located on five acres of land given in 1956 by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Singletary. It was built during the pastorate of the Rev. J. M. Wilkes. The Rev. Alvin Mayo was the next pastor and during his pastorate pledges were paid on the building. It has been freed of debt during the time served by the present pastors.

The church is the culmination of the work of generations. For many years there was no Methodist church in the community. Then a local preacher, William "Bill" Sibley, who owned land in the community, inspired the people to start a Sunday School in 1916 in a grove that was known as old Beech Grove, where Mrs. LeRoy Howe now lives. When winter came they moved their services into the Jack Collins home where they worshipped for about a year.

In 1918, Fred Sibley, son of "Bill" Sibley, gave them the land on which to build their own church. Early families in the membership were the West, Singletary and Sibley families. Men of the church cut the timber and it was sawed in Mr. Sibley's sawmill. Until 1930 the building continued to be known as the Sunday School house since there was still no church organization.

This continued until June 28, 1930, when 21 people organized the Faithful Methodist Church. Ten of the charter members are still active. The old Sunday School house was replaced by another building during the pastorate of the Rev. C. J. T. Cotten. In 1956 the building was moved to the present location under the pastorate of the Rev. Brady Forman.

Methodists have invested \$622,981,093 in institutions devoted to the care of the suffering and the aged. Additional institutions in process of construction will increase this total to \$672,456,233.

From Centenary College

A PREVIEW AND REVIEW

B. C. Taylor

The one-hundred-thirty-ninth session of Centenary College will begin September 13. Three hundred and two new students have been admitted to the college at the present.

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The new boys dormitory has been completed and furnished. A parking lot, around the dorm is now under construction; new sidewalks have been laid connecting the dorm with other buildings.

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A new band "shell" is being built as an addition to the Greek Amphitheatre, a gift from Mrs. R. H. Hargrove.

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The new music building is progressing nicely and should be ready for use by January 1, a gift of Mrs. Ed Hurley.

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The old Jackson Hall is being renovated and reconditioned for the Fall Semester. It is the only "real sick" building on the campus. It needed doctoring inside and out.

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Eleven new faculty members have been added to the teaching roster for the coming year. They are: Dr. Wilfred L. Guerin, Professor of English; C. Lloyd Halliburton, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages; Walter C. Hohmann, Dean of Students and Director of Admissions; Josa Krajner, Assistant Professor of Physics and Engineering; Dr. Walter Lowery, Professor of History; Henry M. Nicholson, Jr., Instructor of Mathematics; William Earl Nolan, Counseling and Alumni Affairs; Mrs. Etoyol Smith, Instructor of Physical Education; Dr. Frank V. Touchstone, Associate Professor of Psychology; George W. Treese, Instructor of Mathematics; and Robert L. Trewatha, Associate Professor of Business and Economics.

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Dr. Virginia Carlton will take a year's leave of absence as a Fulbright Scholar and will teach in the University of Ghana, Africa.

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The MSM Conference, the Pastor's School, the Laymen's Retreat and the WSCS School of Missions, all have reported a record attendance this summer. These conferences have been a blessing to the campus and to the community.

1964 Dates

Word has been received from the Rev. Alfred M. Brown, Sli-dell, that the dates for the 1964 Pastors' School have been set for Aug 10-14.

Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary College, has released the news that the WSCS School of Missions will be held Aug. 3-7, 1964 and the Laymen's Retreat will be Aug. 8-9.

Missionary Workshop Date Announced

The Shreveport District Missionary Workshop for workers with children and youth will be held Sept. 16 at Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport.

All workers with these two age groups are urged to attend. The material to be presented can be used either for additional sessions or to enrich the missionary unit in January or February during the Church School hour.

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For the first time in all its experience the Christian Church is confronted with a world-wide movement of atheism.

NURSERY WORKERS' CONFERENCES

RESOURCE LEADER: Miss Vera Zimmerman, Nashville, Tennessee, Nursery-Kindergarten Specialist, General Board of Education

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All workers in Nursery Department: Nursery Home Visitors, Child Care Workers, Teachers and all other Workers in Nursery Department for Sunday-morning sessions.

Parents of Nursery-age children

Places	Dates	Hours
Ruston-Trinity Church	October 7, 1963	9:30 A. M. - 2:30 P. M.
Alexandria-Trinity Church	October 8, 1963	9:30 A. M. - 2:30 P. M.
Crowley-First Church	October 9, 1963	9:30 A. M. - 2:30 P. M.
Hammond-First Church	October 10, 1963	9:30 A. M. - 2:30 P. M.

Registration Fee, \$1.00 (To be paid at the conference)

A nursery will be provided.

Bring sandwiches and cookies to spread together for lunch. There will not be time to go out for lunch, since we plan to utilize our time with a luncheon program. Be sure to bring lunch for your children, too.

Lake Providence Organ Dedicated

The cornerstone for the new sanctuary was laid and a new Moeller pipe organ was dedicated in services at First Methodist Church, Lake Providence, Sunday, Aug. 11.

The Rev. Edward Haug, Monroe District Superintendent, presided at the two significant services on this occasion. He was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Alvin P. Smith, and two former pastors, the Rev. Sidney Seegers and the Rev. Albert Collins.

At 2:30 p.m. an organ recital was presented and an "open house" was held at 3 p.m.

The sanctuary and educational buildings were used for the first time in Easter services this year. The total cost of construction and furnishing of the buildings was \$203,000 and the grounds are now being landscaped.

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PICTURED AT THE recent cornerstone laying and organ dedication at First Methodist Church, Lake Providence, were (l. to r.): the Rev. Albert Collins and the Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Seegers.

MEDICINE FOR CUBA

The National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement, in its recent annual meeting in Delaware, Ohio, adopted a proposal that medicines be collected and sent to Cuba to alleviate suffering.

The proposal calls for the formation of a MSM committee to collect the medicines and send them to the Cuban Methodist Student Movement for distribution through the Latin American secretary of the World Student Christian Federation "or by any other means the committee may deem advisable."



CHAPLAIN (1st Lt.) Paul G. Durbin, member of the Louisiana Conference who is stationed at Fort Polk, is shown as he administered communion during a field service for basic trainees. He is being assisted by S/5 Jerry Peterson.



THE MYF OF LOUISIANA MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Opelousas, held a Retreat at Camp Brewer, Aug. 27-31. Their pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

B. A. ROSE, METHODIST LAYMAN of Opelousas was in charge of worship services Aug. 18 at the Church Point Methodist Church, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Charles Giessen, who was on vacation.

THE REV. L. RAY BRANTON, pastor of Aurora Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the noontide devotional services at the Church House in that city the week of Sept. 2.

BEGINNING SEPT. 8, Slidell Methodist Church now has an extra Sunday morning worship service at 8:30 a.m. The Youth Choir is furnishing the music for this service. The pastor is the Rev. Alfred M. Brown.

THE REV. TRACY R. ARNOLD, pastor of Abbeville Methodist Church, is offering a training course on Christian Education, each Tuesday evening, Sept. 10 through Oct. 8 for workers in that church.

THE THIRD ANNUAL Family Picnic for the members of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be held Sept. 15, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Betty Virginia Park. The Broadmoor pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, Lake Charles District Superintendent, whose mother, Mrs. W. R. Cooke, passed away in Dubberly, La. on Aug. 25.

MISS ALICE HERRINGTON, the organist of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, was married on Aug. 24 to Mr. James Williams in the Methodist Church at Wisner, La.

ON THURSDAY, Sept. 5, a training session was held for persons who will be working in the Building Fund Pledge Drive at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, where the Rev. Jack Cooke is the pastor.

THE ANNUAL BARBECUE for the benefit of the upkeep of the Indian Bayou Cemetery was held at the Indian Bayou Methodist Church, Sept. 2, Labor Day. The pastor is the Rev. J. B. McCann.

THE REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker for the Sept. 18 meeting of the Methodist Men of Arcadia Methodist Church, where the Rev. Beverly E. Bond is the pastor.

THE REV. CONRAD EDWARDS, associate pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest preacher for revival services at Bethany Methodist Church, the week of Aug. 25. The Bethany pastor is the Rev. James Babcock.

BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH, Baton

Rouge, sponsored a concert by the Broadmoor High School Band recently as they honored new members of their church. The band is directed by Lee Fortier, and the pastor of the church is the Rev. Barry Bailey.

THE REV. JOE McCLAIN OF Heflin was the guest preacher for revival services at the Brownville Methodist Church, West Monroe, Aug. 19-30. The music was directed by the Rev. Roger White of Start. The Brownville pastor is the Rev. Troy Garrett.

MEMBERS OF THE Older Youth Class and the Senior MYF of Gretna Methodist Church, along with their counselors, had a picnic on Aug. 24 at Boque Palaya State Park. A Vesper Service by the pastor, the Rev. J. Taylor Wall, concluded the day's activities.

THE PULPIT OF Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, was filled by Edwin E. Sylvest, John Gallaspy and Richard F. Knight recently while the pastor, the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow and his family were at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, New Orleans District Superintendent, will be the preacher for revival services to be held at First Methodist Church, Amite, the week of Sept. 15-20. Services will be held at 7 o'clock each evening, according to the pastor, the Rev. W. F. Howell.

THE COLLEGE STUDENTS of De Quincy Methodist Church were guests of honor at a Dessert Party on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Mrs. C. K. Davis and Mrs. Bill Howard were co-hostesses on behalf of the WSCS. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

AUG. 25 WAS OBSERVED as Methodist Student Day at First Methodist Church, where the Rev. Kirby Vining is the pastor. Edwin Cabral led the service assisted by Donnie Berry, Janie Jones, John Rayford, Celeste Shaw, Carolyn Gormley and Jackie Simms.

THE REV. DELL DURAND, pastor of College Avenue Methodist Church, Natchitoches, was the evangelist for revival services at the Davis Springs Methodist Church the week of Aug. 25. The Rev. Kenneth Durand, his brother, is the pastor of the church.

THE REV. SAM NADER, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest evangelist for revival services at Blanchard Methodist Church, Aug. 19-23. Tom McKenzie was in charge of the singing and the accompanist was J. C. Watson. The pastor is the Rev. W. Harold McClung.

THE NEWLY-ORGANIZED Methodist Men's Club of Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, held its first dinner meeting on Aug. 28. Mayor J. Rayburn Betrand of that city was the speaker for the meeting. The president of the group is Frank Johnston, and the pastor is the Rev. C. Robert McCammon.

THE REV. AND MRS. DOUGLAS McGuire of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, were the speakers for the church-wide family night at Grace Methodist Church in that city, Sept. 4. They presented a program on their recent visit to the Holy Land. The Rev. Wilson L. Waston is the pastor of Grace Church.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 50, sponsored by Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, took their annual week-long camping trip Aug. 17-25. Some 55 boys and seven men camped on Lake Ouachita in Arkansas. The Scoutmaster is Mr. Don Field and the pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

MRS. WILLIAM L. PETTY of Baton Rouge recently presented the Greensburg Methodist Church with an oil painting of the town's first Methodist church, which she painted. The build-

ing was constructed in 1858 and was razed in 1952 just prior to the construction of the present building. The Greensburg pastor is the Rev. John H. Casey.

THE TORCHBEARERS CLASS of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, presented the play, "Our Kind," by Nora Sterling at the church on Sept. 12. This play, which was first presented at the National Family Life Conference a year ago, was directed by Miss Patsy Gladden. The pastor of this church is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored a "going away" party for Miss Louise Sharp on Aug. 30 in Fellowship Hall. Miss Sharp, who has been Director of Christian Education at Rayne Memorial, left to assume a similar position at First Methodist Church, Sulphur, on Sept. 1.

THE JUNIOR HIGH MYF of First Methodist Church, Bossier City attended a Retreat at Caney Lake Camp the week-end of Aug. 24-25. Counselors who accompanied them were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Green, Mr. Teddy Lowery and Miss Kathy Spitler. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack Midyett.

DR. L. CLAIRE WARDEN, pastor of King Avenue Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio, was the guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday, Aug. 25. He is a brother of Dr. Carl E. Warden, a member of the Lake Charles church and was in the city to officiate at the wedding of his niece, Jo Lynne Warden to Ross Burgh on Aug. 24. The pastor of the Lake Charles church is Dr. G. W. Pomeroy.

THE MYF of MEADOW'S CHAPEL Methodist Church entertained the young people of all the churches of the Ascension Methodist Parish, composed of Faithful, New River, Meadow's Chapel, Grand River and Carpenter's Chapel, Aug. 9. After a period of swimming the host young people served a picnic lunch, which was followed by games and folk dancing. The pastors are The Revs. K. K. and Rose Carithers.

THE PONCHATOU LA METHODIST MEN'S Club met Aug. 21 and had as their guest speaker Mr. Gordon M. Newcomer, safety officer and engineer with the George C. Marshall Space Center under NASA. With the help of slides and filmstrip he outlined what is being done at the great Michoud Plant in New Orleans. The speaker was introduced by Roy Barlow, vice-president of the club who works with the Boeing Division under NASA. The pastor is the Rev. Eldred Blakely.

MRS. FRED SCHWENDIMANN and Mrs. Frances Frazier were study group leaders for Youth Activities Week at Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, Aug. 5-9. The young people were studying "God's Mission and Ours." Leaders for worship services during the week were Mrs. R. W. Richardson, Mrs. Lawton Verger, Mrs. Griffith Johnson and Mrs. Harvell Pierce. On Friday evening the pastor, the Rev. Fred Schwendimann, closed the week with a Communion Service.

HOMECOMING WAS HELD Aug. 25 at Stone Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Davis of Sicily Island, a former pastor, who was introduced by the Rev. I. A. Patton, the present pastor. Brother Falcon Hearne of West Monroe, led in prayer. The Rev. I. L. Yeager, pastor emeritus of the church, baptized Paula Marie Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Allen, and granddaughter of Mrs. Pauline Petty.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND Christian Adventure Weeks were recently held at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church in Alexandria, where the Rev. Louis M. Coppage is the pastor. Speakers for the Junior High program, Aug. 18-20 were Mr. Ray Lee, Mr. Meade Shaw and the Rev. Roland Friedrich. Speaking during the Senior High program were the Rev. G. W. Dameron, Mr. T. P. Southerland and Mr. M. T. Cappel.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 1963: WHAT IS GOD DOING?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37 through 50. Printed Lesson Text, Genesis 50:15-24.

MEMORY SELECTION: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

AIM OF LESSON: To show what God can do with a life that is fully surrendered to him and dedicated to his service.

Today we come to the last of three lessons given to the study of the life and work of Joseph. The background scripture for each of these three lessons, as suggested by our lesson writers, has been the same - Genesis 37 through 50. In these fourteen chapters, Joseph is the principal character.

We believe it will help us to better understand this closing lesson about Joseph if we review briefly the period of Joseph's life between last Sunday's lesson and our lesson today.

In last Sunday's lesson we were told how Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers and assured them that he had forgiven the wrong they had done him. Joseph told his brothers to return to Canaan and bring their father down to Egypt where he could take care of him and them until the remaining five years of famine were passed.

As evidence of Joseph's high standing in Egypt, we are told that Pharaoh joined Joseph in urging Jacob to come to Egypt. Pharaoh's promise to Jacob was, "I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat of the fruit of the land."

Jacob accepted the invitation and went down into Egypt where Joseph proudly introduced him to Pharaoh. With his sons, Jacob settled in Egypt in the land of Goshen.

THE DEATH OF JACOB

Seventeen years after entering Egypt, Jacob died. Before his death he made Joseph swear to carry his body back to Canaan for burial in the cave of Machpelah where Abraham and his wife Sarah, Isaac and his wife Rebecca and Leah one of Jacob's wives were buried.

Again we see how Pharaoh honored Joseph. The group that accompanied Jacob's body back to Canaan included not only Joseph and his brothers but we are told "With him went up all servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house and all the elders of the land of Egypt."

GUILTY CONSCIENCE MAKES AFRAID

We all know something of the fears that a guilty conscience creates. It was Shakespeare who said, "Thus conscience does make cowards of us all." So it was with the ten older brothers of Joseph who had wronged him. Joseph had forgiven them but of this they had serious doubts. One thing is sure; they had not forgiven themselves.

No sooner had they returned to Egypt, after burying their father, Jacob, than the ten older brothers of Joseph began to worry about what Joseph would do to them, now that the father he loved so dearly had died.

These brothers knew that Joseph had professed to forgive them and that he had cared for them and their families through the terrible famine. It appears,

however, that all the while they thought Joseph was being kind to them because of his love for his father. Now that Jacob was dead, they seemed to expect that Joseph would turn to them with pent-up wrath and hatred.

We have often heard the saying "you are judging others by yourself." It must have been that the older brothers of Joseph were judging him by the attitude and feelings of their own lives. It is often true that the standards by which we judge others are the motives and attitude which dominate our lives. We cannot believe in others because we do not believe in ourselves. We just cannot believe that high ideals dominate the lives of others because we know that high ideals do not dominate our own lives.

These brothers knew what they had done to Joseph merely because they were jealous of him, even though he had done them no personal wrong. Knowing what they had done to Joseph, conscience made them fearful.

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

Expecting that Joseph would now have them imprisoned or possibly killed, the conscience-stricken brothers felt that they had better do something about it.

So completely did they doubt Joseph's attitude of friendliness that they did not dare to even plead for mercy in their own name. Hence it was that they reminded Joseph that before his death, Jacob had asked Joseph to forgive the trespasses and sins of his older brothers. To this plea of their father, they added their own petition for forgiveness.

The 18th verse of our lesson text reads, "And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, 'Behold we be thy servants.'" Thus it was that Joseph's dreams became a reality and his brothers did bow down before him and even offered to be his slaves.

Let us remember that Joseph lived back before the Mosaic law of "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Unlimited revenge was the custom in the day in which Joseph lived. While living physically in that early day, Joseph really lived spiritually in accord with the teachings of Jesus. Perhaps we should not be surprised that the brothers of Joseph did not understand a standard of life which was at least 1700 years ahead of their day.

It is not surprising either that Joseph, with moral standards so high and soul so sensitive, wept when he discovered that all along his brothers had doubted his sincerity. He came to know that they had never believed that he had truly forgiven them.

GOD IN HUMAN HISTORY

With these conscience-stricken brothers on their faces before him, offering to be his slaves, Joseph again asked them not to be afraid of him. Again he promised to take care of them and their families. The last sentence of verse 21 in our lesson text reads, "And he comforted them and spoke kindly unto them."

In verse 20 we have a statement by Joseph which gives evidence of his faith in the fact that God and his plans and purposes are a vital part of human history. Joseph said to his brothers, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this

day, to save much people alive."

Joseph is saying here that the strong circumstances that brought him to Egypt and to power in Egyptian government was God at work in human life and history. Joseph was saying about what Tennyson said more than three thousand years later when he wrote, "Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs."

Religious minded people feel that this "one increasing purpose" of God has been and now is in evidence in human history at every turn in human life.

While Joseph was an instrument in God's hands in carrying out his purposes, he reminded his brothers that he was not in the place of God to judge them.

EVIDENCE OF TRUE GREATNESS

It was Jesus who gave us a standard for true greatness. Jesus said that greatness does not consist of exercising authority over other men but in serving people. Greatness does not consist of power to command people but in the willingness to help people.

One of the surest signs of littleness is to see one who happens to come into a position of authority posing as a "big boss." One who is big enough to be sure of himself does not find it necessary to exercise unduly the authority which happens to be vested in him, in order to impress people of his importance. The attitude of a man in authority toward those under him will reveal quicker than almost anything else the size of the man.

WHAT MADE JOSEPH GREAT?

One thing that reveals the real stature of the man Joseph, second in power to Pharaoh, was his attitude toward brothers who were completely within his power. They were the brothers who at one time decided to kill him. They changed their mind only because they wanted the money they could get by selling him into slavery. They likely felt also that a life of slavery for a pampered son would be worse than a quick death.

In his attitude of kindness, thoughtfulness and consideration of these who had so grossly wronged him, we see greatness of a high order. While a small man might have imprisoned them or made slaves of them or even had them put to death, Joseph loved them, protected them and cared for them.

While the name of Joseph has been a household word among Jews and Christians down through the centuries, Joseph apparently made no effort to perpetuate his memory. It was not necessary for him to do so.

In contrast the kings of Egypt, the Pharaohs, went to immeasurable lengths to insure that their names would live in history. No group of people ever tried harder to perpetuate their names and memory. For monuments in the cemetery of Egyptian kings, the Pharaohs built the pyramids. The largest of these seventy pyramids was almost five hundred feet high and covered thirteen acres. Some of the stones in these pyramids are estimated to weigh 1600 tons. Modern engineers have no explanation of the methods used in that early day to move these stones many miles into their place in the pyramid.

Despite this super effort to perpetuate their memories, even the names of some of the kings of Egypt are unknown and the masses of people of today know little or nothing about those whose names are known by a comparatively few. In contrast the name of Joseph has been a household word in the homes of Jews and Christians down through the centuries.

The Pharaohs built their pyramids but they themselves have been forgotten. Joseph built a life of such spotless character and rendered a service of such immeasurable value that it guaranteed that his name would be written high on the scroll of the immortals on earth.

BELIEVING GOD'S PROMISES FOR THE FUTURE

In the closing verse of our lesson text we read, "I am about to die; but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Thus it was that the towering faith in God which characterized the life of Joseph during his active years was still full strong at the end of the way. By faith he saw Israel restored to the land of Canaan.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Some parents and clergy attempt to discourage Lutheran young people from participating in church-sponsored programs in areas undergoing racial tension, the president of the Luther League charged at the youth group's first annual convention in Selinsgrove, Pa. Fred Berkebin of Nutley, N. J., speaking before 400 delegates and guests, said youths "must not capitulate" to such attempts.

Here again is a charge that, if true, will become a part of a mounting list of charges that the church is not maintaining a place of leadership it should have in the midst of contemporary problems.

Speaker John W. McCormack (D.-Mass.) has ruled that he will not permit more than one guest chaplain a week to open the House of Representatives with prayer. He took note of the fact that a mounting list of requests were pending for ministerial friends to congressmen to pray before the body. Speaker McCormack said that House chaplain, Dr. Bernard Braskamp, a retired Presbyterian clergyman, would hardly have an opportunity to perform his duties if he continued to be under such pressure of requests.

Now that the Speaker has decreed that the chaplain will have to "punch the clock" every day, we wonder if he will impose the same discipline on members of Congress.

Psychologists at a dinner in Philadelphia sponsored by the Lutheran Church in America were recently told that experiments with so-called consciousness-expanding drugs have induced religious and mystical experiences in a high percentage of volunteer subjects. The report was made by Dr. Timothy Leary, a former Harvard University psychology professor.

If drugs can do what many of us have failed to do with our preaching—"induce religious and mystical experiences"—the first thing we know someone will be proposing such pills for the church-goer, or at least for the preacher while he prepares his message.

The 45th volume of decisions of the Sacred Roman Rota—best known as the Vatican's court of appeals from diocesan courts in matrimonial cases—has just been published. The Volume contains reports of 126 of the 178 decisions handed down by the court ten years ago (1953).

This might make interesting reading for those of us who have wondered about the complicated method by which the church which permits no divorce still dissolves many marriages and makes it possible for remarriage to take place.

In Kentucky the attorney general has ruled that grounds purchased by church congregations for future expansion are not exempt from real estate taxes. John B. Breckinridge also held that the state constitution permits tax exemption of only one residence for its minister or ministerial staff. In both instances Mr. Breckinridge stated that "the general rule is that an exemption from taxation is the exception and will be most strictly construed against the one claiming such exemption."

Such a ruling, if universally applied, will

have a very decided effect on church extension plans now being projected by many denominations. It seems unfair to us since it is becoming increasingly strategic for churches to anticipate expansion needs before real estate values become prohibitive.

Substantial hope for a favorable decree from the Second Vatican Council on the proposal for a common Bible acceptable to all Christians is seen in the fact that many cardinals and other Roman Catholic bishops as well as Protestant scholars have endorsed the proposal. Being mentioned in the early discussions is a new translation and not a common acceptance of one of the current versions.



THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY in New York appointed Dr. Dale C. Recker of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, left, as secretary for blind work; and Dr. John H. McCombe, Jr., as executive secretary responsible for the society's church relations. Dr. Recker, blind since 1948, has been minister of First English Lutheran church in Cleveland Heights for 24 years. Dr. McCombe, a Methodist minister and missionary, has been serving as the society's secretary for Asia.

Men who are told they must get busy and serve God usually end up making pancakes for the men's club dinner or sometimes teaching Sunday School, Protestant Episcopal Bishop Chandler Sterling of Montana said at a post-Angelican Congress international consultation on the layman's role in evangelism and stewardship. "You hear constantly that the layman must get busy," Bishop Sterling said, "but he isn't told exactly what he should do because nobody seems to know."

The Council of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa was reported to have refused use of a Capetown church to an Australian Methodist minister, the Rev. Alan Walker, who is known as a vigorous opponent of the South African government's racial segregation policies. Mr. Walker denied the charge that he had stated that he had no respect for the Dutch Reformed Church because of its racial policies.

The South African government is not opposed to Christianity, its embassy said in Ottawa, Canada, in a statement which charged that nation had been attacked by delegates to the Third World Anglican Congress in Toronto. Mention was made of Archbishop Joost de Blank of Capetown who had told the meeting that "the lot of the black African is an economy of poverty,

with wages extremely low and housing conditions terrible."

World Council of Churches member bodies contributed \$1,600,000 to meet emergency situations around the globe in 1962, the Central Committee of WCC was told in its recent meeting in Rochester, N.Y. In the most recent appeal for earthquake victims in Skopje, Yugoslavia, a total of \$400,000 has been subscribed and the contracts signed for building the first 50 houses.

An appeal to Polish Christians to assume the initiative in the movement toward world reconciliation was sounded by Dean Heinrich Grueber, prominent West Berlin Protestant leader, speaking in Warsaw's Trinity Lutheran Church on invitation from Bishop Andrzej Wantula, head of the Polish Lutheran Church.

Students may not be compelled to stand during the singing or playing of the National Anthem, a federal judge has ruled in Phoenix, Arizona. District Court Judge William C. Mather ruled in favor of three youths, Jehovah's Witnesses, who were expelled when they refused to stand for the Anthem at an elementary school. He did not agree with the pleas that to stand would constitute a religious exercise, but he did rule that "the key of our freedom of expression is that there is individual freedom to believe, to speak and to act."

Fifty-four shows produced with the cooperation of religious bodies in this country will be broadcast in 1963-64 on NBC's weekly Television Religious Program which starts its 13th year in the fall. The schedule noted that two extra shows will be telecast on Saturdays.

The Assemblies of God adopted a resolution at their General Council in Memphis, Tenn. offering to familiarize other denominations with the Pentecostal experience of "speaking in tongues." Assemblies clergymen, the resolution declared, are desirous to "meet with, pray with, and aid in any other way any denominational minister in reaching an understanding of the Pentecostal experience."

James Reston, syndicated columnist of the New York Times has stated that America's civil rights drive has reached a crucial stage and that churches of the nations hold the weight that can result in its success or failure. Discussing the recent March on Washington, he said American churches and synagogues will be the scene of the "first significant test" of the effectiveness of the effort.

A major obstacle to international agreement on questions of religious liberty is the conflict between some state Churches and minority religious groups, a National Council of Churches official has said. The Rev. Dean M. Kelley, director of the NCC's Department of Religious Liberty, commented on discussions held in Rochester, N.Y. in advance of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee sessions, Aug. 26-Sept. 2. The religious liberty unit for several years has been attempting to formulate a resolution on the subject that is acceptable to all WCC member churches.

A Wyoming senator has lauded a Roman Catholic newspaper and its managing editor for exposing what he called "the knowing hysteria" of the anti-Communist Christian Crusade led by the Rev. Billy Hargis. Sen. Gale McGee (D.-Wyo.) placed in the Congressional Record an article published by the Oklahoma Courier, official newsweekly of the Oklahoma City-Tulsa diocese, and written by Stan Twardy, its managing editor. Mr. Twardy, in covering the rightwing organization's recent convention in Oklahoma City, said it was "neither very anti-Communist nor very Christian."



Lona Wilson, Editor

Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



Summer days are about over, the camping program is finished, the fall program opens before us. We have a very strenuous program which runs through the first half of December. During this period of time we will make every district in the conference three times. Our first trip is under way now and relates to the work of the District Staff and the Area Council. Our second visit will be in November for the purpose of planning and interpreting the use of the new curriculum of the Children's Division of the Church School. Our third visit will be in connection with the District Conferences. During this time the two associate directors of the Area Council will be holding meetings related to their work. With the problems facing us and the real challenge that these problems bring we must do all that we can to meet them. It is no time for the Church to show fear or timidity. The entire force of a virile Christianity must be brought to bear upon solving these problems.

Our Methodist Children's Home at Ruston is sponsoring a meeting of all the Hospital and Homes Stewards from the whole conference at Ruston on September 15th. This meeting will get under way with a luncheon at Webb Hall at noon and will wind up about four o'clock. The Hospital and Homes Board of our conference is vitally interested in this meeting. There are many other problems facing this board. One of them is a problem which becomes more acute each year that passes. That problem is the proper care of the aged. We have no Methodist home for the aged now except for a few preachers, but with the increasing life span the problem of adequately taking care of our aged is going to increase. We must begin to think seriously about it. We ought to have several homes in the Louisiana Conference where our older folk could find a happy congenial place where they could be properly cared for without too great a financial burden. The Rev. Earl Emmerich who is chairman of this board would appreciate any suggestions about this problem. REMEMBER RALLY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 29th. LET EVERY CHURCH SEND IN AN OFFERING ON THIS DAY.



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



September will be a busy month in lay activities. The Shreveport-Ruston Laymen's Retreat was held at Caney Lake, September 7 & 8. On September 13 we will go to the Lake Charles District for a District Workshop for the Church Lay Leaders. The ministers are being asked to attend with their lay leader at Simpson Church. Hospitals and Homes Stewards will meet in Ruston on the 15th. We are looking forward to the Monroe District Layman's Retreat at Chemin-A-Haut State Park on September 21 and 22. The adjourned session of the Annual Conference will meet September 23 at First Church, Alexandria.

We will wind up the month on September 30 in Hammond for a Baton Rouge District Workshop for Church Lay Leaders and Official Board Chairmen and ministers, at the Wesley Foundation Building. In addition to these, most of the District Councils will meet during the month.

With all the activities that are going on in the church, the question of what can we as laymen do to increase the effectiveness of the program of the church comes to mind. Of course, the answer is a fuller commitment, a deeper commitment, and greater participation on the part of our laymen. One of the ways this can all be accomplished is found in the Scripture where we read, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." I would suggest as one avenue in this direction "The Twelve." Do you have in your church one or more groups of "The Twelve?" This is a group-centered program designed to:

- (1) Deepen the spiritual life through planned Bible Study and prayer
- (2) Provide Christian fellowship
- (3) Encourage personal witness

It will make every church (1) a praying church, (2) a Bible-reading church, (3) a witnessing church, (4) a growing church. Jesus chose twelve men to be with Him and work with Him. The modern version of "The Twelve," however, suggests depth, dedication, discipleship and personal witness rather than a definite numerical group composed of twelve members. Participation in a group

of "The Twelve" will help to bring us into a closer relationship with Christ and our fellowman and, consequently, create within each of us a greater dedication to the total program of the Church.

September also brings to us the first "call" of the One Thousand Club. Last week's "Methodist" carried a detailed statement of this activity. Your support of this program will be a rewarding experience. Jesus said, "Go ye!" This is one of the ways in which we can reach out beyond ourselves and travel the "second mile." Don't delay! Do it today!



Missions and Evangelism.....

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Membership training classes or comparable instructional procedures are required by the Discipline of The Methodist Church. Paragraph 107 of the 1960 edition reads, "All persons . . . sincerely desiring to be Christian in faith and practice are proper candidates. When such persons offer themselves for membership, it shall be the duty of the pastor, or of proper persons appointed by him, to instruct them in the meaning of the Christian faith and the history, organization, and teaching of The Methodist Church . . ." Paragraph 114(5) instructs pastors, that they "shall, at least annually, organize the children who have arrived at the age of decision into classes of instruction for church membership."

In this endeavor, both the Commission on Education and the Commission on Evangelism in each local church have a part to play. The securing of prospects and winning their consent to participate in a church membership class should be a joint enterprise of these commissions. To this end the Conference Board of Evangelism suggests, and the Conference Education office offers its fullest cooperation, that each local church begin now to set in motion the procedures for finding and enlisting all available prospects for membership in both the Church and the Church School.

For one thing, both commissions could immediately survey present rolls, the Education Commission with the Church School and the Evangelism Commission with church membership rolls. In each, prospects will be found for the other and the names should be made available to teachers and visitation groups. Every church has members not on the Church School roll, and Sunday School members of accountable age who have never taken the vows of church membership. The Conference Board of Evangelism recommends to each local church that they survey for prospects first within their own rolls.

Second, the Commission on Education and the Commission on Evangelism could come together in a joint planning session for a seminar on winning persons to Christ. Perhaps a Workers' Conference would provide the most suitable framework in which to present the theme of evangelism. After all, every teacher is or should be an evangelist. The Church School's purpose through teaching is to win the way of Christ into the hearts of men. Evangelism, too, is a commitment to winning lives to Christ's way. These two commissions are tied in purpose, if not in method. Therefore, the training of teachers in evangelism is a legitimate and necessary concern of every pastor and these commissions.

Thirdly, this should lead up to the spring emphasis on membership classes. Some churches offer more opportunities, but the average church only offers instruction for its young people in the spring months leading up to Palm or Easter Sunday. With prospect lists completed, with teachers informed and interested in serving as evangelists through the ministry of teaching, a large and challenging group should be available to each pastor on the dates set for instruction.

These suggestions come as a recommendation from a recent meeting of District Secretaries of Evangelism. They are that (1) we survey all available membership rolls for prospects; (2) we make our teachers aware of their role as evangelists in the Kingdom; and (3) we use our time and procedures well to make possible large and interested membership training classes this coming spring.

Remember Rally Day

September 29



WOMAN'S PAGE



Foreign Student Project Conducted by Women of Wm. B. Reily Univ. Church

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wm. B. Reily University Church, Baton Rouge, has just completed an interesting six-week program. Upon learning that wives of LSU foreign students had so little opportunity for

contacts with local residents, the Woman's Society accepted the challenge. A program was planned for fellowship, to help them with conversational English, and for sharing ideas and customs.

Each Wednesday morning during a half-hour social, visitors had special hostesses to introduce them, serve refreshments, and help during the community singing. They were then divided into groups—the Spanish-speaking no English, the Spanish speaking broken English, the Arabic speaking, and those who spoke English fluently but wanted to learn of American activities.

Tours were made to the state capitol, the museum, and the Public Health Service Hospital at Carville.

Mrs. Perry Lucas, chairman, was pleased at the amount of enthusiasm both among visitors and members, and plans are being made for similar work next year.



PART OF THE "study group" which included 25 ladies from 15 countries and 30 from the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wm. B. Reily University Church in Baton Rouge.

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University. She did graduate study at George Peabody College and Scarritt College, from which she holds an M.A. degree. Further study has been done at a number of schools. She also earned a B.D. degree at Yale University Divinity School. She has had wide experience in teaching in Louisiana, Virginia and Georgia where she taught English, history, Latin and religion. Her activities, her knowledge of people and affairs were widened by serving as YWCA secretary in Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina; as dean of women at Blackstone College, Blackstone, Virginia; and as director of religious activities at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia.

Her versatility has been displayed by the many articles which have appeared from time to time in *The Church School*, *THE METHODIST WOMAN*, and *WORLD OUTLOOK*. In addition Miss Stinson has written guides for studies, church school lessons and worship programs.

Throughout the years Miss Stinson has been in great demand as a teacher, as she served with the Woman's Division, and through this medium she has been in nearly every conference in the United States teaching in Jurisdiction and Conference Schools of Missions. She has also traveled widely outside the United States.

Miss Stinson brought to the Woman's Division the full com-

U. C. W. Regional Meeting to be at Dallas

A regional conference for United Church Women will be held September 16-18 in the Baker Hotel at Dallas, Texas. One of ten regional meetings being held in the United States during September and October, this one will draw delegates from the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

The purpose of the gathering is to determine the ministries of state and

local councils of church women and what it means locally to be ecumenical.

The program will be conducted by a team of leaders which is international, interracial, and interdenominational.

The team scheduled for Dallas is comprised of Mrs. James D. Wyker of Berea, Kentucky, an ordained minister of the Christian Church and former national president of United Church Women; Mrs. Graves H. Thompson of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, leader in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. and national officer of UCW; Mrs. Fred Patterson of Atlanta, Georgia, prominent worker in P.T.A. and Southern Baptist Church and national officer of UCW; Mrs. Jesse Jai McNeil of Pasadena, California, former president of Michigan UCW and present national officer; and Mrs. Lavinia Sadiq of Madras, India.

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Missionary to India at Mansfield Church

Miss Maud V. Nelson home on furlough from the mission field of India spoke to the congregation of First Methodist Church, Mansfield, at the Sunday morning service Aug. 25th. Miss Nelson's message dealt with her work in the Warne Baby Fold, Bareilly, India. This work is supported by the Women's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church and according to Miss Nelson it is the only home of its kind in all of India.

Miss Nelson whose home is in Tatum, Texas is no stranger to Mansfield as she was a graduate from Mansfield Female College and attended First Methodist Church during this time. Her further education was received from Scarritt in Nashville, Tenn. where she qualified to enter the mission field as a Medical Missionary.

Farmer Sunday School Class of Mansfield Church feels a special warmth toward Miss Nelson in her dedication of her life as they encouraged and assisted her financially during her years of preparation.

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mitment of a fine mind and a consecrated spirit. She is dedicated to the life of inquiry and the communication of knowledge, with a deep basic concern for the development of spiritual values. Through her leadership the office of Missionary Education has become one of distinction and through it she has worked tirelessly to elevate educational standards and quality of studies. This office carries the imprint of years of dedicated service and her spirit is reflected in the lives of many who have been touched by her influence.

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MISS MAUD NELSON (center), missionary to India, is pictured with the Rev. and Mrs. W.R. Irving, Jr., when she spoke recently in the Mansfield Methodist Church.



MISS MARTHA Janice Shelby, missionary from India, participated as a resource person in the School of Missions held August 5-9 at Centenary College. In the States on a health furlough, Miss Shelby hopes to return to India in about a year.

Elizabeth Stinson

BY MRS. GLENN E. LASKEY



Last month a friend and fellow Louisianian, Elizabeth Stinson, retired. Her courage, her faith, her deep commitment and her complete trust in God were shared with me as I talked with her when she faced a difficult illness a year ago. I had dropped by to assure her of my interest and concern. I left with renewed faith, with a desire to stand tall, to face with courage and confidence any difficulty that might arise.

These indomitable qualities have been present in Elizabeth's life and have been reflected in her work. No task has been too difficult, no obstacle too great to achieve the end she desired—the missionary education of women.

Miss Stinson's scholastic background qualified her for the position she has held as Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Division from September, 1948, until August 1, 1963. Her undergraduate work was done at Louisiana State Normal School and at Louisiana State

Dedication to a Proposition

Bishop Gerald Kennedy

EXCERPTS from an address by Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles scheduled for delivery at 12:15 p.m. Friday, August 30, at the Second Methodist Conference on Human Relations, held August 26-30 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

All men must commit themselves to propositions.

All life is lived on the basis of faith. This we often resent. We are forever attempting to prove things which cannot be proved. We want to free ourselves from the necessity of choice and risk.

Sometimes it seems to us that science has provided us this possibility. Yet, if one looks at the textbooks of science over a number of years, he will see that they have to be changed, amended or some previous conclusions have to be repudiated. There is a good deal more faith in science than we like to confess.

Even economics is a discipline of faith. We just don't know all the factors in buying and selling. When it comes to sociology we are far from being able to predict what is going to happen. There seems to be no indication that men are about to be turned into robots.

No, the truth is that we know very little about today and even less about tomorrow.

The second thing to note is that life is a matter of dedication. When our fathers declared their independence from Great Britain, they had a high respect for the public opinion of the world. They wanted to make sure that men everywhere understood what they were doing and why they were doing it. So they announced the truths they held to be self-evident and they gave the propositions to which they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their honor. Some years later, in the midst of the greatest crisis the nation had faced, up to that time, a word had to be spoken by the President. He called the nation back to the original proposition for which men were dying—a pronouncement of faith in the equality of men.

Through the years this faith has been our hope and strength. It has made America great and it has made it a great hope in the earth. It has been a promise which drew freedom seekers from every part of the world. Any compromise of this principle is a weakening of our foundations and a hastening of our destruction. Every time we have denied this faith, we have given comfort to the enemy and betrayed ourselves.

The Church believes that all men are the children of God. It believes in a society of justice where no man shall be discriminated against. Every time we seek to compromise this principle in the name of expediency, we deny our Lord and we betray the Church.

The third thing that ought to be mentioned is a contemporary tendency to grope and flounder about in the realm of what we believe. One sees it in the attack of the far right and of the far left in our society. The main threat to our life today is not from the outside but from a confusion which exists in us.

The same uncertainty and drift is discovered in life as portrayed by so

many movies. It is not that they are actually immoral, but they seem to have lost all sense of purpose. So unfortunately, the Church shares that uncertainty and drift.

We come to a last thing which needs to be mentioned. The Christian Church must rediscover the main propositions of its Gospel and proclaim them with clear voice. Let us think again what it means when we say we believe in God who is the Father of all mankind. Let us announce once more that brotherhood is the very center of our teaching and cannot be denied. Let us proclaim that we believe in justice for every man and every class and every race.

We have been forced as a Church to confront our denials of the Gospel and our betrayals of our Lord. It is too bad that we waited for our Negro brethren to go on the march before realizing what has happened to us. Now The Methodist Church must proclaim through its bishops and district superintendents that every minister who holds the witness of integration high, will have the backing of his whole Church.

What we have proclaimed for years with our pronouncements, we must now make real within the body of our living.

Long before the Declaration of Independence was written, the New Testament announced that the man who has no love for his brother cannot claim to have love for God. This is the proposition to which we must give our complete dedication.

Beware of the evangelism of bigotry.



"IF YOU D... PEOPLE..."

That's not a very pretty way to begin a column in a church paper. It shocked me a bit to use the words. Not that I am protected from profanity. It just does not seem to have a place here. But I'm using them anyway. I'll explain later.

Police had picked up a fourteen year old boy in a movie theater. His mother had left him there at 3 p.m. and told him to stay until she came after him. After he had seen the show twice, naturally he became bored. Looking around, he saw an attractive little teenage girl who was also bored. They began talking. After a while they left the balcony of the theater. Police found them in a very compromising situation. They took the girl home, took the boy to jail and tried to locate his mother. But finding her was a bit of a job. About 10 P.M. they found her and

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

I had begun to fear that Americans were forgetting how and why to walk and enjoy it when I was somewhat cheered by the sudden spurt of walking that emanated some months ago from the young men in and around the White House. Perhaps — I thought hopefully — men will leave the car in the garage and again learn to walk a few blocks for that loaf of bread and the morning paper; mother can regain good posture by walking around the corner to the beauty parlor — and without having to park the car on a crowded street for three hours; and Johnny and Sally may arrive at school in the morning with flesh and spirits tingling from a brisk ten-minute walk, with cheerful companions, after a good breakfast.

As one who walked three miles to high school and three miles back each day for four years (except when weather was really inclement), I am constantly amazed these days by what I know children lose by crowding and chattering in a school bus or in public transportation, or even in mother's car, for the half-mile or less ride to school. I have something of the same feeling about scouts "hiking" by car and truck. I'm not really fearful that our children will "lose the use of their legs"; I'm just afraid they won't develop their legs enough so that as adults they can wander among and enjoy the beauties of the earth.

I must confess to distress that so many of our urban planners and our engineers of super-highways seem to have little respect for the natural beauty of a community or region, and appear to think and live only in terms of steel and concrete. The new highways, of course, are all built to get the autoist more quickly to his destination. They are for "autoists only"; there is neither thought nor place for the man who would enjoy walking the same direction; the only aesthetic touch for a beauty-loving motorist may be a

graceful curve of the highway, banked so that speed need not be lessened. For example, some of the earlier bridges over rivers around our larger cities had walks that enticed the evening or Sunday stroller; but on most of the new bridges there is no walk, pedestrians are forbidden, cyclists cross in grave danger. Am I wrong in thinking that paths for hikers and paths for cyclists (engineered with the same care as roads for motorists) might interest many youth — and reduce delinquency?

Now I know that the most satisfactory and enjoyable walking and hiking is to be found on "the back roads" — off the concrete; unfortunately the city does not readily provide such; and not everyone can reach the Adirondack (or other) Trail except on special occasions. But I would like to suggest that anyone who can hike in even a limited area develop a purpose — or a hobby — along with the exercise of walking; "just walking" may soon become boring; an added purpose will give pleasure and zest. Even if your walk is only two or three miles, to a woods, a marsh, or a shore, become acquainted with the birds seen and heard; what birds are there in spring, or fall, or all winter; which nest in the region; what is their food, who are their enemies? Keep a list of birds seen each visit; their dates of arrival and departure! what are the changes the next year and the next? Why? Read about these birds, their life, their habits . . . Or you may wish to study and know the trees of the region, or the flowers, or the small animals of the field and roadside, or the rocks or rock formations on the hillside, or the insects, or the beach shells. Any one of these "hobbies" or "studies" can be so fascinating that neither legs nor mind will ever tire.

And in these greater or smaller out-of-doors one cannot but be drawn closer in understanding of God, the Creator, the Ruler. Let us walk the common path with God.

A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

notified her. She came to the jail.

The mother wept as she admitted her embarrassment to the jailer. The boy had had everything in the world, she said. Money, good clothes, a good home, even a car. Yes, everything but what he needed the most. A lot of direct parental love and some discipline. She also suggested that the police become more interested in criminals than in children like hers who "meant no harm," to use her words. Then the long-suffering jailer exploded. "If you d... people would spend half as much time teaching these kids," he said, "as you do getting them out of trouble, we'd not have this to contend with."

There are several ways out of this problem. We can blame other people. We can even blame the police for checking up on this sort of evil instead of looking after larger evils. But after all, the spectacular cases of robbery

and murder are a small percentage of police work . . . We can blame parents for not providing a place where youngsters can come together for supervised recreation. Several churches in my town have these facilities but most parents are "too busy" to help out.

The greatest blame however, must rest on the home itself. Not just the homes "across the tracks". The so-called "good homes" are just as guilty. Because as long as Junior is permitted to come and go as he pleases; to stay out as late as he pleases, then start looking for trouble. When little Lulu does not have to answer to Mamma for her companions, don't get too excited when you receive a call from the police about her.

I have not manufactured this story. It has come directly from police officers who deal with his problem almost every week.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Paying Our Debts

No. II in a Series
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Romans 1:14-15 I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

We all know what Paul was talking about when he said, "I am a debtor." Is there anyone among us who does not owe something to someone?

Perhaps we understand the term "debtor" more clearly as we look at it in the light of economics. In our day of courtesy cards, charge-a-plates, revolving accounts, and almost unlimited financing we have all become debtors. We owe for our car, our appliances, perhaps even our home. We are debtors.

Now the logical thing to do is to pay off that debt. We pay on it, and continue to pay on it, until the debt has been removed. That is the only logical way to handle our indebtedness.

But Paul reverses this way of paying off our debts. He turns the whole pattern upside down. He says, "I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." The logical thing for him to now say is, "Therefore I will spend the rest of my life paying back what I owe them." But not so! Instead we find him saying, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome."

Paul had discovered that there are some debts that we can never repay, except as we do something for someone else. Paul was not indifferent to the many claims on his life. And his desire to go to Rome was not just to carry a message to them. It was to pay a debt he owed.

From the Greeks Paul had learned the social and cultural graces of the day. From the simple he had learned humility. From the unlearned he had been challenged to acquire knowledge. From the faith of his fathers he had become a stalwart man who would live and die by convictions. How could he ever repay these debts? How could he ever cancel out the claims that were upon him? He couldn't, except by doing something for someone else, as others had done for him. So it is with us.

We are debtors to a great political heritage, founded upon the conviction that "all men are created equal . . . that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights . . . that among these are life, liberty, and the

pursuit of happiness." We are indebted to men who were endowed of God with foresight and wisdom to prepare for those of us who would follow in their train a nation of democratic ideals and noble visions. We are indebted to that long roll call of heroes who have defended, with their lives, our political heritage.

We are debtors to those who have labored in the realm of science and have opened for us doorways to a better life. We can turn in confidence to doctors who can put to work in our bodies the results of labors of dedicated men and women who have given themselves in search of a better life for all. Scientific advances in this space age have called us to think in terms of a God of the universe. How can we ever repay our indebtedness to science? We can't, except by dedicating ourselves to seeing that every human being has a decent chance to receive, and be blessed by, these wonderful things.

We are all indebted to our Christian faith and heritage. Just think of our Christ who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. Being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. All of this because he loved us, and was not willing that any should perish but that all might have eternal life. Because of God's gift of his Son we know pure hearts, perform godly deeds, and enjoy Christian homes. Because of the Christ we now have a lamp of hope in our hour of darkness, a light of faith in our hour of need, the power of salvation when we are lost, and the spirit and the courage to walk as a child of God. How great is our indebtedness to our Christ! How can we ever repay this debt? We can't except by taking all that he has blessed in us, and using it for others. For we have been saved that we might serve; we have heard that we might tell; we have received that we might give. We are debtors! Now we must do something for others.

Build a Devotional

ON BEING HAPPY
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The word Eudaemonic is long and hard. Many of us can't even spell it and rarely, if ever, use it. It means producing happiness.

Most of us want to be happy. We believe in the right to pursue happiness. Many of us try to make money so we can be happy. Others build costly homes, buy new cars and some travel throughout America, even over the entire world, seeking happiness. We spend billions of dollars sending our children to school so they may be able to take advantage of every opportunity to advance in every area of life and find happiness. All of which is good but such things are only aids to happiness. Only producers of happiness are really, in the true meaning of the word, happy people. Amassing fortunes, owning stocks and bonds, new cars, new homes, new and fine clothes and possessing academic degrees quite often become stumbling blocks in our search for happiness.

Now let us think again of the word Eudaemonic as producer of happiness. Genuine happiness comes only to those who produce happiness in others. It comes as we dry the tears from the eyes of a child or as we bring help and kindness to one that is sick or weary with the burden of life. It comes to those who give a helping hand to widows and orphans. The world is hungry for sympathy, love and affection. True happiness belongs, and comes, to those who bring these qualities into the lives of people who hunger for them.

Let the Children Come

(This is the second article designed to help parents and teachers and children to begin to understand the new curriculum for the children's division which will be used first in Sept. 1964)

Last week we looked at the purpose behind the re-writing of the materials for our children. We also stated the general purpose which was adopted for Methodist teaching. We found that the name of the new material is called "Christian Studies for Methodist Children."

All of the materials will be about the same size and we will be able to recognize them by a picture. Someone has said that "a picture is worth a thousand words." Several pictures are combined into one to create the new symbol for our children's materials. Look through your current materials and you will find one. Let us think about what it says to us.

The figure of the child stands at the center of the outline of a church because the church is where Methodist Christian teaching is centered. The seeking love of God is represented by a descending Dove, the Christian symbol for the activity of the Holy Spirit. The special revelation of God in Jesus Christ is symbolized by the cross. The response of our children is represented by a burning lamp. As our children become aware of God's seeking love, they will respond with faith, love, and understanding.

To accomplish the objective of Christian education as quoted last week, five areas of curriculum were selected. They are the basis of our studies and form a well-rounded plan for Christian living and growth. They are: Life and its setting; The meaning and experience of our existence. Revelation: the meaning and experience of God's self-disclosure. Sonship: The meaning and experience of Redemption. Vocation. The meaning and experience of discipleship. The Church: The meaning and experience of Christian community. These are very big ideas and have many complex ideas. How can we possibly teach our little children these big things?

The answer is simple. It has always been the aim of the Methodist church to teach our children on each age level, using the best knowledge possible of the characteristics, abilities and needs of our children as the basis of how much we teach them in a step-by-step

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Poem For The Week

THIS HOUSE

Oh ever, may this house hold fast
To Christ, it's corner stone;
Through morning's light, or winter's night,
Let truth and right be shown.

May this house sow, so it may know
The desert's shade and rock.
To love and fear and never hear
The crowing of the cock.

I pray, it not have feet of clay,
But rest on solid ground!
It's head held high, with level eye;
A place, that's safe and sound.

And now, I dedicate this house
And may it always stand.
A temple, that's not made by hands;
A house, not built on sand!

Sybil Nash Abrams



MEMBERS OF THE MYF of DeQuincy Methodist Church shown during their recent planning session on Aug. 24. Their pastor, the Rev. Jack Winegeart, is seen at the extreme right.

Newspaper Features Education In New Orleans 'Inner-City'

A recent issue of the New Orleans States-Item carried a fine story on the educational aspects of the work being done in the Methodist Inner-City Parish in that city. We would like to share this article with you:

"Projects of Christian education are being expanded in the Inner-City Parish of The Methodist Church to develop the parish's program.

"The parish was set up in 1962 to meet problems arising from movement of people from the inner-city to the suburbs.

"Recently Charles McHale, Jr., was elected chairman of the Inner-City Council, which seeks to give help and guidance to the Inner-City Parish. Norwood Hingle, Jr., is treasurer.

"Hingle is from Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church and McHale from Carrollton Methodist Church.

"Definite steps have been announced to forward the Christian education program.

"An associate minister has been added on a part-time basis to assist the two ministers of the parish. He is the Rev. R. H. Smith, who is completing residence work on a Th. D. degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"The Rev. Lloyd A. Foreman is pastor coordinator of the parish, and the Rev. Lars L. Broadus is pastor and educational consultant.

"The parish consists of four churches, Felicity, at Felicity and Chestnut; John Wesley at North Galvex and Independence; Redeemer at Esplanade and Chartres; and St. Mark's at 1130 N. Rampart."

On Sept. 14 the ministers and officials of the Inner-City Parish churches held a planning retreat at Camp St. Mark's near Covington to plan in detail the program of the parish through May, 1964.

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Every dollar in our possession represents a trust committed to us by our Heavenly Father.

Not all of us can be brilliant, but any of us can be faithful.

New Orleans Seminar

(Continued from page 1)

ing the responsibilities of young people in their schools.

Teenagers and their responsibilities to their community was considered by another group under the leadership of Harry Maxfield, Scout executive of

MSM Program

At Centenary

A most striking brochure has been distributed from the office of the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, minister to the campus at Centenary College, announcing the program of the Methodist Student Movement on that campus for the coming year.

One of the earliest events announced is a Welcome Party for all Methodist and unaffiliated students to be held in the R. E. Smith Building, Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

A series of Thursday evening programs is announced for the year, with the first to be held Sept. 26, beginning with a 5:00 p.m. supper in the Smith Building. Mr. Taylor will lead in an orientation discussion under the theme "What's It All About?"

It is hoped that pastors will ask their students if they have received copies of this brochure and if not, to get one as soon as they reach the campus.



PAM FRANKS AND JOE PEACE enjoy the "Hawaiian luau" which featured the closing evening of Youth Activities Week at Sicily Island.

Sicily Island

Youth Activities

The young people of Sicily Island Methodist Church, where the Rev. L. W. Taylor is the pastor, held their Youth Activities Week, Aug. 11-14. Their counselor is Ben Krause and their president is Barbara Gilbert.

The week opened with a hayride and a moonlight picnic on Lake Louie. A devotional was led by the president.

On Monday evening the group shared in a "progressive supper," with stops at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cox, the Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Wynn, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stubbs.

The third evening featured a weiner roast on the bank of the lake. On

the closing evening the young people enjoyed a "Hawaiian Luau" at the Gilbert residence.

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SUB-DISTRICT

The Tangi-St. Helena MYF Sub-District held its monthly meeting on August 19 at Pine Ridge Methodist Church. After a very interesting program, "The Meaning of the Lord's Prayer," the business meeting was held. Plans were made for a retreat to be held at Istrouma Methodist Camp on September 7. Refreshments were then served, and "Blest Be the Tie" and the MYF Benediction were used in closing. A total of 73 were present.

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The Upper Room has set as its goal the enlistment of at least 50 per cent of all Methodists in a program of family worship.

the New Orleans Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Warren E. Silva led another group in a discussion of chosen careers. Richard G. Mock, director of the Catholic Youth Organization, pointed out to the young people their responsibilities in recreation.

Joseph P. Murphy, regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said the seminar was attended by 120 New Orleans high school students, representing 25 schools.

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METHODIST BRIEFS

Newest special assistant to President Kennedy is a Washington Methodist layman, E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr. He will serve on the Interagency Committee on Transport Mergers and help coordinate government activity in the transportation field. Prettyman, active in Eldbrooke Church in Washington, is a lawyer who aided in negotiations for release of Cuban invasion prisoners and their families last winter.

New pastor of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss. — the state's largest Methodist congregation—is the Rev. W. J. Cunningham, for eight years pastor of St. John's Church, Memphis, Tenn. The Rev. Roy C. Clark of Capitol Street Church, Jackson, succeeds Dr. Cunningham in the Memphis Church. The Rev. Seth Granberry moves from Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., to Capitol Street, Jackson.

Nineteen administrators of Methodist hospitals were honored by advancement in membership status at a recent meeting of the American College of Hospital Administrators in New York. The group was recognized at a special breakfast for Methodist hospital leaders, Aug. 27 in New York.

HERE AND THERE

"You see, while philosophically we may doubt God, psychologically we always have a god. Each of us is instinctively a worshiper, giving himself to something, making a god of it and serving it, so that even when we get rid of God philosophically, we never get rid of his psychologically—p. 31.

This is one world, a spiritual system throughout, where we never get what we want until we fulfill the conditions for getting it. If we want physical results we must fulfill physical conditions. If we want spiritual results, we must fulfill spiritual conditions. That is the real world we live in and it is both stern and magnificent—p. 53.

This new world view does not make religion impossible; it makes impossible and kind of religion except the highest—p. 53.

The Bible is a book of triumphant faith—yes! But not blind faith. It faced all the cruel facts that make faith difficult.—p. 67:

But in every realm where truth is sought the hour comes when further discovery depends, not on argument, but on experiment, on decision and on action—p. 89.

A wise idealist is one who in the midst of the actualities, however tough and unpromising they seem, sees and believes in the possibilities—p. 103.

from DEAR MR. BROWN
Harry Emerson Fosdick

The highest compliment any congregation pays a preacher is their acceptance of his advice.

Vacation School At Plaquemine

The Vacation Church School of the First Methodist Church, Plaquemine, was closed with a Sharing Program on Wednesday night. (Aug. 21).

Children of the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior I, and Junior II, departments presented an interesting program telling what they had learned in their study of "Widening Relationships."

Teachers for the eight day school were: Mesdames Charles Holderman, Max Goodwin, James D'Spain, Ronald Garlington, Bruce Lovelace, Leroy Tade, Carl Grant, Dick Ammons, Ben O'Neil, Bob Gallant, Fred Moore, Norris Kurio, Griffon Bourgeois, Ray Fredlund and Miss Linda Perry.

Mrs. Henry Bowdon, Miss Phyllis Allemond, and the Rev. Henry Bowdon directed the music.

Intermediate girls helping the Women's Society of Christian Service in serving refreshments each day were: Lydia "KiKi" Hollingsworth, Beth Farmer, Darla Poettcker, Eugenia Biggers, Patty Lovelace, Judy Miller, and Susie Gee.

The school was under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Allemond.

For their sharing project the children sent \$26.00 to "Meals for Millions."

There was an average attendance of 70 children and 20 teachers and helpers. The Rev. Henry Bowden Jr. is pastor.

Bastrop Pastor Now In Pulpit

The Rev. Abe M. Corterly, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, preached his first sermon as pastor of this church at the morning service, September 1.

He was appointed pastor of the church in June by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, and suffered a heart attack the day he moved to Bastrop. He is now recovered sufficiently to begin preaching again.

The Rev. Kenneth W. Paul, pastor of Bonita Methodist Church was the speaker for the evening service at Memorial. Mr. Paul has been the regular Sunday evening preacher in Mr. Conerly's absence.



MR. BOB CASANOVA, president of the Methodist Men's Club of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, pins an orchid on Mrs. M.H. McLeod in special recognition service, as the pastor, the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., looks on.

Mrs. McLeod Honored For Service To Opelousas Church

Winnfield Youth Activities Week

Youth Activities Week was held Aug. 26-30 at First Methodist Church, Winnfield, with more than forty Senior High and College youth participating.

The study, "Fracture Zone," by Wilbur K. Howard was the theme of the week. Study leaders were Dr. B. W. Floyd, Mrs. Joe Halbach and Miss Jay Lou Allen. Two field trips were held during the week. One trip was to the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston. The other was to Shreveport, where the young people visited Goodwill Industries, Centenary College, the YMCA and St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

As a culmination of the week of inspiration, study, recreation and worship, on Friday evening the last activity of the week was an Upper Room Communion service. The young people were given an opportunity to commit their lives to fulltime Christian service and to rededicate themselves to Christ.

One of the first things Jesus demanded was simple decency.

The Methodist Men's Club along with the congregation of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, recently honored Mrs. Lillie Bell McLeod, a lifelong member, for her dedicated and unselfish service to her church.

At the morning worship service, Sunday, Aug. 18 Mr. Bob Casanova, president of the Men's Club declared that it was "Lillie Bell McLeod Day," and presented her with an orchid.

Mr. Casanova summarized the many ways in which Mrs. McLeod had served her church, including many years of service on the Official Board; membership on the building committees; officer of the WSCS; lay delegate to conference; chairman of the Worship Commission. She also served as church organist for 50 years.

The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is the pastor.

A theology that does not make a difference in a man's social relationships produces a poor religion.

No man can think crooked and live straight.

Youth Activities At Carrollton

The annual Youth Activities Week for the Senior MYF of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, was held Aug. 18-22. The Delta Sub-district was invited and many representatives from the churches of this group attended.

John Coker of the Carrollton Church, who is planning to enroll soon in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, to study for the Methodist ministry, brought an inspiring message on "Personal Faith" at the Sunday evening worship service which began this week.

Good food, the spiritual message and fun were the order of each evening's program. Lynn Morman of Gretna Methodist Church led the recreation each evening, and the spiritual messages were given by the Rev. William Finnin, the Rev. James Adams and the Rev. Walter Baker on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. On Thursday night the week's activities came to a close with the group assembling in the sanctuary to hear a message from the pastor, the Rev. Jack Cooke, and to receive Holy Communion.

The activities were well attended, with as many as 90 being present one evening.

BACK AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE

The Methodist Conference in Southern Rhodesia has openly declared its support for universal adult suffrage for Africans and Europeans, and has called for a new constitution based upon this premise as "a condition" for Southern Rhodesian independence.

The annual conference there opposed recent efforts of some Europeans to gain independence from Great Britain while the majority of the country's people are still dominated by a minority of white settlers.

There are 3.5 million Africans compared to about 230,000 whites. The country is deep in political and economic crises because of the conflict between Africans, who are striving for government by majority, and the Europeans, who hope to maintain control of the government.



THE YOUNG PEOPLE of Winnfield Methodist Church shown at one of the events in their Youth Activities Week.



YOUNG PEOPLE of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, shown during their recent Youth Activities Week.

My Year With the British Methodists

by Betty Letzig

(Editor's Note: During the year, September, 1961 to August, 1962, the first of what is planned as a quadrennial exchange between deaconesses of The Methodist Church in the United States and deaconesses in another of the churches in the family of Methodism was completed. For this first exchange, Sister Jean Miller of the Wesley Deaconess Order of England was in our country. While living at Scarritt College in Nashville, she was enrolled in the graduate school there and assisted in the programs at West End Methodist Church, the Bethlehem Center and the Centenary Community Centers. Miss Letzig was the representative from The Methodist Church to England. Now serving in the office of the Commission on Deaconess Work during 1963, the year marking the 75th anniversary of deaconess work in The Methodist Church, Miss Letzig was educational assistant at First Methodist Church, LaMarque, Texas, before leaving for England. Her home is at Hardin, Mo. Some of her impressions and experiences are shared below.)

Someone, somewhere, has described the Methodist deaconess of England as "a dash of teacher, a dash of social worker, and a dash of preacher!" And that is what I found myself to be as the "exchange deaconess" in London last year. Assigned to Kingsway Hall, West London Methodist Mission, I became what might most aptly, I suppose, be called a parish worker.

Kingsway was no exception to the general rule that an old, downtown church in the heart of the business district is rarely a family church. The one housing development three blocks away had less than a score who were not, nominally at least, related to the Church of England or Roman Catholicism. Most of those related to Kingsway who did live nearby were the aged and solitary.

Though the welfare state provided for physical needs, many looked to the church for the personal touch, recalling the days before the state social programs were begun when all social work was done by those related to the church. I visited the constituency of Kingsway not only to break their lonely hours but also to see if additional services provided by the state were needed.

A weekly visit to some, fortnightly to others and occasionally to still other on the regular list took a major share of time. Hospital visitation brought more variety, for I saw not only our own members but also patients from out of town.

As "teacher" I met once a week with a group of junior-age girls, all either Church of England or Roman Catholic. Tuesday night's "class meeting" was an enjoyable and challenging experience. Accustomed to lectures and thus unused to adult Sunday school classes that studied, the group had at first a mild rebellion that I expected "homework." But the statement so often heard in the U. S. that "if you're too busy for Bible reading, you're too busy" was a new idea to them. Soon we needed a longer time for discussion, with them actively sharing.

Thursday night's "Over Thirty Fellowship" (all members were really over 60) was a bright spot in the week for lonely lives—a program bringing weekly variety in entertainment, and even more importantly, fellowship and a cup of tea. Here I learned about the sick,



ASTRIDE THE MOTOR Scooter which she used in her work as a Methodist exchange deaconess, Miss Betty Letzig prepares to depart on one of the many missions she performed during her year in England. Miss Letzig is well known in this section, having served as a deaconess in the North Arkansas Conference.

discussed personal needs with some and visited with all. They were warmly responsive. I was a part of the Kingsway family.

Sunday meant being in the "crush hall" before and after services both morning and night, greeting old-timers, irregulars, newcomers and visitors. We ended the evening in the Community Center, visiting with those who stayed for coffee and sandwiches, and occasionally counseling.

Everyday meant being prepared to deal with the "casuals" who came in seeking aid—food, clothing, housing. Most had a specific request but their unspoken need was personal. The state provided for their physical needs. What they really sought from us under their guise was attention—to be someone, more than a case number.

Yes, I was "a dash of teacher and a dash of social worker" but, unlike the Wesley deaconesses, not "a dash of preacher." For at Ilkley, the one training center for all English Methodist deaconesses, one must also become a local preacher, and most deaconesses

regularly do preach as a part of their assignment. Unification of the three branches of Methodism in England did not bring with it the consolidation of churches to the extent it did in America, and there are many more small churches than the ministers can serve. Hence, 70 percent of British Methodist pulpits each week are filled by local preachers—men and women—and most of the 200 active as well as some of the retired Wesley deaconesses preach every Sunday, with over 60 having full pastoral charge on circuits.

Though I didn't preach, at least one day each week found me making a speech somewhere—to women's meetings, missions' anniversaries, church fellowships—on the work of deaconesses in the United States, the program and organization of our Woman's Society of Christian Service, the World Methodist Council, the organization and program of The Methodist Church, home missions work in the United States, religious education, Bolivia and life in Texas!

Donning a "crash helmet" and mounting a motor scooter in freezing weather to ride eight miles to church and back again while snow was falling marked my elevation to the ranks of "real" deaconesses as distinct from those who served in Central Mission Halls. It was a differentiation born of friendly rivalry among the Wesley deaconesses but indicative of the expanding roles now filled by them.

Formerly most deaconesses served at Central Mission halls. Gradually as the state has assumed more of the social work previously done by deaconesses at the Old mission halls, new roles of service are being pioneered. One deaconess now serves as chaplain in the Air Force, another does youth work, and two are moral welfare workers with unwed mothers, in addition to those serving pastorates.

Though numerically the Wesley deaconesses far outnumber proportionately the number of deaconesses in our Methodist Church, one must recognize that since as yet women are not admitted to the full ministry of the British Methodist Church, there is no other way in which one can serve the church professionally except by being a deaconess. Few churches have secretaries, and not in all England is there a director of Christian education.

Protestantism in England has been steadily declining for the past half century, with now only 7 per cent of the population professing church membership. English Methodism lost 5,069 in church membership in 1960 and 41,804 in Sunday schools. While we in America are generally accused of being "over-organized," I felt constantly baffled by lack of communication. The lack of general promotional magazines, quadrennial emphases and goals was apparent. A Christian stewardship program was begun on a pilot project basis in 1960. Patterned on the American and Australian Methodist Church programs, it was instituted because of the success of a similar plan used in the Church of England.

On a typical Sunday with an attendance over 600, the offering at Kingsway totaled \$180.64. Tithing is rare and is not yet an emphasis of the new stewardship program. Few such reports are kept, but one minister reported an average weekly giving of 28 cents, while another who urged the giving of a half-crown (35 cents) per member

per week triples the amount received in offerings in one year.

What are the values of such a deaconess exchange? In addition to the great personal enrichment of sharing in the fellowship and Christian love of the Wesley Methodist deaconesses, perhaps the greatest value is the challenge to self-examination—not only of oneself and one's country but especially of the church—and in this process to seek those things of merit and discredit on each side.

Are they meeting needs that we are not? Then let us begin. Are we in danger of losing touch with the laboring man? Then let us work now with him. Are we silent on "real" issues? Let us speak out with bold conviction now while people still listen for the "voice" of the church. My own contribution I felt to be that of "an interpreter" of us to them while there and of them to us over here. If "as Methodists we are (to be) one people," such exchanges do have value!

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LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (RNS) — A Methodist leader declared here that desegregation of the Church must be accomplished voluntarily.

Addressing nearly 2,000 persons attending the annual Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction's Laymen's Conference, Charles C. Parlin of New York said that no transfers of white or Negro jurisdictional units should be forced.

Mr. Parlin, a vice-president of the World Methodist Council and one of the six World Council of Churches presidents, heads a committee developing plans for desegregation of The Methodist Church by eliminating its Central (Negro) Jurisdiction.

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Missouri Methodists Sponsor Peace Education Project

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (RNS) — A Methodist-sponsored peace education project has begun operation here under the direction of James Speer, former U.S. diplomat. The two-year project is designed to assist Missouri Methodists to focus more effectively on issues of world peace, disarmament safeguards and world order. Based on resolutions adopted at recent sessions of the denomination's Missouri East and West Conferences, the project was formed at a meeting of an area peace education committee appointed by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis. It was determined that prayer, study and action for peace will be encouraged in local churches, districts and conferences throughout the state.

English Synods Will Study Unity Plan With Anglicans

PRESTON, England (RNS) — The Methodist Conference of Great Britain voted at its annual meeting here to send to its synods and quarterly meetings for "prayer and study" a plan for uniting the denomination with the Church of England (Anglican).

Comments on the union plan are to be submitted by the synods and quarterly meetings to the General Conference in 1965, or at such time as the 1964 General Conference may determine.

The motion to submit the plan for study was made by Dr. Harold Roberts, principal of Richmond College, Surrey, and chairman of the Methodist delegation which has been holding talks with a similar Anglican group.

In Memoriam



Mrs. Melissa McKay

Mrs. Melissa C. McKay, wife of Thomas G. McKay of Archibald, La., died in Saint Francis Hospital, Monroe, July 13, 1963 of a heart attack suffered the night of June 6.

She was born near Alto, La., May 14, 1904, the daughter of Daniel Thrashley Chapman and Melissa Thompson Chapman.

At an early age she joined the Little Creek Methodist Church, near Alto.

She remained a loyal, devoted member of this church as long as she lived.

For 38 years she taught in the public schools of Richland and Franklin parishes. She was a graduate of the old Silliman College at Clinton, La., and later received her B.A. degree from Louisiana Tech.

She was recently awarded a certificate of merit for 24 years work with 4-H clubs.

She belonged to the Bono Nostrorum Club of Mangham and was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a faithful member of the Order of Eastern Star in which she served in many capacities.

There was no end to the good work that Melissa did while she was with us. We know that wherever her beautiful spirit is, that its dwelling place is brighter and better for her being there.

May God give us the grace and courage to carry on in the same spirit that she manifested so beautifully among us.

—Mary C. Acklen



The Rev. Forney Harvey

Funeral services for the Rev. Forney Harvey, 51, of Glasgow, Mo., former pastor of churches in the Little Rock Conference, were held Sept. 1 in Oaklawn Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

He was a native of Hot Springs and formerly served as pastor of Tigert Memorial and Morning Star churches in that city, and of churches in Keo, Amity and Malvern.

He was pastor of First Methodist Church, Glasgow, Mo., at the time of his death, which came in an automobile accident.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, A. G. Harvey, Forney Harvey, Jr., and Joe Harvey of Hot Springs; three daughters, Mrs. Dacey Funnell of Kansas City and Mrs. Inez Witherell and Mrs. Billie C. Patterson of Hot Springs; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harvey of Hot Springs; and three brothers, Fletcher Harvey, the Rev. Raymond Harvey and Junior A. Harvey of Hot Springs; a sister, Mrs. Walter Rookard of Hot Springs; and eight grandchildren.



Mrs. W. S. Tussey

Word has been received from the Rev. W. S. Tussey, retired Methodist minister who formerly served in the North Arkansas Conference and now makes his home in South Boston, Va.,

that his wife died June 5 at the home of their son, A. R. Tussey, Richmond, Va.

Funeral services were held in South Boston with interment in Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Tussey served churches in North Arkansas, St. Louis and Virginia conferences before his retirement in 1955.



'ON WAY TO CHRISTIAN UNITY'

The Fourth World Faith and Order Conference came to a close July 26 in Montreal with the ringing affirmation that the churches of the world "are on the way to Christian unity."

The two-week meeting, sponsored by the World Council of Churches, brought together some 500 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox theologians and church leaders, including several eminent Methodists. The Roman Catholic Church was represented by five official observers and 15 guests.

In "A Word to the Churches," conference officials recognized that there are still complex problems to be solved before unity will be achieved.

However, the message affirmed that the Montreal gathering has made it clear that God is "shaping a world which cannot deny that it is one world, except by self-destruction."

Prof. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas, vice chairman of the conference, was one of the signers of the message. Dean Walter G. Muelder of Boston University School of Theology presented one of the section reports.

One report suggested that the church has often appeared to be "an institution centered in a building rather than a company moving out into the world."

In a section on "The Church's Involvement in a Divided Society," the conference declared: "We are shamefully divided by racial prejudice and discrimination. This denies the dignity of man, subverts our unity in Christ, and defeats the mission of the church. In Christ there is no defense or excuse for the wilful continuation of racially exclusive groups, church meetings and fellowships. We therefore, call upon Christians in their local churches to show the marks of Christian discipleship whatever the cost."



METHODISTS IN BIBLE POSTS

Two Methodists were among those named to high positions at the recent meeting of the United Bible Societies in Tokyo. The Archbishop of York was re-elected president.

Dr. Coleman Burke, a Wall Street lawyer who is chairman of the American Bible Society General Administration and Overseas Distribution Committees, was re-elected as a vice-president from the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, New York, general secretary of the American Bible Society, was elected chairman of the Council and the Standing Committee. Since 1957, this is the first time these two important posts have been held by the same person.

The American Bible Society is one of the general missionary agencies of The Methodist Church and many other denominations. The United Bible Societies is an international and interdenominational organization consisting of 23 national Bible Societies and four associate societies from six continents.



A ROMAN CATHOLIC CARDINAL, a Jewish rabbi and five Methodists were honored for their leadership in civil rights by the Second National Methodist Conference on Human Relations, which met in Chicago, Aug. 26-30. Citations were presented for the conference by Bishop Charles Brashares of Chicago, (center) and Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis (second from right). Awardees, from left, are Aaron Henry, layman from Clarksdale, Miss.; Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Portland, Or.; Mrs. Marion Downs, Los Angeles concert singer; Alber Cardinal Meyer of Chicago; Rabbi Julius Mark of New York City; Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, Methodist Woman's Division executive; and Bishop Charles F. Golden of Nashville-Birmingham area.

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process. Many adults in our church schools have not yet learned to "love one another" as well as the children who seem to be "just playing" Sunday after Sunday in our Church nurseries. This may be because we have planned the experiences, the learning activities, the stories we tell them all within the framework of their age group.

It is a very thrilling experience for teachers to see others build upon the sure foundations they have laid in the lives of these whom they teach one year at a time. We use the method that Jesus used: we take the children where they are in their growing experience and try to teach them the Christian way of life.

—Aunt Feather



LAYMEN 'SALT OF EARTH'

Since the layman spends most of his time outside the church, he needs to get training there to be effective as "salt of the earth," the Southeastern Methodist Laymen's Conference was told recently at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Charles C. Parlin of New York, a president of the World Council of Churches and vice president of the World Methodist Council, pointed to Christ's calling his followers the salt of the earth as still understandable to the modern man.

APPEALS FOR RATIFICATION

An appeal for Senate ratification of the nuclear test ban treaty recently negotiated by the U. S., Britain and Russia and a warning of serious consequences in the event of non-ratification were voiced by a church expert on international affairs at Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 3.

Mrs. C. A. Bender, New York, official observer at the United Nations for the Methodist Board of Missions, told 160 Methodist women leaders that "it will be tragic if, in a convulsive fear reaction against Communism, we Americans decide that we cannot entrust our future hope on even this first small step toward world peace. We will, in addition to disappointing those who look to us with hope, be giving to those who look to us with distrust the greatest demonstration of our faltering reliability."

She spoke at the National Seminar on Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. The seminar was held on the campus of the University of Puget Sound.

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THE REV. G.W. DAMERON, pastor, and members of the congregation of St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria, celebrated the formal opening of the first unit of their building with an "open house" on August 11.



WORKERS IN the recent Vacation Church School at Merryville Methodist Church are shown, left; (front row) Mrs. Roy Crain, Mrs. H. Edmonson,



Miss Cindy Carmen, Mrs. Opal Miller, Mrs. Margaret Malone, (second row); Miss Sara Head and Mrs. Mattie Meadows. The picture at the right shows the group enrolled in the school.



RECENTLY CONFIRMED and received into church membership at Jones Methodist Church: Miss Susan Ann Munn, Miss Maribelle Hopkins and Miss Kay Iris Nunn. The pastor, the Rev. Kenneth W. Paul is shown with the group.



WORKERS IN THE recent Vacation School at First Church, Lake Charles, the primary group of which is seen at right: Mrs. James Sutton, Jun-



ior superintendent; Mrs. Lee Ware, director; Mrs. E.E. Toney, kindergarten superintendent; and Mrs. Charles Rugg, Primary superintendent.



ONE OF THE GROUPS of the Vacation School at Delhi Methodist Church studying the theme "Widening Relations." Mrs. W.E. Coats was director of the school and the Rev. W.V. Sirman is pastor.

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SCENES OF recent youth activities at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas: left, supper time



during Youth Activities Week and, right, outdoor discussion group during retreat at Camp Brewer.



CARROLLTON METHODIST Church, New Orleans, recently purchased property adjoining their educational building for future growth. This picture shows Walter W. May, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Charles E. McHale, Jr., right, and the Rev. Jack Cooke, as they discuss the transaction with their banker.



SHOWN AS THEY ATTENDED the Hospitals and Homes Stewards' Day at the Methodist Children's Home, Sunday, September 15, are (l. to r.): Dr. Marvin T. Green, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the home, and Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent.

Bishop Walton Leaves Sept. 30 For Visit To African Missions

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will leave New Orleans by air on Sept. 30 on the first leg of an official episcopal visitation that will take him to five African nations where The Methodist Church has mission work. Each of the bishops of the Church is expected to make such a visitation to one of the mission fields each quadrennium. Bishop Walton will be accompanied on this trip by Dr. W. E. Trice, pastor of Wm. B. Reily University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

They will leave from New York City on their Trans-Atlantic trip to Monrovia, Liberia, on Oct. 1, and plan to return to New York on Nov. 29 in time to be back in New Orleans on that same day.

The itinerary of Bishop Walton's visitation calls for visits to Methodist work in Liberia, the Congo, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa and Mozambique. On their return journey, Bishop Walton and Dr. Trice will travel via London.

A schedule of mailing addresses for their itinerary will be published in an early issue of the paper.

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If the congregation were perfect it would not need a pastor.

No man is free who is governed by his appetite.

Chemin-A-Haut State Park

Monroe District Laymen Will Hold Retreat, September 21-22

Methodist laymen of the Monroe District will hold their 8th Annual District Retreat at Chemin-A-Haut State Park in Bastrop on the weekend of September 21-22. Pete Medak, Monroe district lay leader, has been in charge of planning the program. He has been assisted by Rev. Ed. Haug, Monroe district superintendent.



Mr. Lay

Robert P. Lay and Thomas A. Pitt of Shreveport will be the principal speakers. Mr. Lay is a member of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, and Mr. Pitt is As-

sociate Area Director of the Area Council.

The second annual Distinguished Layman's Award will be made to the outstanding layman of the Monroe District. Mr. Pitt received the award last year while he was a resident of Monroe.

Also on the program are reports by: Howard Daughenbaugh of New Iberia, Conference Lay Leader; Herbert Moffett of West Monroe, district director of the 1000 Club (contributors to new churches); Joe Solomon of West Monroe, district director of Methodist Men's Clubs; W. B. Glover of Winnsboro, district director of Lay Speaking;

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Camp Brewer, Oct. 3 and 4

Dr. E. Stanley Jones Speaker For Spiritual Life Retreat

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, famed Christian missionary, will be the speaker at the annual Spiritual Life Retreat sponsored by the Board of Evangelism of the Louisiana Methodist Conference. The retreat will be held Thursday and Friday, October 3 and 4, at Camp Brewer in Alexandria.

Ministers and lay persons will begin registering there at 10:00 a.m. The first assembly will be at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Jones will speak at that time and again Thursday evening. He will speak at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Friday. There will be a display of books written by Dr. Jones.

Dr. James T. Harris of Shreveport, conference secretary of evangelism planned the retreat. Rev. A. A. McKnight of Shreveport is chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

District evangelism secretaries will

have two meetings during the retreat. Three devotional messages will be brought by district secretaries of evangelism.

Cottages and meals are available at the camp. The Retreat will close a 4:00 p.m. Friday.

Dr. Jones has been honored as "missionary extraordinary" and a distinguished bishop called him "the greatest Christian missionary since St. Paul."

Stanley Jones was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 3, 1884. He was graduated from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, and while continuing as a teacher there, he received a letter from the Methodist Board asking him to go to India. In seeking the answer, he placed his reliance on the guidance he sought from God through prayer. He rose from his knees completely sure that he was meant to go to India as a missionary. He believed "that the only kind of a world worth having was a world patterned after the mind and

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Shreveport Dist.

Lay Speakers'

School Planned

Kenneth Rigby, associate lay leader of the Shreveport District has announced dates of the 1963 annual Shreveport District Lay Speakers' school. It will be held at First Methodist Church in Shreveport on three Tuesday evenings: September 24, October 1, and October 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, September 24, Thomas A. Pitt, Associate Director of the Area Council, will lead the discussion on "The Function of Laymen in Methodism."

On Tuesday, October 1, the Rev. Woodrow Hearn, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, will speak on "The Layman's Use of the Bible."

On Tuesday, October 8, Mr. Rigby, a Shreveport attorney, will conduct a session on "Public Speaking."

Sunday, October 20, is "Layman's Day" in The Methodist Church. On that date, laymen will fill the pulpits of most Methodist Churches. The purpose of these lay speakers' schools is to train laymen to speak on such occasions.



Dr. Jones

Editorials

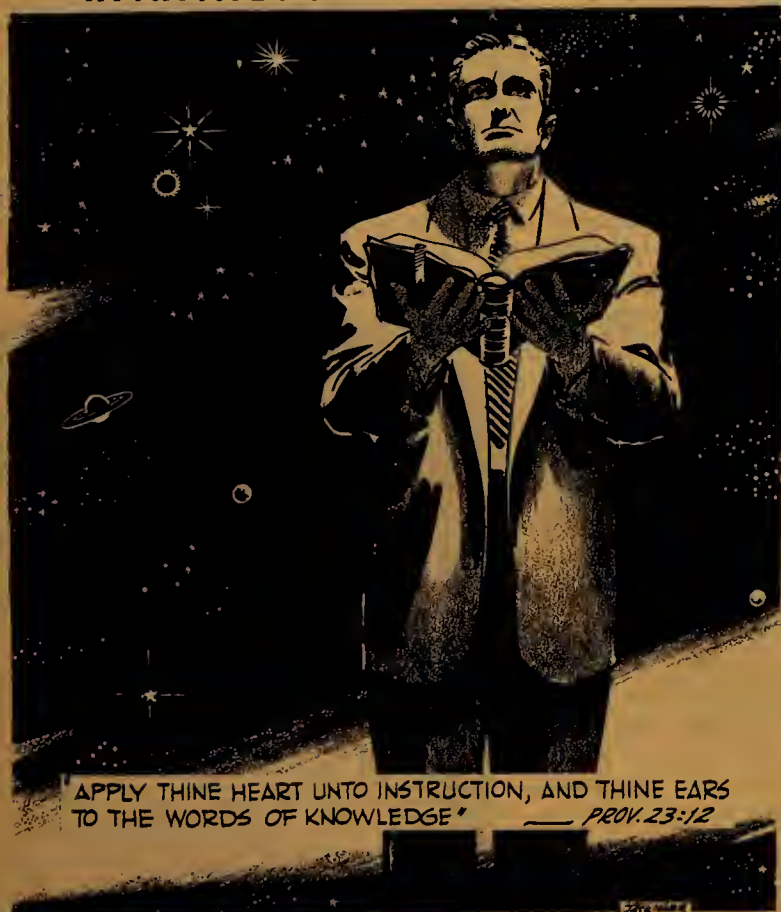
UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH

IT IS so easy for us to take for granted that all persons who are related to the church and its activities are automatically well-informed about all the details of the program. Occasionally we are shocked into the realization that this is not necessarily so. From time to time we hear Methodists make statements that indicate we are failing somewhere to communicate effectively the fundamentals of our organizational and financial structure. When such statements are made it behooves some of us who do have the answers to speak right up and help correct such erroneous conclusions and misapprehensions.

Two examples came to our attention recently and we mention them to point out how all of you can really be an effective part of the program of Methodist information. In one case a layman made a statement which indicated that he did not understand the method by which benevolent funds are divided by the conference treasurers, with a portion staying in the conference for program and another portion going to the general treasurer of the denomination. The misapprehension was created when the layman's statement indicated that he thought funds that were intended for benevolent purposes were being crippled by undue administrative costs. Two things should have been said, and were said on this occasion—one, that conference benevolences are a part of the church's total mission and outreach; and, two, the record shows that administration costs are unusually low in The Methodist Church.

The other example came as the result of a misunderstanding of the names of two agencies—one "the area council" within the Methodist conference and area framework, and the other "the state council," in which Methodism does participate. The misunderstanding indicated that the person was confusing the two organizations and the methods by which their operating funds are secured. Again, it was quickly explained by a person with the proper information at hand.

IN AN AGE HUNGRY FOR KNOWLEDGE



There is a widespread need for better understanding of the church and its program and much of this can come from the informal conversations and discussions in which we engage, if we will take the trouble to deal with wrong information when it appears.

Many of our people are seeking to arrive at more concise definitions of the Church and its mission through study and discussion groups. It is important that we have a theological base on which to stand in our concept of the Church.

However, we are as equally concerned that every Methodist consider himself a "committee of one" to share the best of his knowledge in dealing with errors which may sometimes seem trivial at the moment, but which can become part of a larger body of destructive misinformation with which the program of our church ought not to be burdened. We appeal to you to learn more about Methodism and share what you learn.

ANOTHER THREAT OF FALLOUT

IN a recent newspaper story Dr. Edward Teller, who is known as "father of the h-bomb," was quoted as saying in a recent speech in Dallas that the atmospheric radiation level caused by nuclear bomb tests has two hazards: (1) it gives ulcers to the people who worry about it; and (2) it also gives ulcers to the people who worry about the people who worry about it.

Certainly Dr. Teller was being facetious and yet there was something quite fundamental in what he said. In an interrelated world like ours the grave concerns which people hold individually about "the bomb" and its dangers cannot be held by them alone. We pray that we will never find the end to our ulcers by shutting off our concern for other people. There are many who still believe that every problem, both domestic and international, can be solved on the basis of their own desires and self-interest. It is our conviction that these people constitute an ever-shrinking minority.

If it took the threat of "fallout" to bring some people to this state in which they will worry about the worries of others, then this must be described as a desirable side-effect of one of the world's gravest dangers. The threat of fallout can then be seen as a threat to selfishness and parochialism of every type.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY

WE are impressed by the imaginative ways in which many Church School leaders are planning for Rally Day. Not only are they introducing great groups of their people to the program of the Church School, but they are presenting Christian education and its program for meeting the needs of the day in a very dramatic fashion.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

RUSTON CHILDREN'S HOME

On Sunday, September 15, we had the privilege of attending the annual Hospital and Homes Stewards' Day at the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, La. This is the second time that the administration of this fine institution has invited to its campus the persons who represent this cause in the local churches of Louisiana.

The Rev. Harry Ezell, faced with a problem of a mounting population of children without a proportionate increase in support, has arrived at this most effective way of communicating the present needs of the home to the local churches of Louisiana. About 150 people attended the meeting, including Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Dr. Henry Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent, Dr. Henry Bowdon and his staff of the Area Council, the editor of the Louisiana Methodist and the director of Louisiana Methodist Information.

Following an excellent noon meal in Webb Hall we went to the chapel where the needs and program of the home were interpreted by Dr. Marvin T. Green, chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Melvin T. Lewis, president of the Alumni Association of the home, and Mr. Ezell. During a period of discussion many of the persons found the answers to the questions which they brought with them.

We then went on a tour of the cottages of the home, directed by the fine young people who live in them. In each we saw the excellent way in which life is organized along family lines by the house parents. We were especially thrilled by the wonderful "new look" that has been given to the Junior High Boys' Cottage by the boys themselves working with representatives of Labor Unions and sponsored by Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Then at 2:30 p.m., Bishop Walton brought an outstanding message that challenged the whole group as it prepared to return to their local churches with their personal message from Louisiana's Methodist Children's Home. We had been to the campus at Ruston before and seen something of the fine work being done there by the Ezells. It was most inspiring to have another opportunity to follow the progress they are making. They are deserving of the most hearty support.

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'The Upper Room' Will Honor Dr. Kim, Korean Educator

Dr. Helen Kim, President Emeritus of Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, Korea, is to be honored by The Upper Room, interdenominational daily devotional guide which is published in 35 languages around the world, at the annual Upper Room Citation Dinner to be held October 1, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, will present Dr. Kim with the citation before a crowd of notables and some 400 other guests who are to assemble in the grand ball room of the Club.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area of The Methodist Church is to preside at the affair. The principal speaker will be the Honorable Frank P. Graham, Mediator for The United Nations. General Chung Yul Kim, Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Korea will pay a tribute to Dr. Kim. Others participating in the program are Dr. John A. Mackay, President Emeritus, Princeton Theological Seminary; Chaplain (Maj. Gen. U.S.A.F., Ret.) Charles I. Carpenter; and Dr. Edward H. Pruden, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

Among the guests of prominence who are to attend are Mrs. Pearl Mesta, Dr. and Mrs. Hurst R. Anderson, President, American University, Washington, D.C., Judge Eugene Black, Washington, D.C., Dr. and Mrs. Norman Trott, President Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., Congressman Carl Albert, Oklahoma and Dr. Leonard D. Peale, Guidepost, Carmel, New York.

Aside from heading Ewha, the 8,000 student world's largest woman's uni-

versity, the twenty-two years, Dr. Kim has received world renown for her many contributions to Christian Ethics and World Peace. She has represented her country four times at the United Nations; has been a delegate to a United Nations (Unesco) meeting in Paris; a delegate to The World Council of Churches in India, and to the World Methodist Council at Oslo, Norway. She was head of the Korean Department of Information during the Korean War; president of the Korean Association of University Women; vice-president of the Korean Red Cross; board chairman of the Korean YMCA; and vice-president of the International Missionary Council.

Dr. Kim received her education at Ewha University, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Columbia University. She has received degrees from Ohio Wesleyan, Cornell, and Boston University.

Dr. Kim will be the first person outside North America to receive the annual citation which is accorded by The Upper Room to a person selected for his or her outstanding contribution to World Christian Fellowship.

New Book On Parish Ministry

"Heralds of Christ", a compilation of selections from outstanding writings on the preaching and parish ministry, has just been released by Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn.

Containing quotations from 44 authors and selected biblical passages, the book has been prepared especially for the "Bishops' Mission on the Ministry" that is being held across the nation this fall.

"The hope is that some young people by the accounts of the glory and challenge of our profession may be inspired to join, or some person of riper years, whose enthusiasm has flagged under the attrition of time, may be quickened anew," says Bishop Francis Gerald Ensley of Iowa in a foreword. Bishop Ensley is national chairman of the "Bishops' Mission on the Ministry."

Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh and Dr. W. Thomas Smith are editors of Heralds of Christ which begins with a selection by Polycarp and continues through such twentieth century writers as Paul Tillich, Halford E. Luccock, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, George A. Buttrick, W. E. Sangster, and Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

The paperback volume is available from Cokesbury regional service centers and bookstores and will be displayed at the 63 convocations of the "Mission on the Ministry" beginning September 23 in Alexandria, La.

A church that is fighting evil can expect to be fought.

WCC Committee In Meeting

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — From mid-August through Labor Day this western New York city was the center of ecumenical Christian attention — thanks to the meeting here of the 100-member Central Committee of the World Council of churches with scores of observers and consultants from churches and councils around the world.

Methodists are well represented on the principal body: Charles Parlin of New York is one of the six presidents; Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Argentina in an immediate past president; other members include Dr. Ivy Chou of the Methodist Theological School, Sibu, Sarawak; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Bishops F. Gerald Ensley of Dse Moines, James K. Mathews of Boston and Roy H. Short of Nashville.

From other branches of the Methodist family came Dr. Eric Baker, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, London; Prof. C. A. Coulson, past vice-president of the British Methodist Conference, Oxford; Bishop B. Julian Smith of Chicago (Christian Methodist Episcopal Church); and Mrs. B. R. Wyllie of the Methodist Church of Australasia, Sydney.

Some 30 other Methodists (divided about half-and-half between The Methodist Church and other Methodist bodies) were on hand as consultants to the Central Committee and to WCC divisions and committees. Incidentally,



MEMBERS OF the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches devoted the major part of their recent eight-day meeting in Rochester, N.Y. to business - but there was also time for informal conversation. Here, delegates and guest, are shown enjoying a cup of coffee on the terrace of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, where sessions were held. In the center foreground is Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury.

World Service Receipts Are Down For First Quarter

Receipts in The Methodist Church's general funds for the first quarter of the current fiscal year have been lagging behind receipts for the same period last year.

Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, reported Sept. 4 on receipts from June 1 through Aug. 31.

August receipts in all but two of the 11 funds showed definite gains over August, 1962, but the increases were not sufficient to pull the totals for the quarter up to the level of giving for the same three months last year except in two columns.

General Advance Specials for World Missions showed an increase for the first quarter of 3.86 per cent, and National Missions Specials registered a 33.1 per cent gain.

World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund which exceeded its 15-million-dollar goal for last fiscal year, had received less than \$1,500,000 for the first quarter of this year—6.68 per cent less than the amount received during June, July and August last year.

The report for the first three months of this fiscal year follows. All percentages, with the exception of the two starred amounts, show decreases.

World Service	\$1,443,583.93— 6.68%
General Advance Specials	
World Missions	1,216,917.86— 3.86*
National Missions	352,956.07—33.10*
Overseas Relief	165,161.66— 0.83
One Great Hour of Sharing	37,108.16—48.34
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	25,095.67—18.21
Methodist Television-Radio Ministry	34,583.58—28.17
World Service Specials	28,821.06—23.05
Episcopal Fund	207,671.52—11.35
General Admission Fund	97,663.71— 4.40
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	57,355.98—22.82

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Miss Betty Thompson, information officer for the New York office of WCC —herself a Methodist — did a notable job throughout the period.

The Central Committee began sessions August 26 after nearly two weeks of committee and division meetings. Asbury First Methodist Church in Rochester hosted the opening worship and business session which attracted about 1000 persons. It's pastor, the Rev. Richard J. Davey, welcomed the distinguished guests from 40 countries on behalf of the church, the churches and the city. (A news writer, deeply moved by the dignity and pageantry of a processional which included a wide variety

of ecclesiastical and national garbs — some in striking color — described the result as "a feeling of occasion."

And an occasion it certainly was — not only that opening meeting and the community reception at the University of Rochester the following evening (at which Ambassador Averill Harriman brought greetings from President Kennedy) — but day after day experiences of the plenary sessions at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and the multitude of accompanying committee labors and hearings.

In the middle of the week a number of World Council leaders, includ-

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THE NEW ROSEDALE Methodist Church, composed of a congregation from the communities of Maringouin, Rosedale and Grosse Tete, which had its opening service recently with between 350 and 400 present. The Rev. Stephen F. Wendt is the pastor.

Home Children Work For Education

Independence and self reliance are traditional American virtues. Personal self respect as a child of God is an essential Christian concept. These virtues and concepts are foundations of the developing education-work program at the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston. In line with a policy initiated by Dr. R. W. Vaughan when he became superintendent of the Home in 1908, boys and girls capable of benefiting from college education attend Louisiana Tech in Ruston. Under a policy initiated by the present superintendent, the Rev. Harry E. Ezell, they now are helped to find work to help defray cost of college expenses.

Participating in this work program this summer, one boy worked on a construction job, one clerked in a clothing store. One boy worked in a sawmill and one attended Naval Reserve Officers Training School in Newport, Rhode Island. One girl clerked in a drug store and one girl worked as a telephone operator.

After allowance for reasonable personal expenditures, savings are applied to future education. The Home is proud of this program and the fine spirit shown by those participating.

During the breaks between summer

work and fall enrollment in college several of the boys volunteered to renovate a ten by twelve foot playhouse used by little boys. They are repairing and re-roofing the building and installing a "watch-tower" at the roof ridge.

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Methodist Hospital

Urban C. Wilkinson, General Chairman of Methodist Hospital Building Fund Campaign announced the acceptance of Arthur J. Waechter, Jr., Attorney, as Chairman of the Professional Division for the campaign. Mr. Waechter is a member of the firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre.

Mr. Waechter was born in New Orleans, November 20, 1913. He married the former Peggy Weaver on February 20, 1939.

He acquired his B.A. Degree from Tulane University in 1934 and his L.L.B. in 1936 when he also was admitted to the Louisiana Bar. He is a Professor of Law, Tulane University School of Law and a member of the Board of Advisory Editors, Tulane University. He served as a Lt. i.g. in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

He was a friend of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Jones reports that when he asked the Mahatma the best way to naturalize Christianity in India, he answered:

"Christian missionaries should live their faith . . . not dilute it . . . They also study the non-Christian faiths more sympathetically." He spent two months in Tagore's Ashram, the House of Peace, as a teacher, free to speak about Christ to the men and women of all faiths gathered there to examine each other's beliefs.

Dr. Jones' interpretation of Christ was sought in an ever-widening area and his influence spread throughout India, Burma, Ceylon, Japan, China, Malaya, Singapore, and the Philippines.

With foresight and great-heartedness the Board of Missions of his own church offered him the wide ranging role of "Evangelist-at-large to India" and wherever else he might feel led to go. Since 1919 the Christian mission that developed from his early work in Lucknow and Sitapur have taken him to six continents and to almost every county on the globe.

According to Stanley Jones, "All men stand equally in need of Christ." His emphasis is on full sur-



Dr. Franco

Music Planned For Corey Play Premiere

Two outstanding American artists and the first musical instrument of Christendom will blend themselves into the musical background for "Romans by St. Paul," choric drama by Orlin Corey which is scheduled for its world premiere in Shreveport Oct. 6.

The artists are Johan Franco, Virginia Beach, Va., composer of the original music, and Daniel Robins of Chicago, who recorded it for the production on the 72-bell carillon of the University of Chicago—second-largest in the world.

When Corey was searching for the right musical interpretation for his dramatization of St. Paul's Epistle to

Mr. Waechter is a member of the American, Louisiana State and New Orleans Bar Associations and International Association of Insurance Counsel. He is a director of the Bank of New Orleans and Trust Company and the Canal Barge Company, Inc. He is past President of the New Orleans Bar Association, and is now President of Tulane Alumni Association.

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Very few cigaret smokers are ready to recommend the habit to their children.

render.

The books, articles and countless circular letters that Dr. Jones has written serve a unique purpose as an unlimited extension of his ministry. His first book, *The Christ of the Indian Road*, brought his name to the attention of the world. The twenty-two books which have followed, translated into thirty languages, have made him one of the most widely read religious writers of the age.

He has used his great influence in the East and in other parts of the world as a mediator between states and between factions, working as a Christian across international boundary lines. In *The Christ of the American Road*, he writes that: "The Christian faith must be a reconciling, unity bringing power . . . not by compromise or appeasement, but: . . . by reconciling men on a higher level by getting each to change."

Dr. Jones is an outstanding Crusader in the cause of Christian Unity. He offers the plan of Federal Union as the means of achieving on a wide scale church union with freedom. This proposed plan for organic union would

the Romans, he appealed to old friend Franco. A mid-summer conference resulted in agreement that the carillon was the proper instrument for the purpose, and Franco, who had more than 60 carillon compositions already to his credit, undertook to create the new music.

Early this month Franco took his composition to Chicago, where Robins recorded it on ultra-sensitive equipment for incorporation into the live performances beginning Oct. 6. The composer will be here prior to the premiere to supervise the incorporation along with Corey.

By coincidence, the two musical collaborators have a Dutch background in common.

Franco was born in Zaandam, Netherlands, in 1908 and studied music with the Dutch composer William Pijper. He came to America in 1934, became a citizen eight years later and set out on a composing career that has produced more than 250 works.

Robins, although an American, was a student of Leen 't Hart at the Dutch National Carillon School in Amersfoort—the first American to study there and the first of any nationality to complete the four-year course in one year. He has appeared in recital on more than 20 European carillons, including the historic instrument of the Royal Palace at Amsterdam.

Robins has been on an extended recital series in Europe this summer. It was upon his return that he recorded Franco's music for "Romans" on the great Laura Spelman Rockefeller Carillon at the University of Chicago, over which he presides as the university carillonneur.

The premiere of *Romans* will be a main event in the dedication ceremonies of Shreveport's new First Baptist Church buildings. Later the production will have a regular run at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse at Centenary College, where Corey is head of the Department of Speech and Drama, from Sept. 10-19.

Plans exist for a still later series of touring week-end appearances in such cities as New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Dallas, Houston, Little Rock and Oklahoma City.

allow for diversity and local self-government. The denominations of American Christianity might, through Federal Union, present united front for the cause of Christ. Dr. Jones believes it is a pattern by which the churches of America and of the world could unite.

Dr. Jones has established Christian Ashrams—spiritual retreats—around the world. They now number fifty.

His fifty week a year schedule is a miracle of physical achievement. He speaks daily from two to five times. The proceeds from his North American engagements go to support his worldwide concerns, projects for which he has assumed personal responsibility. He accepts no remuneration for himself. He has underwritten salaries and traveling expenses of missionaries, paid the educational expenses of numerous students at Leonard Theological School and at American colleges. He established the Psychiatric Clinic at Nurmanzil, that psychiatry should be introduced into India on a Christian basis.

Stanley Jones' life is the story of one man's world-wide labors to bring the message of Jesus to Everyman.

E. Stanley Jones

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spirit of Jesus." He was therefore "making a drive upon the world as it is, in behalf of the world as it ought to be." He set sail in 1907.

In the early years his work was among the outcasts and low castes. But Stanley Jones did not attack non-Christian faiths. His message, the message of Christ standing in His own right as the Universal Son of Man, disentangled from Western culture and Western forms of Christianity, marked a new approach in missions, the high castes, the student and educated groups became interested in his presentation.

He inaugurated Round Table Conferences where Christians and non-Christians sat down together as equals to study the core of religious experience. His public meetings were thronged. In some instances his listeners brought in their finest lawyers, Mohammedan, Hindu or Moslem, to try to refute the gospel. He won the esteem of India. They call him "Rishi" (a saint).



THE REV. LUMAN DOUGLAS, pastor of Houma First Methodist Church, led the devotionals on Radio Station KCIL each morning the week of September 9.

THE WESLEY SUB-DISTRICT MYF met Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8 at the Maplewood Methodist Church, whose pastor is the Rev. W. D. Milton.

MR. WESLEY CHAMBERS is the teacher of the newly organized class for single young adults in the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, where the Rev. Ira W. Flowers serves as pastor.

A MISSION INSTITUTE to prepare workers of the New Orleans District for the church-wide mission study in January was held at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, Sept. 11.

THE REV. ANDY FOREMAN, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the breakfast meeting of the Federation Key Men in New Orleans, Sept. 15.

THE WILHITE METHODIST CHURCH held its revival Aug. 25-Sept. 1. The evangelist for the meeting was the Rev. J. T. Garrett of Chatham. The pastor of Wilhite is the Rev. C. K. Brooks.

ALL THE TEACHERS in the public schools and leaders of the schools of West Monroe were guests of honor at the morning worship service of First Methodist Church of that city, Sept. 15. The pastor is the Rev. Earl B. Emmerich.

MRS. R. R. CAHAL, New Orleans District WSCS president, was the guest speaker for the Aug. 28 luncheon meeting of the WSCS of Gretna Methodist Church. The Rev. J. Taylor Wall is the pastor.

A PLANNING RETREAT for the Junior High MYF of Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge, was held Sept. 14 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. McCleskey. The pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

PUBLIC SCHOOL APPRECIATION DAY was held at First Methodist Church, Crowley, with faculty members and administration officers of the school guests of honor at the morning worship service. The pastor is the Rev. W. D. Boddie.

A SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS will be sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches on Monday and Tuesday nights, September 23, 24, and September 30 and October 1. Classes will be held at St. Matthew United Church of Christ.

A SUB-DISTRICT RECREATION WORKSHOP was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sept. 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the young people of all the churches that make up the sub-district. The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is pastor of the host church.

THE REV. ELLIS "SONNY" BANKSTON, pastor of the Concord and New Hope Methodist

Churches has been a patient at the Greenwell Springs Hospital, where he is employed, after receiving a "blood clot" in an accident while on duty there, Aug. 7.

THE BATON ROUGE Sub-district MYF met at Meadow's Chapel Methodist Church, Aug. 27. Approximately 100 young people and their counselors were present. The meeting was in charge of the sub-district officers. The Revs. K. K. and Rose P. Carithers are the pastors.

THE SENIOR HIGH MYF of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, held a planning retreat at Camp Caney, Sept. 14 and 15. Counselors for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brooks, and Mrs. E. G. Wyche. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

COACH ALVIN "CRACKER" BROWN was the guest speaker for the Sept. 19 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, where the Rev. George Pearce, Jr. is the pastor. Coach Brown spoke on "Spiritual Values in Athletics" at the breakfast meeting.

MISS JUDY MARTIN has assumed the duties of choir director of the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church of which the Rev. Don Alverson is the pastor and Miss Alice Herrington is organist. She is presently studying music at Loyola University after two years at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

THE REV. BRADY B. FORMAN, pastor of the Downsville Charge, was guest preacher for the revival services held in the Wesley Church, Ponchatoula, during the week of September 9. The Rev. Carey Martin is pastor of Wesley Church, where services were held three times daily including a youth meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER at Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, for the evening worship hour on Aug. 25 was Kenneth Langlinas, one of the young people of the church. Miss Suzette DeWese, newly-elected president of the MYF, was at the piano for the service. The Rev. C. Robert McCammon is the pastor.

AT BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, a Service of Dedication of Memorials was held Sunday, Sept. 15, when the Rev. J. P. Woodland, former pastor of the church, and now pastor at St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the preacher for both morning worship services. The Rev. Barry Bailey is the present pastor.

BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, has announced the following additions to their church staff: John Hooker, a music major at Centenary College, from Leesville, La., is the new organist; and Douglas Peterson, a public school music teacher in Bossier City, is the new director of the Chancel Choir. The pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette, took a deep sea fishing trip, Saturday, Sept. 7. They made the trip on the Miss Mississippi, a charter boat out of Empire, leaving early in the morning and returning that afternoon. Mr. Carl Smiley is the president of this group, and the Rev. J. C. Skinner is the pastor.

THE REV. RAYMOND CROFOOT, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, DeRidder, was the guest preacher for the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Leesville, Sept. 8. The evening worship service was conducted by Chaplain Ray Strawser of Fort Polk. The pastor, the Rev. Kirby Vining, was conducting revival services at the Montpelier Church in the Baton Rouge District.

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, is sponsoring a

training program called "Biblical Studies For Adults." The first study of the series, "Paul's Letter to the Romans," began on Monday evening, Sept. 16, and will continue on alternate Mondays until Nov. 25. The Rev. Cecil Benoit is teaching the first series. The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, the Official Board of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, has taken steps to sponsor the resettlement of a Cuban family in that city. Sometime soon the family of Marcus A. Rodriguez will be coming there to live. The father has been manager of a radio station and the mother is a pharmacist. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is the pastor.

BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH in Shreveport has announced the appointment of two new members to the musical staff of the church. John Hooker, the new organist, is a music major at Centenary College, and is from Leesville. Douglas Peterson, the new Chancel Choir director, is a public school music teacher. Mrs. Daisy Duncan and Mrs. Lola Fortner continue to direct the children and youth choirs. The Rev. James T. Harris is pastor.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was observed at First Methodist Church, Coushatta, Aug. 25-28, under the direction of Mr. Lee Jennings, youth director and choir director of the church. Speakers for the week included Mr. Kemp Gordon, coach at Coushatta High School; Dr. Jack Huckabay, physician; and Mr. Richard Galloway of the faculty of Northwestern State College. The Rev. D. T. Williams is the pastor.

THE REV. JACK COOKE, pastor of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the evangelist for revival services at Delhi Methodist Church, Aug. 25-29. The Rev. J. C. Skinner, pastor of St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette, led the singing. After-church activities for the youth were shared by young people and their pastors from churches at Oak Grove, Rayville, Tallulah and Winnsboro. The Rev. W. V. Sirman is the pastor.

MRS. GEORGE DAMERON of Pineville and Mrs. Carl Gallaher of New Orleans, president and treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, attended the September executive meeting of the Woman's Division in New York. All conference presidents and treasurers were invited to sit in on this meeting when plans were initiated for the 25th anniversary observance of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in 1965. Mrs. Glenn Laskey of Ruston is a member of the executive group and also attended.

THE GIBSLAND MYF held its Youth Activities Week Aug. 12-17. The theme for the week was "Youth At Work In The Church." Speakers were the Rev. Joe McClain, who spoke about "The Christian Family," and the Rev. Jimmy Eppinette, who spoke on dating and its problems. Activities enjoyed by the group were swimming, bowling and a movie party. On Friday evening, a covered dish supper was held at the church by members and their families. Mr. E. O. Rogers is their counselor and the Rev. J. A. Jones is pastor.

THE REV. PHILIP J. FENN, pastor of First Methodist Church, Belen, N. Mex., was guest minister at the morning service at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Aug. 18. He is the husband of the former Gloria Jean Salter of Natchitoches, and is a third generation Methodist preacher. His grandfather was a circuit rider in Oklahoma and Arkansas, and his father, Dr. G. L. Fenn, is pastor of Central Methodist Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex. The Rev. George Pearce is pastor at Natchitoches. Dr. Guy W. Nesom, charge lay leader, spoke at the evening service on this Sunday, speaking on "The Background of Religious Hymns."

The Sunday School Lesson

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 1963: THE LIFE OF FAITH

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis; Psalms 105:1-24; Galatians 3; Hebrews 11:1-22. Printed Lesson Text, Hebrews: 11:1-10.

MEMORY SELECTION: If you are Christ's then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. Galatians 3:29.

AIM OF LESSON: To review the place faith had in the lives of the founders of the Jewish religion and to stress the importance of faith in the life and works of all Christian people.

Last Sunday we completed the study of twelve lessons taken from the Book of Genesis under the general caption, "Studies in Genesis." In these studies we covered the high points of Genesis from the first chapter to the end of the book.

Today's lesson, which is taken from the 11th chapter of Hebrews, is the final lesson in this quarter. The 11th chapter of Hebrews is often called the catalogue of Old Testament saints. It reviews briefly some accomplishments these founders of the Jewish faith wrought by faith.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Perhaps we will better understand the 11th chapter of Hebrews, from which our lesson text is taken if we review briefly the circumstances which apparently caused the book to be written and the motives which prompted the writer.

The style and subject matter of Hebrews indicate that the writer was a Jewish scholar who was thoroughly familiar with Jewish religion, its history and traditions.

Judging also from the subject matter we can see the purpose of the author. The early church was in the midst of one of the periods of severe persecution. These persecutions, at times, took the form of a deliberate, determined effort to destroy Christianity. This was attempted, to use a modern term, by "liquidating" numberless known Christians. Many Christians were brought face to face with the alternative of "deny your faith and live or hold fast to your faith and die." We may be sure that such a situation separated the dedicated from the hangers-on. It was a time of great testing for all professed Christians.

The writer of Hebrews was definitely convinced that the Christian religion was infinitely better than the old Jewish church. In fact the key word in the understanding of Hebrews is the word, "better." The writer believes that Christianity was better than the Jewish religion because its High Priest was Jesus Christ, God's son. It had a better covenant through Christ than the Abrahamic covenant. Its temple, in which God dwelt, was the human heart. It held out a brighter hope for the future than the Jewish faith.

In order that these persecuted Jewish Christians might be reminded that suffering and hardships were not new in religious development the writer of Hebrews recited various illustrations to be found in the 11th chapter.

How the hearts of these hard-pressed Christians must have thrilled as the writer led them through the Hall of Fame of Old Testament saints! In this art gallery of religious heroes the writer called the names of many of their forefathers and reminded them that there were countless others whose names he did not call

for lack of time and space. These had paid the price of survival for the Jewish church. The writer asks of them something of the same heroic willingness to sacrifice in order that the cause of Christ and the Christian church might not only survive but triumph in its purpose to redeem the world.

OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

Our lesson text names only a few in the rather lengthy list of Old Testament heroes found in the 11th chapter of Hebrews. The writer declares that the victory that each of these won was wrought by faith in God.

1. Abel is the first mentioned. In our lesson July 28th we learned that Abel was a keeper of sheep and Cain a tiller of the soil. Each made an offering to God, using the substance of his toil. In the Genesis record it is not very clear just why one offering was accepted and the other rejected. Our lesson text gives the clearest Biblical explanation we have for the difference in the offerings. Verse 4 says, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain." Faith in God made the difference.

2. Enoch is named as a man of great faith. Genesis says, "Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." Verse 5 of our lesson text says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death." In connection with this statement about Enoch we are told that Enoch "pleased God." Then we are told in verse 6 that "Without faith it is impossible to please God." How could anyone "please God" who does not believe in him?

3. Noah lived in a world so wicked that God destroyed it with a great flood. Nevertheless, Noah was a man of great faith. Genesis 6:9 tells us that "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation, and Noah walked with God." According to Hebrews, Noah's superhuman tasks were wrought by faith.

4. In August we had three lessons devoted to a study of Abraham. The life of Abraham was so constantly motivated by faith that he is called "The father of the faithful." A man of faith said, "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." Our lesson text teaches us that Abraham accepted life as it came because "he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

WHAT IS FAITH?

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is one of the most challenging chapters in the Bible. It is a recital of daring, suffering, sacrifice and faithfulness unequalled in literature. According to the writer of Hebrews, every life in this long list of religious heroes was undergirded by an unshaken, unwavering faith in God. So important is this that our lesson today, "The Life of Faith" is given to its study.

What is this thing called faith that was the motivating, inspiring force in the lives of these world builders of early days? The opening verse of our lesson text gives us the most concrete, descriptive definition of faith to be found anywhere. The writer says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith converts hope into the substance of what we desire; it is to us evidence of the

existence of things we cannot see.

Let us realize that faith is not merely giving mental assent to, something without inquiry or examination. Faith must have a real basis for its existence. However, faith is believing something is true for which there is no absolute proof. Real faith is not blindly accepting something as true because it is in the Bible. There must first be a real, vital faith in the Bible itself before we can have a meaningful faith in some particular statement of the Bible.

Faith is much more than just saying we believe. Real faith is believing so firmly that something is true that we live and act on that faith as readily as if we had definite proof of its truthfulness.

Faith is a willingness to trust and act where we do not fully understand or see. We have faith in a doctor or surgeon and hence we are willing to trust our lives in their hands. We have faith in our school system hence we trust our children to teachers whom we sometimes do not even know.

Faith and trust involves something more than believing in something. We believe in liars but we do not trust them or have faith in them. Faith is a willingness to commit ourselves, if necessary, to the thing we have faith in. The child jumps from a bank into his father's arms because he has faith in his father's ability to catch him.

Faith is the willingness to commit ourselves to the thing we profess to believe in. We are told of a man who professed to be able to push a wheelbarrow across Niagara Falls on a tight cable with a man in the wheelbarrow. He could not prove his ability to perform the feat because he could not find anyone who was willing to get in the wheelbarrow. Finally a man came along who said to him, "I believe you can do this thing." The man said "Fine, now just get in the wheelbarrow and we will show them." However, the man did not get in. He professed to believe in the feat but he was not willing to get in the wheelbarrow. Faith is believing something so strongly that we will commit ourselves to it—we will get in the wheelbarrow.

FAITH NOT PECULIAR TO RELIGION

We use the word faith so much in discussing religious matters some get the impression that faith has to do only with Christian religion. Some even say that they cannot be Christians because they cannot believe.

The fact is that faith is one of the most common acts of life. Practically every conscious act of life is an act of faith. Paul says in II Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith," Paul of course is referring to religious activities. However, what he says is literally true. Every step we take is an act of faith. We take a step and we do not know whether we will ever take another. We believe we can and generally do. We eat by faith. We can never be absolutely sure that the food we are to eat is wholesome. We believe it is and so we eat. We sleep by faith. I have heard sick people say, "I am afraid to go to sleep at night, I am afraid I will never wake up." If we go to bed with that uneasiness we will not likely sleep at all.

TRUSTING THE UNTRUSTWORTHY— DOUBTING CERTAINTY

One of the strange things about many professed Christians is that they trust so many things that repeatedly fail and sometimes fail to trust God's promises that have never failed anyone who trusted them through to the end. We trust our lives to the mechanical uncertainties of fast trains, automobiles, speed boats and airplanes with the calm assurance that everything will be alright when every day brings repeated reports of the fatal failures of these things we trust. If we can continue to trust the untrustworthy, why do we ever fail to trust the certainties of God's promises and the undergirding of his everlasting arms. "If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In Lafayette, La., a Roman Catholic prelate has declared that the church's Index of Forbidden Books has little relation to contemporary academic life. The point was made by Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta in a keynote address to the 48th national convention of the National Newman Club Federation. Archbishop Hallinan observed that the original purpose of the Index was to preserve religious faith, "but in our day it does not touch anything at all on that level."

One by one the institutions and practices of the Catholic Church are coming under question as members of the hierarchy, strengthened by the spirit of the Vatican Council, speak their real minds about many things they have previously accepted and defended blindly.

Religious practice remains "a living thing" in Communist Hungary, but the churches' activities are restricted to cultural and spiritual spheres. There is, for example, no possibility of organizing youth movements, and the churches' international relations are closely controlled. This was the report brought back to Paris by Pastor Andre Appel, secretary general of the French Protestant Federation after visits to a number of Hungarian cities as a guest of the Hungarian committee for the World Council of Churches.

If what we hear about Hungary is true, then this report is not at all surprising in its references to restrictions. We wonder just what the interpretation of religion as a "living thing" really means.

In Bloomington, Ind. the door has been opened to a form of Bible study in public schools by a ruling of the school board. Lawrence F. Read, school superintendent, said the board's new policy permits study of the Bible "for its literary and historic values." "The action means," the superintendent said, "that the board does not endorse the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against the use of prayer and Bible reading in the schools, but that they will abide by the mandate."

This is one of the first specific plans being implemented in the new school year to meet the changed conditions of the Court's ruling. It seems much more sensible than the action of some districts to defy the ruling.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner's proposal to place on the November ballot the question of legalizing off-track betting was opposed as immoral by the Brooklyn Division, Protestant Council of New York. The proposed referendum would have no official status, but would serve merely to get a consensus of the city's voters on the issue which has been pushed by Mayor Wagner for years and just as persistently opposed by the Protestant Council and other church groups.

A companion news story says that proposals to set up a harness racing track with pari-mutuel betting at the Trenton Fair Grounds has been condemned by the New Jersey Council of Churches as leading the way to crime and "economic disaster" and imperiling the morals of young people visiting the fairgrounds.

General Wilfred Kitching, international leader of

the Salvation Army, warned in an interview in Toronto that a legalized national lottery in Canada would be "a serious moral error." There for a meeting of the first Canadian Corps Cadet Congress, the general said that such a lottery, even for a "good cause," would merely increase social problems.

Father Fred L. Zimmerman has been named to continue the work of the late Father Charles Dismas Clark, the so-called "hoodum priest" of St. Louis, who spent years working among ex-convicts. Father Zimmerman, 56, is pastor of St. Matthew the Apostle Church in St. Louis and was a close friend of Father Clark, working closely with him in his rehabilitation work among ex-convicts.



AMONG MANY overseas visitors attending the recent meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Rochester, N.Y. were Russian Orthodox representatives visiting the U.S. as guests of the Church of the Brethren. Shown here with Dr. W. Harold Row, executive secretary of the Brethren Service Commission, center, are Mrs. Lidia Popandopoulo, secretary to the Moscow Patriarchate, and Archpriest Eugene Ambartoumov, dean of Leningrad Cathedral.

The visit of Marshal Tito of Communist Yugoslavia to Brazil last week stirred a storm of protest among Catholic leaders. Following criticism of the Brazilian government's invitation to President Tito, several church leaders urged the people to greet the Yugoslav official with "silence, absolute silence," and "neither applaud nor attack" him while he visits Brazil.

In Poland, a country reputedly of hide-bound, traditional Catholicism, the ecumenical movement achieved its apogee when a prominent Lutheran minister, in the full robes of his own church, preached the sermon at the principal Sunday Mass of an important Catholic parish in Warsaw. Dr. Zygmunt Michalis, former president of Poland's National Council of Churches, with the express approval of Stefan Cardinal Wysznski, occupied the pulpit of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Aug. 18.

Four official delegates-observers to the Second Vatican Council have been named by members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Rochester, N.Y. They

are: Dr. Lukas Vischer, Reformed clergyman of Geneva, Switzerland; Dr. Nikos A. Nissiotis of the Greek Orthodox Church, associate director of the Ecumenical Institute of the WCC; Anglican Bishop John Sadiq of Nagpur, India; and Professor Masatoshi Doi of the United Church of Japan.

A report suggesting changes in the procedure for holding communion services at ecumenical gatherings was adopted by the Central Committee of the WCC. Referred to the committee from the Faith and Order Conference held in July at Montreal, the document called for printed programs of WCC meetings to note that "unresolved differences of eucharistic theology and practice" exist within the fellowship. The suggestion also was adopted that at WCC meetings, a communion service be held to which all members would be invited, but that another communion service be held for those who could not "conscientiously offer an invitation to members of all other churches to partake of the elements."

Churches have an "opportunity and a duty" to promote international peace through strengthening friendship between people of the United States and the Soviet Union, it was declared in a joint statement issued in Elgin, Ill. by representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Church of the Brethren. A six-member Russian Orthodox delegation was concluding a 12-day visit to the U.S. as guests of the Church of the Brethren.

Count Michael of Matuschka, the son of a nobleman executed by the Nazis, was ordained a priest in Berlin at the new Roman Catholic Queen of Martyrs Church. The young priest's father, the late Count Michael, was implicated in the abortive plot against Hitler in July, 1944. He was hanged in the Ploetzensee Prison.

The American Society of St. Cecilia, a group of Roman Catholic musicians, meeting in Omaha, Neb., urged that the Second Vatican Council give serious consideration to the continuation of traditional liturgical music as well as congregational hymn singing. In a petition to the Council Fathers, the Society asked that the Sung Mass as the norm for congregational participation be maintained.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, is so concerned about the shortage of Roman Catholic chaplains in the U. S. Army that he is willing to release any priests who wish to enter that service. He said that although this might mean a shortage of priests in his archdiocese, he would endorse the applications of any chaplaincy volunteers after the February ordinations. He noted that as of July 1 there was a shortage of 114 Catholic chaplains in the Army, compared to 136 in February.

Dr. Billy Graham is scheduled to appear as a "guest star" on Jack Benny's first program of the new TV season. The evangelist will play himself, but will recite "some funny lines" written for him by Mr. Benny's joke writers. Irvin Fein, the show's producer, in announcing the evangelist's appearance, stressed the show "will be handled in good taste and Dr. Graham's fans will not be horrified." Mr. Fein explained that no fee will be paid to Dr. Graham for his guest appearance, but that Mr. Benny will make a contribution to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

A \$25,000 grant has been awarded to Yonsei University Medical Center in Seoul, Korea, for scholarships to needy students. The school is one of six universities and colleges sponsored by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, with headquarters in New York.

NEWS

...from the office of the



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Education....

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The Methodist people of Louisiana have just completed a full summer of youth activities. Many local churches had Youth Activities Weeks, Youth Summer Seminars, Christian Adventure Weeks, retreats and tours. Every district held a Junior High Camp. We had two successful Senior High Camps.

On the conference level four youth summer agencies were sponsored. The Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored a Mission Tour for Senior High young people. The tour took nearly forty youth and adults to visit mission projects in the southeastern part of the United States. The MYF Assembly was held at Centenary College. Two hundred youth were challenged by the theme: "Called, Confronted, Compelled." One hundred youth from all eight districts received training at the MYF Officer's Workshop, held at Camp Istrouma. The Conference Board of Social Concerns sponsored the second Youth School of Moral Concerns. Fifty youth explored together what it means to be morally responsible as we studied the theme: "Moral Man and Moral Society."

Youth received training at several meetings beyond our own Conference. Eleven youth and three adults attended the MYF Regional at Mt Sequoyah, August 2-9. The MYF Regional is a summer agency, held for the purpose of training conference and district officers. Mr. Will Finnin, president of the Louisiana Conference MYF, attended the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, held at Evansville College in Evansville, Indiana, August 18-24. Will, who is the son of a Methodist minister, was elected to serve a two-year term on the editorial board of Classmate, a Methodist Youth Magazine.

The fall is upon us. There is something exciting about a new season of the year. In addition to school opening, a new chance to win the State Football Championship, and the new fall wardrobe, we can look forward to our local church and sub-district youth programs. I hope as we plan for these we will include in our thinking MYF Day, October 27, and the MY Fund. Our MY Fund giving increased from \$5,261 in 1961-62 to \$7,645 in 1962-63. The youth representatives at the MYF Assembly adopted a goal of \$8,378 for 1963-64.

Lawrence Gilbert

Conference Director of Youth Work



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



Our program of retreats for the laymen of our conference is becoming one of real significance to our men. We had what I believe was the best Conference Retreat we have ever had here at Centenary College in August. More of our men attended than ever before. We have every hope and expectation that by next year every district in the conference will be having their own district retreats.

The Shreveport and Ruston Districts have just concluded their third annual meeting at Caney Lake near Minden. In spite of the fact that your correspondent had the real pleasure of being the speaker for this occasion, it was one of the best meetings of its kind I have been privileged to attend. We spoke Saturday night on "Ye Are My Witnesses," and Sunday morning on "The Enduring Gift." The outstanding thing about this retreat was the spirit that prevailed. The session was planned as an "Old Fashioned Camp Meeting" and it turned out to be just that. Many men from both districts felt moved to stand before the group and give their witness to what Christ and the church had meant in their lives. One fine layman stood on Sunday morning and testified that although he had been a member of the church for many years, he really found Christ there at Caney Lake on Saturday night. This was the tone of the meeting. Our men came seeking a closer relationship with God and many found it. A number of the cabin groups had very meaningful prayer meetings after the formal sessions were over.

Howard Daughenbaugh, our Conference Lay Leader, attended the Retreat as did Dr. Jolly Harper and Dr. Henry Rickey, district superintendents of the Shreveport and Ruston Districts. A big vote of thanks goes to Dudley Snow, district lay leader of the Shreveport District, for the planning of the meeting; to Bob Pittard of Minden and to Jerry Ross of Shreveport and the others who

contributed much to the success of this fine time of inspiration. As it said on the program, "Go and do thou likewise."

This will be my last opportunity to remind the men of the Monroe District of their Retreat at Chemin-A-Haut State Park near Bastrop which will be held September 21 and 22. Let me urge every layman, who possibly can, to be there. The Monroe District Retreat is the oldest affair of its kind that I know of for laymen. It had its beginning back when Norman Rushing was district lay leader. It has featured such outstanding speakers as Harry Denman, Gene Jud, Cecil Ramey, Red Bond, Roy Grogan and others. This year will feature our own Mr. Methodist himself, Bob Lay from Shreveport. Bob always has a wonderful message and I know this will be a time of inspiration for everyone. I will be looking forward to being back in the Monroe District for the meeting and will have a small part on the program Saturday afternoon. Howard Daughenbaugh will be there and we will all have a great time together. Pete Medak, the district lay leader, and the Rev. Ed Haug, the district superintendent, and all their associates are working hard on this meeting so don't let them down. See you at Chemin-A-Haut.

Lay delegates, don't forget the Annual Conference meeting at First Church, Alexandria, September 23.

Kenneth Rigby, district director of lay speaking for the Shreveport District, has just announced this year's Lay Speakers School to be held at First Church, Shreveport. Three sessions of two hours each will be held. I will have the privilege of conducting the first session on September 24, beginning at 7:30 P.M. The Rev. Woodrow Hearn will hold the second on October 1st, and Ken Rigby will have the final session on October 8th.

Remember Layman's Day is October 20.



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



A Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Brewer will again be sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism on October 3 and 4. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, the retreat officially opening with the noon meal at 12:30. The retreat will close at 4:00 p.m. Friday. A nominal charge of \$5.00 will be made to cover registration, room and board for the two days. It is not necessary to give the schedule for the two days at Camp Brewer as such information will be found elsewhere in the Louisiana Methodist. We would emphasize, however, that Dr. E. Stanley Jones will be our featured speaker on four occasions during the retreat. This may be the last opportunity to hear Dr. Jones within the bounds of our conference, and Louisiana ministers should consider this fact.

World-Wide Communion Sunday will be observed in most Protestant churches around the world on Sunday, October 6. This year, as never before, our unity in Christ around the earth ought to take on new meaning. There is no welding force so strong as a common faith in Jesus Christ. Where men are really found in the "Spirit," there is a unity that defies breaking. Politics may divide us. Economics may separate societies. Denominations may designate preferences. But around the Lord's Table, as we kneel in remembrance of Christ, we will be joined in heart and faith by men and women and children in almost every country in the world. And we will be praying for ourselves and for each other, as we seek the face of God. Our presence is not a requirement, but a privilege.

For more than a century it has been customary in The Methodist Church to "take an offering for the poor" on Communion Sunday. It is still observed in many churches, large and small, with funds used to support the needy at home or away. In more recent years the first Sunday in October has been designated not only as World-Wide Communion Sunday, but as a day for a special offering called "The Fellowship of Suffering and Service." This special offering is directed toward compassionate causes: 50 percent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR), and 50 percent divided equally between the Commission on Camp Activities and the Commission on Chaplains. MCOR was created in 1940 to enable Methodists to relieve human suffering in lands overseas. Through MCOR over twenty million dollars of relief funds have been used for food, clothing, blankets, medicines, hospitalization and temporary housing. Through our Commission on Camp Activities, The Methodist Church shows its concern for its people in military service by assisting churches near military bases and installations to provide a church "home away from home." And the Commission on Chaplains gives oversight to the 595 Methodist ministers serving as chaplains with the armed forces, in hospitals, in correctional institutions, and in industry. In the face of such worthy causes in these demanding times, we could hardly come empty-handed before the Lord's Table.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Report from Seminar

The annual Shreveport District Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the Wynn Memorial Church, Shreveport, on Thursday, September 12.

The program theme "Called to Serve" was introduced by the district secretary of missionary education, Mrs. W. R. Irving of Mansfield.

Leaders and studies presented are as follows: The Christian Mission in Southern Asia, Mrs. Woodrow Hearn; The Changing City Challenges the Church, Mrs. Lee Tidwell; The Christian Family and Its Money, Mrs. W. N. Sessions; An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics, Mrs. E. E. Dilworth; the Program Material, Mrs. C. V. Schmidt.

A special book room displayed the literature. Mrs. Cora Harris was in charge of the music. Mrs. W. D. Snelling of Shreveport is the district president. The Seminar concluded with luncheon at 12:30.



MRS. W. R. IRVING, JR., was chairwoman of program for the seminar held in Shreveport District, September 12.



MRS. WOODROW HEARN scans the program preparatory to leading the study concerning Southern Asia.



MRS. LEE TIDWELL is in the pulpit of Wynn Memorial Church in Shreveport where the district seminar was held.

Univ. Church WSCS, Lake Charles

The Woman's Society of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, launched membership month with a luncheon on September 5. Mrs. Lamar Davis introduced the program by giving the purpose and meaning of the emblem.

The program was planned for Isabel H. Verduzco, an active member since 1901, Mrs. W. E. Lyford, as a contemporary member, and Mrs. C. T. McBride, a new member, to give testimonies as to what being a member of the Woman's Society means to them.

Mrs. W. H. Wroten, Mrs. G. G. Buchanan, Mrs. James Walker, Mrs. M. Young, Jr., of the Docia Kuttner Circle, were in charge of the worship service. The setting, a lighted miniature church, was by Mrs. A. C. Adams.

Mrs. James Stovall announced the Mission Study Seminar at Oak Park Methodist Church, September 17.

The Church represents one of the world's greatest mission fields.

Women Make Survey of Finances

When three hundred Methodist women gathered recently at the annual school of missions sponsored by the Baltimore Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at Westminster, Maryland, a voluntary survey of their family financial situations provided some discussion in a study class on the Christian family and its money.

The median family income of those responding to the survey was \$8,850 annually. Ten per cent of the participants had incomes in excess of \$15,000 annually and another one-third reported incomes between ten and fifteen thousand annually.

Fifty-nine per cent of the women reported that they have family financial disagreements "never" or "almost never".

The participants reported an average family contribution to church and charities of \$631 or 7.1% of the median income figure. (The Methodist Church advocates the giving of a tithe or ten per cent of family income to church and charities.)

Family savings averaged \$946 annually, while insurance premiums paid averaged \$511 per year.

Living in homes that varied in value from \$7,000 to \$35,000, the average value of their homes was \$19,880.

For family vacations, the women reported expenditure of \$225.

COMMENT

----- of Martha Overbey
rural worker, who attended the TOWN
and COUNTRY ASSEMBLY

The Town and Country National Assembly held at the University of Minnesota, July 9-12, was made up of twelve hundred delegates. I was one of the twenty-two from Louisiana. I represented the Woman's Society and Town and Country work.

The conference theme was "The Church at Work in a Changing World." The purpose was "To explore the Mission of the Church in Town and Country life with emphasis given to the small church and its ministry of clergy and laity, to the changing patterns of population and culture in town and country areas, to the world revolution, and to the development of a cooperative and united ministry as our response to the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

The program had been well planned by the InterBoard Committee on Town and Country Work made up of representatives of five boards of the church: Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Lay Activities, Board of Missions, and Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Every morning after worship service led by the chairman of the Minneapolis board, and a keynote speech given by a bishop, this large assembly was divided into twelve groups. Each group, led by a bishop and a recorder, discussed the questions raised by the keynote speech. We were then redivided into quest groups of twenty. This group also had a chairman and a recorder. In this smaller group we discussed questions pertaining to our own situations.

This was a wonderful experience listening each day to clergy and lay leaders discuss problems of larger parish work, and the combining of small churches so each could do more efficient work, and the combination of young people where there were not enough in the community. This is an ideal situation for which we will have to pray and dream about to see if we can come up with a solution.

—Martha Overbey

REPORT FROM A TRAINEE

by Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks
Secretary of Literature, Lafayette District

Secretary of Literature!
That's me I suppose
And I must get going -
Cut short my repose.

My catalog on literature
Is of easy access
And the material listed
On Program lays stress.

And at all times
There's much information
That I can find
In its printed location.

Now for printed material
There is no dearth
Literature Headquarters has
Practically everything on earth!

"You like strawberries?"
Is my interrogation.
There is a school opened
For migrant education.

Hunt extra material
And if the going gets rough
Study our LITERATURE CATALOG
It lists all the stuff.

And where will I find
This information?
The May Methodist Woman
Gives full explanation.

And of what real good
Is "World Outlook?"
It brings to program
Ideas too new for a book.

But you say, "I am poor-
All these things I can't buy?
Go several together -
You won't find them too high.

Send one to your preacher
And slyly, of course,
Borrow it back
When your need is resource.

Find a program spot
On supplements call
Use what is printed
Now get on the ball.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Changes have been announced in the organizational structures and personnel of the Publishing and Cokesbury Division.

Among mothers of young children, one in each seven reported that she is employed full or part-time outside the home.

visions of The Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

The Publishing Division, previously known as Abingdon Press, now consists of Abingdon Press and two other departments and two service units, all under the direction of Cecil D. Jones, vice president in charge of publishing.

Our Heritage of Christian Hymns

By W. W. Reid

The very next time a boring master of ceremonies or a long-winded speaker tells an audience of which you are a part: "Let's get some air in our lungs now! Let's sing Hymn....., while we stand and turn around, and the ushers open the windows!" for hymnody's sake say or do something dramatic by way of protest!

The use of a prayer-hymn, or of a stirring call to "Rise up, O men of God," of a hymn of faith and affirmation—"I love thy kingdom, Lord"—as a substitute for dumbbells or for some simple drills that every schoolboy knows: such use debases hymns, is a mockery of things of the faith, is an affront to God to whom most of them are addressed. It is as blasphemous to use a hymn for such non-religious purposes as to use prayer in this same way. No leader would (I hope) use the Lord's Prayer, or the Apostle's Creed, just to make men's chests act as bellows-in-rhythm: why then so use a hymn?

What are the hymns of the church, and what is their purpose? There is one school that insists "the true hymn" is a text always addressed to God; most hymnal editors open the door wider and admit texts "of high resolve"—as "I would be true, for there are those who trust me" in which the Deity is neither addressed nor mentioned. Generally speaking, we might divide Christian hymns into these categories and purposes: praise and adoration, prayer and supplication, consecration and dedication, affirmation, high (personal) resolve, confession, communication and communion, thanksgiving, challenge, the Christian virtues, the Christian year. (No two of us would classify them alike: how would you?) Even when the poetry may not be the highest, these hymns are priceless gems — many of them wrought in agony of soul and mind, even of body: each a channel by which men reach up to God, and God reaches toward men. Next to the Holy Bible, the hymnal is our richest heritage from the saints and sinners, the victors and the vanquished, the martyrs and the crusaders, who have sought and heard God, and who have struggled with themselves, with men, and with God, all down the centuries. It is not just a "song book": it is a book of the struggle on the path between earth and heaven. Treat it reverently!

And then, I believe, we need to take one step farther and become familiar with our own generation's worship through hymns. Here I quote from "What Shall We Sing?" an article in *The Hymn* (Hymn Society of America), by Prof. Fred D. Gealy, of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio:

"If you should stand before a congregation, hymnbook in hand, and ask, 'What shall we sing?' you would probably get two answers: first, 'Sing something we know,' and second, 'Sing something we like.' . . . In Christian worship it is to the Lord we lift up our hearts, not to ourselves. We worship God. Therefore, in this situation to demand 'What I like' is a form of idolatry. In this way I subtly set myself up in God's place and deceive myself into supposing I am worshipping him when I am only worshipping myself. 'Let's sing something we like' is not really a Christian response.

"But neither is 'Let's sing something we know.' If you say, 'I know what I like,' the chances are you mean, 'I like what I know.' In part, what we know is accidental, it is determined by our 'throwness,' it is relative to our time and place . . . When, then, we confine our worship materials to what we know we circumscribe them by what we have chosen to know.

"Our best singing witness, then, is first, to show forth our delight in the

great historic lyrical and musical expressions of God's self-revealing in the Scriptures and in the Church; and secondly, to be expectantly experimental in our own time as our poets and musicians, nurtured in the Great Tradition, bring forth bold new forms of praise. Only then in our singing worship will God be all in all. Let us then be done with 'singing something we know' or 'something we like' and enter with joy into the exploration of our unappropriated heritage while we eagerly await new manifestations of his grace, praying that when he makes himself known to us we shall desire him, and desiring him, will serve him."

American Methodism's No. 1 layman.

A dozen prominent laymen give the texts they would use "If I Were Asked to preach." Heading the list is Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill.

The special issue also contains companion articles by Newman S. Cryer, Jr., editor of *Methodist Layman*, and Sarah Evans Kenney, editor of *The Methodist Woman*.

Oldsters Fly High

Contrary to the popular notion that life is grim in a home for the aged, guests of the Asbury Home for the Aging at Gaithersburg, Md., recently enjoyed their first helicopter ride from the lawn outside the picture windows of the home's lovely dining room.

Twenty-eight members of the home "family" enjoyed five minute rides each, including an aerial visit to the Montgomery County (Md.) Fair nearby. All who took the rides were enthusiastic about the experience. Grounds of the 160-member "family" also include a stocked fish pond, a five-hole golf course, and a landing field for light aircraft.

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ing Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston; Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, General Secretary of the Division of World Missions; and Bishop B. Julian Smith of Chicago (of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church) left to participate in the August 28 Civil Rights March on Washington.

Stands taken by the Central Committee in plenary session on matters ranging from progress in arrangements for open communion services at ecumenical meetings to relationship with the Roman Catholic Church and race relations (branding Christians who supported segregation "by action or inaction" as betrayers of Jesus Christ and the "fellowship which bears His name") have been reported quite fully by the regular channels of the religious and secular press.

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

WCC Leaders Convene

"An ever-wise counselor and a devout servant of God" were words used in tribute to the late Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in the recent session of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Rochester, N.Y. Spokesman for the leaders of church bodies in 40 countries was Dr. Martin Niemoller of Wiesbaden, Germany, one of the six presidents of the WCC.

Bishop Oxnam, elected to the first presidium of the World Council in 1948, died March 12.

Approval of new membership applications brought to 210 the number of churches belonging to the international organization. The Methodist Church of Nigeria, with 143,487 members, was one of nine churches admitted at the Rochester meeting.

Urge Change Now

A call to eliminate the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction by 1968, to support public accommodations legislation, to use

church finances to further desegregation came from the second national Methodist Conference on Human Relations, which ended Aug. 30 in Chicago.

The 2,500-word message urging the church to "change now" toward inclusiveness, was strengthened considerably by floor action beyond the draft prepared by a message committee. The recommendations came out of five days of speeches by some of the nation's top leaders in race relations and out of some 100 tables-full of discussion by the 1,100 participants.

TOGETHER Honors Laymen

With Laymen's Day scheduled to be observed Oct. 20, *Together*, Methodist family magazine, highlights lay work in its current (October) special Layman's issue.

Contents of the colorful magazine include such features as "Jesus Was a Layman" by Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis and a cover picture and story on Capt. Thomas Webb, early



FAMILY LETTERS

One of the many rewards that come to a person in this business is the experience of being permitted to read letters that pass between members of a family. Some are sad. Some are rejoicing. Some carry stories of heavy burdens. Some tell of glowing Christian experiences. It is this last kind that makes us realize that God is still at work in the hearts of His children.

The following letter was written by a young woman to her family. The light of Christian experience is so bright that they shared it with me. And with their permission I am quoting parts of it here.

"Well, I have had an experience that I guess can best be described as conversion. I know this is going to surprise all of you and I only hope I can describe what happened so you will

A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

understand and rejoice with me.

"Week before last I started reading J. B. Phillips' book 'Your God is Too Small,' and it opened up an entirely new train of thought for me. After reading the book I spent several hours meditating on some thoughts that had occurred to me while reading it. I also read some scriptures.

"I suddenly realized that the only true reality is the spiritual and that this life we are leading now and its material attributes are only temporary. It occurred to me that my entire daily attitude was wrong.

"I have been spending so much time each day worrying about the silly little insignificant things, and very little time at all really trying to further the Kingdom of God. So now I start each day with a little prayer that God will help me do something that day to help

further His Kingdom here on earth.

"The biggest change I've noticed is that the Bible is so much easier to understand. Chapters and verses I've read all my life have now taken on a newer and fuller meaning. Even the hymns we sing in church seem to mean more to me.

"I've stopped worrying about doing things and of course I'm a whole lot happier than I've ever been before. I talked to our minister about it at length one afternoon and he agreed that evidently I have received the Holy Spirit.

"I am still learning a great deal every day from reading the Bible but at long last I feel like I'm on the right road. I feel sure that this would not have happened to me had I not had such a wonderful, loving Christian family and I'll never be able to thank the Lord enough for you all."



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Abundant Life

Rev. Kirby A. Vining, Minister
First Methodist Church
Leesville, Louisiana

John 10:10 I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

I suppose we all want life, and the joys and pleasures that will be of some eternal significance. No matter what the age man may attain, there still seems to be that deep desire of the heart to live longer. There have been many who would have given all they possessed for more of that which we call life.

Yet in spite of this hunger for life, there are many who prefer to simply exist instead of setting themselves to the task of living. It is easier to exist than it is to live. We can exist without it costing us too much. But to live, to really live, demands the best that we are and have.

Jesus believed that man could have more than mere existence. He believed that man could rise to the fullness of stature before God. So he came, and gave himself, that man might have life, and have it more abundantly. To know this abundant life, and to really live it, demands that each of us has within three essential ingredients. Without them we only exist; with them we live.

The first essential ingredient is a God who is big enough. Much of our human difficulty today stems from the tragic fact that we have yet to recognize a God who is big enough for this day and this world. Our experiences of life have grown in a score of directions. Our mental horizons have expanded to the point of bewilderment. Yet by and large, our concept of God has remained static. It is impossible for an adult to worship the conception of God that exists in the mind of the child, unless that adult is willing to admit that he is but a juvenile in the faith. For too many people, God just isn't big enough to account for life and to fit into the day in which we live. Thus God doesn't command, or receive, their highest respect and dedication. Nothing is real and genuine for us if it does not command our respect of it.

How big is your God? Is he big enough to command your respect, your devotion, your dedication? Is he great enough to meet the needs of the world in which we live? To know the abundant life one must have a God who is big enough. When your religion seems cheap and insignificant, unreal and unchallenging, stop and ask yourself, "How big is my God?"

Then we must have a Christ who is real enough. We must know a Christ of whom we can think so earnestly and

so constantly that he becomes a real, living person with whom we can associate daily. G.K. Chesterton once wrote:

"There was a man who dwelt in the East Centuries ago, and now I cannot look at a sheep and a sparrow, A lily or a cornfield, a raven or a sunset, A vineyard or a mountain without thinking of Him."

Is Christ that real to you?

It isn't enough to merely have the Christ who was "crucified, dead, and buried." It isn't enough to merely "tip our hat" to the Christ on the Cross. He must be to us a living Presence, confronting us right where we are, and challenging us for our very best. His appeal to our life must be lifted from the realm of the fairy tale, and it must be held before us as a living appeal to a way of life that leads to God. Perhaps Christ will never become real to us until we have had to pay from our hearts the price of love, sacrifice, and devotion that is rightly his. Is the Christ you know and follow real enough? If we would know and live the abundant life we must have a Christ who is real enough.

Then we must have a self that is dedicated enough. Most of us do not have a real strong desire to do anything worthwhile for the Kingdom because we are not dedicated enough to being what God would have us be. Yet each life is a life of service and dedication, to that which holds first place for us.

How many of us can really pray with the hymnwriter:

"Lord, we are able, our spirits are thine, Remold them, make us, like thee divine; Thy guiding radiance above us shall be A beacon to God to love, and loyalty."

Until you and I have these three essentials we shall not know the more abundant life God has offered us through his Son. We must have a God who is big enough, a Christ who is real enough, and a self that is dedicated enough.

Build a Devotional

HEART TENANTS

Rev. Arnold Simpson, Minister
First Methodist Church
Lonoke, Arkansas

Dr. Clovis Chapel said, "Hate and hell always live in the same heart." Then he goes on to say, "This is true in the here and now. It will be true forever. Of all the sins that eat like acid into the soul there is none equal to hate. I have known some miserable people in my life, but if I were in search of the most miserable man in the world I would know exactly where to find him; I would knock on the door of the best hater in the world. Therefore, if you would know a moment's joy avoid the flames of hell."

I have lived in farming country where a great deal of the farming was done by tenants or renters. I have heard landlords talk about land tenants and owners of houses talk about house tenants and the same may be said of "heart tenants". People live in houses and use the land by permission of the owners.

And so it is, tenants live in a heart by permission of the person concerned. Hate is not the only Heart Tenant that is, or may be, in the heart of a person, although it may be the worst one since it keeps love out. There are many other evils that clamor to take up living quarters there--envy, jealousy, grudges, immorality, idolatry, etc. Sometimes a whole host of evils may be tenants in the same heart, any one of which will make a man miserable. No man can be happy with a heart full of one evil or many evils.

If any man really wants to be free of such tenants he can, with the help of God, rid himself of them. If any evil has such a hold on the heart then

God beckons us to the more abundant life. It is a call to more than mere existence; it is a call to life. Would that you and I had the courage and the wisdom to choose it.

Poem For The Week

SONG OF FAITH

I shall sit at Jesus' feet
as did Mary long ago;
I shall hear his precious words
And my Christian duty know.

I shall choose that blessed part
Which shall not be taken away;
I shall whisper words of love
When I bend my knees to pray.

I shall sing, "Hallelujah,"
When I reach the Heavenly shore;
I shall join the Holy Chorus
As I enter Heaven's door.

I shall see the Holy Temple
And my Lord upon the throne;
He will reach His hand to touch me
And claim me for His own.

Anna Nash Yarbrough

Let the Children Come

(This is the third article in a series designed to introduce parents and teachers to the new Curriculum for children in the Methodist church. As this is discussed in the Home children will be interested too).

The big question is: When will we have the new materials in the children's division? There have been many articles about it in all of our church school magazines. We hear rumors and now we need to know exactly when we will begin to use it. Let us find the quick answers to some of these questions.

There are three big days to look forward to. The first is "C" day--January 5, 1964 which will be called "Children's Curriculum Report Day". On this day all churches will send a "report" or an order for the materials that will be needed by their children's department. This cannot be arrived at easily and we will mention some of the plans that will help us to get ready for this big day.

Then on August 30, 1964, everyone everywhere in Methodism is asked to have Promotion day. This is because all materials are based on the birthday nearest the child's entrance into public school. That way each will get in his proper class. (before some whose birthdays fell at certain days, had to stay two years in the kindergarten or some other class) This is because, too, there will be a new "quarter" system. September, October and November will be the Fall quarter; December, January and February will be winter quarter; March April and May will be the Spring quarter; June, July and August will be the summer quarter. There are two big advantages to this change: our Fall quarter will begin when school is starting, and Easter will always be in the Spring quarter.

The third big day will be the first Sunday in September, 1964! All children in the Methodist church will be using brand new material, for there will be no other. The printing presses will be turning out only new materials. What will they be like? Next week we will see.

.....Aunt Feather

it is time to ask God for help. With the help of God--already promised to those who ask--any evil tenant can be moved out.

Be sure to let a completely new set of Tenants into the heart at once when the old and evil ones have been moved out. Let love, compassion, forgiveness, interest in others and a lot of sympathy and understanding move in to dominate your whole life. You'll be glad you did.

A Glimpse Into Trenton

By the Rev. Earl B. Emmerich

Ah, that some gifted author could have left behind some of the atmosphere of the river town of Trenton? There was the hustle and the bustle of the river traffic of the Ouachita River that found its center in Trenton. The sound of "mark twain" was also heard as the old paddle wheels churned the waters to the port of Trenton. The familiar sound of the steamboat whistle was a daily reminder that this town was part of a world trade. In the port, one could walk for blocks stepping from one bale of cotton to another.

The conversation along old Claiborne street where the hotel and other stores were located was mixed with tales of adventure of the boat pilots and captains. Trenton was in touch with the world's centers. The sister city of Monroe may have received its name from the arrival of the first steamboat at Fort Miro back in the twenties; but it became the fortune of the opposite bank to become the shipping point for a huge area of farm land stretching across a number of parishes as far as Minden and Arcadia and Homer, Louisiana.

It was during those days that a minister arrived in the town of Trenton. He had been appointed to the charge of the Trenton Methodist Church, and the time was January, 1874. It was to be a memorable year because of the flood waters that came in to inundate the town. This minister was a man who had a good theological education. His sermons were considered among the best in the state. This



THE REV. EARL Emmerich, pastor of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, shown with Mrs. W.M. Nolan of Oak Ridge, granddaughter of the Rev. Henry O. White, who was once pastor of the Trenton Methodist Church. Mrs. Nolan furnished much of the research for the article on Trenton.

church had become strong enough to attract the best. He had a habit of writing down notes on all the business of the Church and even his own personal expenditures. His name was the Rev. H. O. White. This proved to be a means of our present generation getting a glimpse into the life of Trenton.

In the 1880's the railroad was laid past Trenton, by-passing the town by some two or three miles (which was considerable in those days) and reach-



BOB SCHWENDIMANN, sophomore at Centenary College, is shown leading the recreation for the youth week



at Franklinton. The picture on the right shows one of the discussion groups during this activity.

Summer Seminar At Franklinton

During the month of August, the young people from surrounding ist Church, Franklinton, along with young people from surrounding churches and communities, held a most successful youth summer seminar.

All details for the week-long series of services was planned and carried out by the youth of the church. Each evening consisted of snack time, study

ing across the entire area served by the river port town of Trenton. It was not the few miles that separated the town from the railroad that destroyed the town of Trenton (although many thought it to be) and the Methodist Church was moved to its present place next to the railroad—because of the thought then that to be near the railroad was to insure success).

The fact was the railroad undermined the whole trade of the town of Trenton; and the river port disappeared. Much of its culture was scattered even as the people scattered. Stores of Trenton were transferred to the west; if they continued to be successful. The Lewis Bros. Store, Ruston, La., was at one time on the banks of the Ouachita.

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periods, recreation and a closing service of worship.

The Senior group, led by Mrs. Frances Frazier, discussed "God's Mission and Ours," while the Junior High group, led by Mrs. Fred Schwendimann, based their discussion on "How Big Is Your World?"

Much interest and enthusiasm was displayed by all in attendance and the MYFers are deeply indebted to all the adults who helped them make their Youth Week such a success.

The pastor of Centenary Church is the Rev. Fred Schwendimann.

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school.

The workers all used the suggested materials of The Methodist Church as follows: Juniors: "Meet Your Neighbors," Primary: "Friends From Many Lands," and Kindergarten: "Friends Near and Far."

An excellent staff assisted the director in this most effective vacation school.

On Friday evening an oriental theme was followed as the children came dressed in their original costumes. They ate a meal of rice with chopsticks and were allowed to keep them as souvenirs of a wonderful week in which they learned of the customs and differences of people at home and all over the world.

On Sunday evening the parents came for an evening of sharing. The pastor is the Rev. James Jones.

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Zachary Has Unique VCS

Mr. Ed Hill was the director of the Vacation Church School at the Zachary Methodist Church, which incorporated a unique idea into their plans for this year.

The Commission on Education changed the time from the traditional second week after school to the first week before the beginning of school in the fall. This helped tremendously in rallying children for the church.

The time was changed from the usual morning hour to the early evening hour at 6:00 p.m. Husbands and fathers were thus able to come and work in small group teaching which would not otherwise have been possible.

They report that there were numerous advantages in the change, such as cool evenings. One worker said, "I got my house in order during the days as usual and didn't have to face that on returning home." Some others commented that their husbands kept their babies while they worked in the

MRS. ED HILL, director of the Zachary Vacation School is shown, center, in the upper picture with some of her workers. The lower picture shows some of the children on their "sharing night."

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Weekday Nursery Schools and Kindergartens

WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOLS and KINDERGARTENS

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by Lona Wilson

Dr. Keith Mason of Shreveport returned September 1 from Honduras, Central America, where he spent two weeks giving practical medical instruction to a Methodist missionary. The Rev. Eric Bryant, a missionary of the English Methodist Church, had appealed for aid through the Methodist Board of Missions in New York City.

Dr. Mason called it a "tremendous trip." He, with his wife and three of their children, left Shreveport on August 14. They flew from New Orleans to Guatemala City where they were met by Dr. Francis Rothert, a retired doctor from Little Rock, who is working in the Catholic mission station in Guatemala. The Catholic Church has opened two clinics there this year. Dr. Rothert (a woman) and several Catholic doctors, some from California, are working with the Indian people in the mountains of Northern Honduras.

The Masons were met in Honduras by a member of the American Embassy. The Rev. Mr. Bryant had informed the government of the Masons' visit, and the president of Honduras gave special permission to speed them and their medical supplies through customs (which usually takes much longer).

Dr. Mason described Guatemala and Honduras as being about equal in size to Louisiana. The main products are coffee, bananas, sugar, tobacco, and coconuts. The wealth is mainly in the hands of a few.

The Masons were met at the coastal city of La Ceiba by the Rev. Mr. Bryant. It took them two and one-half hours to cross the channel by boat to reach the Bay Island of Utila where Mr. Bryant is stationed. The crossing is hazardous. "Honduras" means "deep sea."

The townspeople of Utila turned out to meet them. The Masons were guests in the home of the Bryants while they were in Utila. There were ten members of the two families in the three-bedroom house.

There are about 1500 people on the 2½ by 7 mile island, mostly descendants of three families. It is predominantly English speaking (some Spanish). There are no streets and no cars. Travel is by foot or by dory (a wooden canoe). There are no telephones, no bathrooms, and only two hours of electricity at night. There are millions of mosquitoes and no window screens. The temperature is above 110° this time of year and there are no fans. There is neither a doctor nor a nurse on the island. The Rev. Mr. Bryant, with no medical training, must treat all sorts of injuries and epidemics. Most babies

A Doctor in Utila

by Lona Wilson



SHOWN AT THE RECENT Family Night Program at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, are (l. to r.) Mrs. Dana Dawson, Sr., Mrs. Keith Mason, Dr. Mason, and Miss Ann Mason.

are delivered by mid-wives.

Dr. Mason took the missionary some drugs and surgical equipment donated by a Shreveport surgical company, and also left all of his own equipment which he took with him to use. The Rev. Mr. Bryant secures some drugs through his church and other sources. Dr. Mason also gave him a medical reference book.

Eric Bryant's "clinic" is a room on his front porch about the size of a bathroom. During Dr. Mason's visit, they worked together, and treated everything from intestinal parasites to high blood pressure and heart trouble. Dr. Mason taught him to examine patients, give shots, and suture wounds. The natives receive many lacerations from machetes which they use to harvest coconuts. (Dr. Mason was ill for two days from an "overdose" of fresh coconut.)

Bryant and his wife Shiela are also the teachers of the Methodist School there. (They dismissed school for two weeks during the Masons' visit.) In between seeing sick people, they teach the children of the island during the morning, and their own children in the afternoon. The Bryants lost a child in a tragic drowning last year. They have three children and are expecting

another.

The Rev. Mr. Bryant is also a meteorologist, musician, and radio repairman. He is a native of Bristol, England, and has been in Honduras two and one half years. He is pastor of two churches there, one in Utila and one in the Cays. Services are held in the Utila Church every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., with the largest attendance at night. Sunday School is held at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Mason and their daughter, Ann, taught two of the classes while they were there (in 125° temperature).

Dr. Mason said the Rev. Mr. Bryant is planning a small home-owned power plant, and he appealed for a donation of an attic fan to send to the missionary. Other much needed items at the mission station are a kerosene operated refrigerator and a transmitter.

Dr. Mason said of Eric Bryant "He is one of the greatest Christians I have ever met, and I have traveled in many countries. He loves the Methodist Church. I heard him preach two sermons; in one he used the 144th Psalm about tongues and gossip, and reminded his people not to criticize anything until they had opened three gates: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?"

The Rev. Mr. Bryant prayed for three things: "(1) reveal God to ourselves, (2) reveal ourselves to ourselves, and (3) God change us to thy desire."

Dr. Mason concluded by saying "I have walked where Jesus walked (in the Holy Land) and now I have walked and talked with a Christ-like man, a saint, who goes about as Christ did, teaching, preaching and healing. I never have seen a man like him before. I received much more than I gave."

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Monroe Retreat

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and William Baker of Winnsboro, district director of the Methodist Scholarship Fund.

The retreat will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 21, and close the following day at noon.

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In 1890, to be exact, on May 3rd, the pastor of the West Monroe Methodist Church, the Rev. C. T. Munholland, reflected on this in his sermon title, "For Here We Have No Continuing City." During this year of 1963, some 89 years after the Rev. White arrived in Trenton, his granddaughter, Mrs. W. M. Nolan of Oak Ridge, Louisiana, discovered among his notes several little notebooks. In them was some interesting data. Mind you, some of the recordings were of personal items of his own expenditures, which included the grocery items of that day . . . but in that little book, he recorded the gifts that had come to him as minister of the church; those who united with the church; those who had subscribed to various magazines; the list of a group of men who had organized a prayer group, and other pertinent information concerning the church. It was the first definite breakthrough we have received as a church to some of the past in the history of the Church of Old Trenton. We list some of these for your interest:

Listed in the book were the members of the Board of Stewards of Trenton Church—1874—H. O. White, pastor; 1874 — subscriptions to the New Orleans Advocate (Trenton Charge), 1874—subscriptions to the Missionary Paper and the Nashville Christian Advocate;

Masons Report on Trip at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport



MR. AND MRS. JACK WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Family Life Committee of the church, who planned the "Family Night."



MRS. L.B. KILPATRICK introducing Dr. Mason to the "Family Night" audience, who heard him report on his trip to Honduras.



VISITING DURING the Sept. 4 program at Noel were Dean Bond Fleming of Centenary, Bill Bundrick, and Harold Bryant, Noel business manager.

An Effective

URBAN CHURCH

amidst revolution

by Donald L. Benedict

The church in the city faces ultimate decisions. Revolutionary forces are making us rethink what the church is all about and what our faith is all about. The church hasn't been dealing with the right issues or even asking the right questions. We have passed people by so long we don't even matter anymore in many cities. You talk about the post-Christian era. We're well along.

If we are going to get on the bandwagon of God's missionary activity, we must examine three areas. The first is Biblical encounter. We are the most Biblically illiterate generation this country probably has even seen. We simply don't know what our faith is. Ask person after person about it, and nine chances out of 10 they will tell you the Golden Rule.

Second, we have come to a new understanding of the nature and mission of the church. The only reason the church is drawn together as the family of God is to move out into the world. The only reason we have for being together is that it enables us from this base to move out.

But so often we have gone about selling the church like soap. We say, "come on in." There are days when I pray God that He won't let any more people come into the church, because our problem is that now we have too many people in for the wrong reason. In our generation the major problem is how to get them out of the church into the world. The church is not a club; a place to consume all of our time and energy in caring for buildings and organizing this and organizing that. It is a place where we can nurture our faith in order to go out again into the world.

If we were in China to organize a church today the chances are we wouldn't start with a sewing circle. The chances are we would meet every night for communion, because the hostility of the world would be evident. We would know that the moment we entered the world of China we would have to defend our faith. Chances are we might even be driven to study the Bible.

If you don't believe this go into a slum area some evening and knock on any door and try to explain to that person something about God and his Son Jesus Christ. If that doesn't bounce you back into the Bible nothing will. It means that we have to move from pietism, from preoccupation with individual sentiment and private salvation to the role of servant. The only reason we are called together in the church is to be servants. We have to become involved in the stuff of God's world.

Finally, it becomes evident to everyone that while Protestants have talked and talked about the laity, we clergy have in a sense refused to let the laity be Christian. We have usurped from the laity all the fun and real dynamic of the Gospel. We have called on the sick. What right do we have to call on the sick? What right have we got to deprive the congregation from nur-

turing the loving one another? Why is it just the one paid guy is the one who can call and love? Why is this not the task of the congregation? Why do we constantly usurp the proclamation of the Gospel?

In the morning service, what happens—we stand up there and we give it to you laymen but good, and we never listen to what you have to say. There is no opportunity in the service for the troops to report from the world. What ought to happen on Sunday morning is that we ought to get a report. What has God done for me this week—in my job, in my trade union, or in my business associations. When in the life of the church are we discussing the real ethical issues we face every day in our jobs?

Six elements of an urban strategy are needed.

First, in our large cities we have to continue interdenominational research and planning. We have to keep track of what is happening in our cities. We can't shoot in the dark. In most cities, most departments of church research and planning have been busily involved with the suburbs for the last 20 or 30 years, and what they know about the city you could put in the corner of your eye. They simply do not know the facts about the city.

Second, congregations in ghettos or changing neighborhoods need aid. Yet unless the congregation understands the nature and mission of the church, if you give them money and they don't understand it, it is like pouring money down a rat hole. It means you are perpetuating a club which is going to die. I don't care how many millions you put into it. If the people don't understand that their mission is to serve the people of the neighborhood, there is no need under the sun to put a dime in there.

Third, we need to experiment in our day with the nonprofessional communication of the Gospel, that is, the tent-making ministry of St. Paul. If we think we can communicate the Gospel by paying a professional to do it, we're finished. The great moments in the life of the church have been times when laymen, men working at ordinary jobs, began to communicate the Gospel to their brothers. If we can think only in terms of institutions and professional staff, we've had it. This is not to say this is not needed in certain locations.

Fourth, we need to develop new forms of nonresidential congregations. There is reason to believe that the residential base of the church is no longer a primary community relationship. If you watch who goes to a man's funeral



HERE WE SEE THE CONGREGATION of Grace Methodist Church, Sanford, Fla. a high per cent of the membership of which is made up of servicemen from the nearby Air Force base and their families. Because of the rapid turnover in military personnel an adequate ministry to these people would not be possible without the help that comes from The Methodist Commission on Camp Activities, one of the agencies which shares in the special offering of Worldwide Communion Sunday.

Emergency Call Issued For Young Missionaries to Congo

An emergency call for 15 young single men to go to the Congo in 1964 and serve the church for three years in virtually any and every way has been issued by the Methodist Board of Missions through its Office of Missionary Personnel.

The 15 men are to constitute a flexible force to serve and witness in difficult areas of the Congo, where missionary families cannot go. Though they will be a part of the over-all group of three-year missionaries (3's) which the mission board sends overseas each year, the Congo task force will go as the result of an emergency request from The Methodist Church in the Congo.

Though the basic job will be teaching in junior and senior high schools (because of a shortage of teachers in the aftermath of Congo chaos), the 15 men are to be prepared to serve in almost any area of church work. The Office of Missionary Personnel says in its announcement:

"The call is for unmarried men who can go as part of a disciplined order for three years of service in areas of difficulty where families cannot go. They must be flexible and mobile, able to adapt their work or to move to new assignments in response to field conditions. They must be free and committed to staying through emergencies—if need be, in places of tension and danger. They must willingly accept the insecurity and hardship of life in the Congo. They must be persons of humility and love, with genuine Christian faith which they are eager to share."

it is his business associates. The guy in his residence doesn't even know him.

Fifth, we have to seek ways in which the whole church can become involved in making the metropolis human. People who live in the suburbs, I believe, are still anxious to get involved in the life of the church in the inner-city.

Sixth, we have to develop a cadre of disciplined, committed, competent clergy who love the city and don't see it

Hard-and-fast assignments cannot be made for the 15 men, the Office of Missionary Personnel said. However, in addition to their teaching work, there is expected to be opportunity for working with extracurricular Bible study and fellowship groups, for working in adult education and for taking part in community service projects.

The requirements for the Congo task force are the same as for other three-year missionaries, except that they must have either a knowledge of French or an aptitude for learning it. Other requirements include: College graduation, age between 21 and 28, good health and emotional stability (checked by medical examination and psychological appraisal), agreement to remain single during the term of service, membership in The Methodist Church, religious experience and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ, and a desire to share one's faith and to minister to others.

The group will receive orientation in the United States in the summer of 1964 and then will move as a unit to Europe for six to 12 months of concentrated study of French. On arrival in the Congo, they will serve in Methodist mission centers in both the Central Congo Conference (Kasai and Kivu provinces) and the Southern Congo Conference (Katanga province). They will work under the direction of African Christians and career missionaries.

Anyone interested in full information about the Congo program may write to: Office of Missionary Personnel, 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

as some evil monster you have to drag people out of, but who see it as God's creation. This cadre must be dealt with by the denominations in terms of their continuing ministry, and adequate provisions must be made for vacation, pay, education of their children and sabbatical leaves.

All of this is to say God loves the city and is seeking to redeem it. He is seeking to make the city human. This is his mission, and this is our mission. Let us be about our Father's business.

In Memoriam



The Rev. W.S. Cazort

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Sept. 17 in the Lamar Methodist Church for the Rev. W. S. Cazort, 82, who was killed Saturday in an automobile accident on Highway 64 at Lamar.

He was a retired member of the Little Rock Annual Conference and had been making his home in Pocahontas. For the past two years he served as the pastor of the Maynard Charge in the Paragould District.

Charges he served in the Little Rock Conference included Mt. Ida, Keith Memorial Church, Malvern; and St. Luke's Church, El Dorado.

He was a native of Lamar, and attended Hendrix College, both when it was located at Altus and later at Conway. He received his degree from this institution in the same class with his son, William S. Jr., in 1929.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ida Ringold Cazort; a son, William S. Cazort, Jr., of Houston; a daughter, Mrs. Marvin Wells of Pocahontas; three brothers, Dr. Alan G. Cazort of Little Rock, John H. Cazort of Glendale, and W. A. Cazort of Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Nathan Patterson of Oklahoma, Mrs. G. I. McLurkin of Morrilton and Mrs. Marvin Hamilton of Pine Bluff; and four grandchildren.



The Rev. J.M. Alford

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, for the Rev. Joseph Martin Alford, 92, retired member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, who made his home in Shreveport. He died Saturday Sept. 14 in the Natchitoches Hospital after an illness of six months.

He had been a member of the Louisiana Conference for 55 years. His first appointment was in Shreveport in 1898 at the Jordan Street Mission.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. James T. Harris, pastor of Broadmoor Church, and the Rev. E. Fogle, associate pastor.

Survivors include one son, N. E. Alford of Shreveport; five daughters, Mrs. T. Morris Adger of Gilliam, La.; Mrs. A. R. Foye of Shreveport; Mrs. Drew Wilson of Longview, Tex.; Mrs. L. M. McClelland of Natchitoches, La.; and Mrs. E. C. Massengill of Natchitoches; one brother, the Rev. J. A. Alford of Minden, La.; one sister, Mrs. Robert Hollingsworth of Shelby, Miss.; ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



John L. Dailey

John L. Dailey, 68, of Extension, La. died at his home, Aug. 26 after an illness of several months.

He was a well-known farmer and planter and had been a member of the Franklin Parish School Board for 22 years.

Mr. Dailey was a member of the Boeuf Prairie Methodist Church and was one of the members of the Board of Trustees of this church at the time of his death. He was always faithful and loyal to his church.

He was a member of the Winnsboro Masonic Lodge, the Franklin Parish Cattlemen's Association and was a past-commander of the Winnsboro Post of the American Legion.

He died only a few miles from his birthplace near the Boeuf River plantation which he had operated for nearly half a century.

Mr. Dailey was a graduate of Louisiana Tech and was a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were held at the Boeuf Prairie Methodist Church with the Rev. Theron McKisson officiating, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. Lamont Rouse. Interment was in the Matthew's Cemetery at Extension with Masonic services at the graveside.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lela Corley Dailey, Extension; a daughter, Mrs. Mattie Claire Dailey Walters, Jacksonville, Fla.; a son, John L. Dailey, Jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, Milton A. and Neil B. Dailey of Extension; and four grandchildren.



Mrs. Wayne O'Brient

Mrs. Wayne V. O'Brient, mother of Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf of El Dorado, and widow of David Z. O'Brient, passed away Thursday, Sept. 12 in Fayetteville, N. C. Mrs. O'Brient made her home with Dr. and Mrs. Hozendorf in El Dorado, where Dr. Hozendorf is pastor of First Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 14, at 10:00 a.m. at Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, N.C.

In addition to Mrs. Hozendorf, Mrs. O'Brient is survived by the following: three sons, Lex O'Brient, Durham,

N.C.; Earl J. O'Brient, Pampa, Tex.; Calvin V. O'Brient, Greenville, N.C.; and W. C. O'Brient, Ashboro, N.C.; one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Millis, Fayetteville, N.C.; one brother, J. D. Reid, Crewe, Va.; 2 sisters, Mrs. A. F. Atkins and Mrs. Minnie Edwards of Durham, N.C.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Bishop J.M. Sabanes

Bishop Julio Manual Sabanes, 66, who for eight years was in charge of Methodist work in Panama, Costa Rica, Chile and Peru, died in August in Buenos Aires, Argentina, after a long illness.

Since 1960, when he retired as bishop of the Santiago Area (now Pacific Area) of The Methodist Church, Bishop Sabanes had lived in Buenos Aires. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1952 by the Latin America Central Conference of The Methodist Church and was re-elected in 1956 to a second four-year term. His episcopal headquarters were in Santiago, Chile.

Bishop Sabanes was a native of Uruguay. He was received on trial as a Methodist minister at the session of the River Platte Annual Conference in 1923 and four years later was ordained an elder. He was assistant pastor of Central Methodist Church, Montevideo, Uruguay, for three years; pastor of Central Church, Rozario, Argentina, for 18 years, and pastor of Central Church, Buenos Aires, for six years. He was in the United States in 1940 as a delegate to the General Conference and was a delegate to five Central Conference sessions. In 1923, he was married to Miss

Juana Puch, daughter of a Methodist minister in Argentina.



Bishop John Gowdy

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Retired Methodist Bishop John Gowdy died Sept. 9 in a hospital in Winter Park, Fla. He was nearly 94.

Bishop Gowdy was elected a bishop in Nanking, China, in 1930 and retired in 1940. He went to China in 1902 and was a Methodist Episcopal Church missionary there nearly 40 years.

He served as president of two educational institutions in Foochow, China, Anglo-Chinese College, 1904-1923, and Kukien University, 1923-26.

Bishop Gowdy was born in Scotland and came to the United States as a youth. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University and Drew Seminary and had a master's degree from Columbia University. Wesleyan and Baker University awarded him doctor of divinity degrees.

Before going to China, he taught at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary and was a pastor in Winchester, N.H.

Funeral services were scheduled for Sept. 13 at First Methodist Church, Winter Park.



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THIS INFORMAL SHOT shows some of the Hospitals and Homes Stewards from the local churches of Louisiana they visited on the campus of the Children's Home at Ruston, on Hospitals and Homes Stewards' Day, Sept. 15.



YOUNG PEOPLE of the Zwolle Methodist Church are shown during their recent Youth Activities Week. The Rev. George Sherman from Pleasant Hill led their discussion on "The Book of the Ages." The Rev. Vernon Fairley is the pastor.



THIS IS A PART of the group that attended the recent Vacation Church School at John Wesley Church, New Orleans. The pastor, the Rev. Lars Broadus, directed the school with about six helpers from the congregation.



THE REV. V.O. WESTBROOK, left, pastor of the Athens Charge, and Mrs. Elvie Lou Dean, center, were united in marriage, Aug. 9 at Harmony Chapel Church, with the Rev. Eddie Morgan, right, officiating.



A GROUP OF the young people of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, shown during their recent retreat at Evangeline State Park.



GUEST SPEAKER for the Lake Charles Youth Retreat was the Rev. Woodrow Hearn, associate pastor of First Church, Shreveport, shown with his daughter, Dianna.



MRS. KATIE MCCARY was in charge of the kitchen during the recent Vacation Church School at First Church, Lake Charles.

AT THE RECENT OPENING of the new building of Rosedale Methodist Church were (l. to r.): former pastors the Rev. T.W. Perrott and the Rev. L.W. Taylor, and the present pastor, the Rev. Stephen F. Wendt.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR of Rosedale Methodist Church, whose director is Mrs. Henry Ellfors of Maringouin, sang for the recent opening service at Rosedale Church.

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BISHOP WALTON is shown with the three visiting bishops at the "Mission on the Ministry" at Alexandria, Sept. 23 (l. to r.) Bishop Edwin Voigt, Bishop Marvin Franklin and Bishop W.C. Martin; (center) Bishop Walton is interviewed at the meeting by Edwin Maynard, editor



of The Methodist Story, Bob Lear, director of Methodist Information for Iowa, and Lona Wilson, director of Methodist Information for Louisiana; (right) visitors present to the conference (l. to r.): Dr. Lee C. Moorehead, St. Paul School of Theology; Edwin Maynard, editor of The



Methodist Story; Bob Lear, Iowa Methodist Information director; and Dr. Virgil Morris, executive secretary, South Central Jurisdiction.

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More Than 500 Attend 'Mission On Ministry' At Alexandria

More than 500 Louisiana Methodist ministers and laymen packed the sanctuary of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Monday, September 23, to hear their own bishop and three visiting bishops and a theological school professor present the challenge of the ministry for the present day. The occasion was a "special session" of the Louisiana Annual Conference, which launched a series of 63 similar "missions" being held this fall throughout the church.

The visiting speakers who joined Bishop Aubrey G. Walton in the mission were Bishop W. C. Martin of Dallas, Tex.; Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill.; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss.; and Dr. Lee C. Moorehead of St. Paul School of Theology (Methodist), Kansas City, Mo.

Bishop Walton opened the conference session with a devotional based on the theme "We Have This Ministry." He described the ministry which undergirded the church in the past; the demands on the ministry in the present age; and the challenge that we all have to encourage decisions that will provide ministerial leadership adequate for the future.

Bishop Franklin discussed the "Challenge of the Parish Ministry" with all of its varied demands and its rich rewards. He said to the ministers "Don't preach to please people or you will please hardly any of them." He stressed the obligation of the church to be concerned more about the curing of sick souls than the purging of church rolls of members who might be inadequate in one aspect of their witness or another.

Bishop Voigt developed the theme

"The Equipment for the Parish Ministry." He spoke of the varying demands that are made on the minister by his parish and the church at large, indicating the way in which the church finds a place for men of widely varying talents.

Dr. Moorehead emphasized the obligation of the theological seminary to train the largest portion of its students for service as pastors of local churches. He said, "Some people want to serve the Church-at-large, without ever settling down to serve it at the local level." He said this is unrealistic because it is in the local church that people are converted and their souls are nurtured.

Bishop Martin brought the meeting to a close on a high level by reminding the ministers and the laymen that the environment in which God has placed us all, the one in which we must seek our salvation, is one of the tensions and problems. Reminding the ministers that they sometimes complain of the routine and the drudgery of service in the church, he pointed out that after they have done what is required of them they have the greatest area of any calling in which they are free.

Bishop Walton At Natchitoches

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was the preacher for the morning worship service at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Sunday, September 22. The Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent, assisted in the service.

The Rev. George Pearce, Jr., is the pastor of the church which has recently occupied its rebuilt church and sanctuary, which were almost totally destroyed by fire in 1962.

In the afternoon Bishop Walton visited the new Wesley Foundation building which is under construction at 520 College Ave. The director of the Wesley Foundation is the Rev. Bob Tatum.

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Retreat Schedule

CAMP BREWER, OCTOBER 3 & 4
PROGRAM, Oct. 3

12:00—Lunch

1:00-2:00—Registration — (Cost of retreat, \$5.00)

2:00-2:30—Song Service (J. C. Skinner & Jack Winegeart)

2:30-3:00—Devotional—Rev. J. Henry Bowden, Jr.

3:00-4:30—Dr. E. Stanley Jones

4:30—Group Meetings:—1. District Secretaries & members of the Board of Evangelism. 2. Organization & Work of "The Twelve"—C. E. Arnold. 3. Lay Visitation—Thomas A. Pitt. 4. Planning & Preparing for a Revival—Rev. Beverly Bond.

6:00—Supper

7:00-7:30—Song Service (The Two "J")

7:30—Dr. Stanley Jones

PROGRAM—OCT. 4

7:30—Breakfast

8:30—Meeting of District Secretaries with Ministers and Laymen of their District.

9:30—Song Service (The two "J")

10:00—Devotional — Rev. Lonnie Sibley

10:30—Dr. E. Stanley Jones

12:00—Lunch

2:00—Song Service (The two "J")

2:30—Dr. E. Stanley Jones

Benediction

In the middle of the afternoon schedule the laymen, the ministers and the ministers' wives met in separate groups for discussion under the leadership of Bishops Franklin, Voigt and

Martin, and with the Rev. L. L. Booth, the Rev. J. W. Hearn and Dr. Moorehead serving as resource persons.



THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of Trinity Church, Ruston, presented a check for \$100 to Bishop Walton to be used for some specific need discovered on his African trip. Mrs. L.K. Wells, chairman of the commission, is shown making the presentation as Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent, the Rev. Marvin McFarland associate pastor, and the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, pastor, look on.

Editorials

MORE CHURCH-STATE LITIGATION

TWO more lawsuits have been started on their way that may create a wider chasm in Church-State relationships in this country. The first of these was filed about Sept. 10 in the state of Maryland. The Horace Mann League of the U. S. filed suit seeking an injunction against the use of public funds appropriated by the legislature of that state for church-related colleges. In the second suit, filed about a week later the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the constitutional right of the federal government to pay chaplains to teach religion to servicemen and their dependents.

In the Maryland case the challenge affects grants to two Protestant and two Roman Catholic colleges. It is based on a bill passed by the state legislature granting funds ranging from \$500,000 to \$750,000 to each of the institutions for construction of both academic and housing facilities.

The Horace Mann League is an old-line organization of professional educators, founded in 1922, whose objectives have been to advance the cause of public education in the U.S. and the ideals of Horace Mann, known as the founder of American public schools. It has never previously participated in litigation of this type but was authorized to do so at a recent convention.

There seems to us to be some question as to whether this suit will constitute an out-and-out test of federal money that is being used on a loan basis to help build facilities for higher education. The case will more than likely go to the United States Supreme Court and in three or four years bring forth some interpretations that will affect all institutions of Christian higher education.

In the chaplaincy case there is also confusion in the language since the challenge concerns paying chaplains "to teach religion to servicemen and their dependents." At this stage we cannot be sure whether this case will affect the whole institution of the military chaplaincy, if decided in favor of those filing the challenge, or whether it will merely result in the denial to the chaplain of

the right to serve as a religious educator. We have a feeling that one of the fine points of this case will concern the practice of having Sunday Schools for the dependents of servicemen.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

BY this time our local Methodist churches and their pastors should have completed their plans for participation in World Communion Sunday. Year by year, since the early days of World War II, the compassion which our people feel for the underprivileged and needy spots of the earth plus the special calls which come on the denomination for undergirding the ministry to servicemen have created a mounting interest in the Communion Service on the first Sunday in October and the offering related thereto.

Three agencies of Methodism call upon us for their major support through this offering: the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and the Committee on Camp Activities. Because our people have been generous in the offering which they have brought on this occasion these three agencies have been able to meet the mounting challenge which has come in a world like ours.

The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief has dealt in an heroic manner with those emergencies which seem to come somewhere in the world every year. It would have been impossible for them to minister to these needs through a fixed amount in the World Service budget because of the very fickleness of nature and her catastrophes. A few special offerings have been needed, but the funds from World Communion Sunday have provided the foundation on which this ministry has been based.

The Commission on Chaplains found itself sorely limited during the days of the war because of the calls which Methodist chaplains made upon them. We know from personal experience that some of these could not be met to the embarrassment of the Methodist chaplain and his ministry. This has long since been corrected because you have been generous with your World Communion offerings.

The Committee on Camp Activities has been the agency which has aided Methodist churches near military establishments when their facilities and resources have been unduly taxed by the tremendous increases that can come in their constituencies almost overnight as the military situation changes and as new types of training centers are created to supplant some that have been in existence for a long time.

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BOOK REVIEWS

William B. Ward, *Beliefs That Live*, John Knox Press, \$1.75

Dr. Ward, the pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, has written a new and fresh interpretation of the Apostles' Creed, which we feel will be helpful to every pastor and to every Methodist layman.

Pointing out that this is an age desperately in need of a faith, he shows the way to undergirding through this ancient declaration of faith.

He summarizes the meaning of the Creed and its function, "It is well to remember that the great truths expressed in the Apostles' Creed are not abstract propositions which were conjured up by professional professors of theology in their ivory towers.

"They are in the Creed because they are the chief themes of the Bible and because they meet the basic needs of everyday living."

Wallace Fridy, *Wings of the Spirit*, Abington, \$2

This outstanding South Carolina pastor has made a name for himself in the preparation of materials with devotional value.

In this little volume from Abington we have a collection of 26 devotionals for personal or group use.

Some of the titles are suggestive of the content of this devotional guide: "looking straight beyond," "life has another factor," "life begins from within," "getting along with people."

The book also contains eight useful devotions for special days in the year.

5,000 TO HEAR BISHOP FRANK

With the use of a state-wide telephone hook-up, Bishop Eugene M. Frank will address 17 simultaneous district rallies in the Missouri Area on the evening of Oct. 8.

At least 5,000 men are expected to attend these rallies, which will begin with a dinner meeting and close with the bishop's message. Bishop Frank has recently returned from a two-month visitation of the church's mission work in South America, Africa and Europe.



A ROMAN CATHOLIC layman is congratulated after delivering a sermon before the congregation of the Marvin Memorial Methodist church at Silver Spring, Md. Joseph A. Beime, president of the Communication Workers of America,

AFL-CIO, center, is shown with the Rev. Edwin A. Ross of Marvin Memorial and Miss Ardie Hollis, a member of the congregation. A spokesman for the church said the appearance of a Catholic layman in a Methodist pulpit was unprecedented.

"I am afraid the Communists will hold their noses at the vile-smelling wealth of the man who has squandered the Father's capital and goes babbling around a battlefield with a few decayed Christian ideas....

After all, the prodigal son cannot act as if he were still at home either. Every age has its own peculiar 'far country', and so has ours....

MSM Conference Has Recommendations

DELAWARE, OHIO—The National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement, in its annual meeting here, made recommendations which it hopes will help MSM members across the nation enrich their "understanding and experience of worship" during the coming year.

The meeting was held June 16-22 at Ohio Wesleyan University, with about 75 state and national MSM officers and others present.

Three of the recommendations follow:

—that local units of the MSM establish programs of study to educate members in the meaning, purpose and forms of worship.

—that more emphasis be given, in all levels of the MSM, to a study of the meaning of the sacraments.

—that each local MSM unit explore the possibility of providing opportunity for weekly participation in the Lord's Supper.

"We feel that the life of the Methodist Student Movement, especially on the local level, has been weakened by an inadequate understanding of worship and its uses," said an adopted report.

Another adopted report called for the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement to send a memorial, or petition, to the Methodist General Conference requesting that the Commission on worship be made mandatory in all Methodist local churches.

The report recommended further that the next annual meeting of the National Conference of the MSM have a major study committee on worship.

The MSM is The Methodist Church's organization of college students, and the National Conference of the MSM is the group's policy-making body.

First National Lay Speaking Training Meeting To Be Held

EVANSTON, ILL.—For the first time in the life of The Methodist Church, a national meeting on training lay speakers will be held here Oct. 18-19 in the Georgian. This was announced by William B. McPherson of Evanston, who heads the department of lay speaking of The Methodist Church's General Board of

Stewardship Workshop Set For Nov. 21-23 By Lay Board

EVANSTON, Ill. — Plans for the 1963 National Stewardship Workshop, sponsored by The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities, have been announced by Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, executive secretary of the board's Section of Stewardship and Finance and director of the conference.

The meeting will be held Nov. 21-23 at the Georgian hotel in Evanston. Nearly 100 leaders are expected from throughout the nation.

Principal speakers will be Dr. Tyler Thompson, professor in Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, and the Rev. J. M. Neilsen of Manchester, England, director of stewardship for the Methodist Church of Great Britain. Dr. Thompson will give a series of three addresses on stewardship.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the board, will preside at one of the sessions.

The workshop will include special training in a new month-of-stewardship program for recruiting and training volunteer workers in the local church.

Sharing with Dr. Briggs in conducting the workshop sessions will be mem-

Lay Activities at 1200 Davis street, Evanston. He will be the director of the conference.

Nearly 100 persons are expected to attend the meeting. The plan calls for inviting the director of lay speaking from each of the denomination's annual (regional) conferences in the United States.

The keynote address, "The Laity in the World," will be given Friday morning, Oct. 18, by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the sponsoring board.

Mr. McPherson explained that the aim of the conference will be to provide opportunity for full participation by delegates as panel members and in discussion groups.

The Rev. John Main, pastor of Emmanuel Methodist Church, Evanston, will be the after-dinner speaker on Friday evening, Oct. 18, talking on "How to Study the Living Bible."

Dr. Gilbert Stout, director of the board's department of stewardship and finance, will also deliver an address at the meeting.

Staff members of the board's Section of Methodist Men, in addition to Mr. McPherson, who will share in the program include Vernon L. Sidler, associate director of club activities, and Sidney R. Nichols, associate director of the department of special projects.

bers of his staff: Dr. Gilbert G. Stout, Gordon D. Danielson and Charles M. Sorenson.

Beware of the evangelism of bigotry.

Don't waste time on the man who is unable to think of anyone but himself.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Sept. 29—Sunday	.....
.....	Hebrews 12:1-11
Sept. 30	 Hebrews 12:12-29
Oct. 1	 Hebrews 13:1-16
Oct. 2	 1 Peter 1:1-9
Oct. 3	 1 Peter 1:10-25
Oct. 4	 1 Peter 2:11-25
Oct. 5	 1 Peter 3:13-22
Oct. 6—Sunday	.....
.....	1 Peter 4:1-11



THE SALVATION ARMY in the U.S. has a new national commander. He is Commissioner Holland French, left, who has headed the Army's East-



ern Territory. He succeeds Commissioner Norman S. Marshall, right, who retired Nov. 1 after six years in that post.



THESE THREE PICTURES are of the Lake Charles District Workshop for layleaders, left two, and a Shreveport District meeting. The first two are of the lay workshop led by Tom Pitt, Associate Area Director. The two men are

Leonard Cooke and Allan Collett. At the right is a picture of the Shreveport District meeting to organize a district committee on evangelism. The meeting was led by Lonnie Sibley.

Alexandria Youth Hear Missionary

Carl Williams of Ruston, agricultural missionary of the Methodist Church to Bolivia, spoke to members of the Life sub-district, Methodist Youth Fellowship, at Trinity church, Alexandria, recently.

More than 80 young people saw Mr. Williams' slides which depicted his agricultural work in the mountains of Bolivia and showed the school where Bolivians are trained in modern farming procedures.

The Williams family is on furlough from their mission work in South America and Mr. Williams will spend a part of this year doing advanced study in agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the former Julia McLean, operated a farm near Ruston before they decided to become missionaries. They have three children.

After they went to Bolivia in 1959 the Louisiana Conference raised money for a home for the Williams and for the agricultural building or school.

Churches whose young people attended the meeting Monday night were: First Methodist, Trinity and Horseshoe Drive in Alexandria, First Church, Bunkie, and First Church, Pineville.

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ANNOUNCE GOODWILL AWARDS

Annual awards for outstanding good will and service to the handicapped, have been given by Goodwill Industries.

They go to U.S. Sen Lister Hill (D.-Ala.), TV star Steve Allen, and E.B. Whitten, executive director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, received the Edgar J. Helms award for service to the handicapped in the religious field.

National Goodwill Worker for 1963 is Isaac Ramsdell of Toledo, Ohio, partially paralyzed from an accident.

DALLAS, Texas (RNS)—Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology here is launching a series of courses for lay men and women designed to promote "serious theological study and discussion."

The seminary's "lay academy" project is being sponsored by the Methodist Dallas Northeast District, with first courses to begin next fall.

Dr. Claude Evans, the university's chaplain, described the academy as "a place of serious learning for laymen who wish to search the depths of personal faith and to participate meaningfully in the mission of the church in these times."

First course to be given at the school will be "Introduction to Christian Theology," with Dr. John Deschner of the seminary staff as instructor.

BISHOP WALTON'S MAILING SCHEDULE FOR AFRICA

Air Mail Posted to Bishop Walton	Should Bear the Address Shown Below
On or before October 2	c/o Bishop Prince A. Taylor Box 458 Monrovia, Liberia
October 3-12	c/o The Reverend Wayne Culp M.M.C.C., B. P. 226 Lodja via Leopoldville Republic of Congo
October 13-20	c/o Bishop Newell S. Booth B. P. 522 Elisabethville Republic of Congo
October 21-November 5	c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge Box 8293, Causeway Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia
November 6-14	c/o Central Mission Press Box 75, Cleveland, Transvaal (Johannesburg) South Africa
November 15-19	c/o Mr. Harry Greenberg C. P. 41 Inhambane Portuguese East Africa
November 20-26	Westbury Hotel London, England

Air Mail Postage to Africa is 25¢ a half ounce or fraction thereof.



CARL WILLIAMS, right Methodist agricultural missionary to Bolivia, talks informally to young people following his presentation at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. With him are, from left, Steven Mayer, First Church Bunkie, Katherine Miller, First Church, Pineville, and Lana McNeal, Trinity.



SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Rev. Mims Robertson, pastor of Columbia Methodist Church, on the death of his wife, Dorothy, who passed away on Sept. 10.

THE SENIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, presented a play entitled "The Younger Generation" in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Sept. 1. The pastor is the Rev. Sam Nader.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, professor of Bible at Centenary College, presented a lecture series on "The Sermon On The Mount" at Kenner Methodist Church during the week of Sept. 8. The Rev. Marvin Corley is the pastor.

AT ABBEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH, where the Rev. Tracy R. Arnold is the pastor, a training course for Christian workers is being held on Tuesday evenings through Oct. 8. The series began on Sept. 10.

THE ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT for First Methodist Church, Plaquemine, was held Sept. 6 and 7 at Camp Istrouma, with about 35 members of the congregation attending. Their pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

THE JUNIOR HIGH MYF of Reily Memorial University Methodist Church held a planning retreat at the McCleskey Farm on Saturday, Sept. 14. Their pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

THE METHODIST MEN of Horseshoe Drive Church, Alexandria, met on Sat., Sept. 21. Mr. Irving Ward-Steinman spoke on "The Dead Sea Scrolls." This was a Ladies Night for this group. The pastor is the Rev. Louis M. Coppage.

THE MYF OF McINTYRE Methodist Church enjoyed a hayride on Sept. 14 and then stopped for a weiner roast. They were accompanied by their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin House, and their adult counselors.

A COACHING CONFERENCE for officers of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Baton Rouge area was held Sunday, Sept. 15 at Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

A FILM, "TEENAGE WITNESS," was shown to both the Senior High and Junior High MYF groups at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, Sept. 15. The pastor is the Rev. Wilson L. Watson.

THE PASTOR OF ST. PAUL'S Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, the Rev. John Winn, Jr., recently started an in-depth study of the Old Testament, with sessions being held on Thursday evenings. This study will be followed by a similar one of the New Testament.

THE REV. FRANK C. COLLINS has joined the staff of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, as associate pastor with special responsibilities toward the shut-ins of this congregation. The pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

FRIENDS OF THE REV. TED SMITH, pastor of the Olla Church will be happy to learn that he has now recuperated sufficiently from his recent accident that he is now at home at the Olla parsonage and able to receive visitors.

THE HARVEY SPILLMAN MYF Sub-district met on Monday, Sept. 16, at St. Francisville Methodist Church. The young people of Blackwater Methodist Church had the program on the theme, "Openness, Honesty and Self Righteousness."

MRS. NORMAN LEVY is leading a study on the Book of Revelation in the Spiritual Life Meetings being held on the third and fourth Tuesdays of September and October at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, whose pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS of the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Houma, are: Seymour Dalsheimer, president; W. P. Wilson, vice-president; L. M. Cancienna, secretary; and Jean Klette, treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. Luman Douglas.

THE REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker for the Sept. 18 meeting of the Methodist Men and their guests at First Church, Arcadia. The pastor is the Rev. Beverly E. Bond.

DR. JOHN T. SEAMANDS, missionary to India, was the speaker for morning worship services at Stone Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, Sept. 1. At the evening service Dr. Seamands presented films that he made on the mission field. The pastor at Stone Avenue is the Rev. I. A. Patton.

THE REV. J. E. HEARN, Louisiana Conference treasurer, was guest preacher at Downville Methodist Church for the evening worship service, Sept. 15. Mr. A. Hartman of Jonesboro was the speaker for the morning worship services at Downville and at Mt. Nebo. The pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. WILLIAMS, and Carol and Julia Williams, who are home on furlough from their missionary work in Bolivia, presented the program for the Sub-district MYF meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Wednesday, Sept. 18. The Rev. Douglas McGuire is the pastor of the host church.

BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, has recently brought a Cuban family to the city for relocation, under the sponsorship of the Methodist Men of the church. The family, Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Sirven and their three sons arrived in Shreveport, Sept. 7. The pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

PARKER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, will begin a series of Sunday evening services featuring the theme "Foundation Stones of Our Protestant Faith," beginning Sept. 29. The first speaker will be the Rev. Ebb Munden, III, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church. His subject will be "Justification By Faith." The Rev. Reuel H. Allen is the pastor.

CHAPLAIN PAUL DURBIN was the guest speaker for the evening worship service at the Elton Methodist Church on Aug. 11. He spoke to the congregation on the purpose and work of the chaplaincy. This church recently welcomed its pastor and his family at a family night supper and presented them with a gift of luggage. The pastor is the Rev. Paul Carroll.

ON SUNDAY, Aug. 18, the congregation of Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, enjoyed a church picnic at Gregory Park, with about 75 people attending. On this same Sunday, guest preachers at Oak Park were Mr. D. Allen Collette, Jr., and Judge Cecil Cutrer. The pastor is the Rev. Donald M. Risinger.

THE SPEAKER FOR THE SEPT. 23 meeting of the Methodist Men of Lake Vista Church, New Orleans, was Jack W. Savage, who is associated with Francis I. duPont and Co. He spoke on "Mutual Funds and Growth Stocks." The president of this group is Greg Palmer and the pastor is the Rev. Clyde Frazier.

NEW ORGANIST AT FIRST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, is Mrs. Elizabeth Thames Pierce, well-known as an accomplished musician in Baton Rouge and throughout the state. The interim organist, Michael Rudd, has left for Denton, Tex., where he will work on the Ph.D. degree in musicology. The First Church pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

ST. BERNARD METHODIST CHURCH, Chalmette, observed Labor Day by asking all members of the church to wear the working clothes of their job to the morning worship service on Sept. 1. The pastor, the Rev. J. C. Skinner selected representatives of various occupations to come forward for recognition. The service was sponsored by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, conducted the evening worship service in that church on Aug. 25. They spoke concerning their experiences in summer camps and the youth program of their own church. Among those taking part in the service were Connie Berry, Karen French, James Sullivan, Pamela Ford, Nedra Bond and Norman Lee. Their pastor is the Rev. James L. Stovall.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING and Loyalty Sunday was observed at the Rayville Methodist Church, Aug. 25. On the program was a service of commemoration and special recognition for members of 40 years or more. Recognition was also given new members. Following dinner on the grounds an old-fashioned song fest was held during the afternoon. The pastor is the Rev. R. E. Walton.

MRS. IRENE JOHNSTON of Urania Methodist Church showed slides of her recent trip to the Holy Land and other points of interest in Europe at the Trout Methodist Church on Sept. 17. Refreshments were served to the members of the Trout-Urania Charge and their guests following the presentation. The Rev. E. W. Sandel is the pastor.

CHAPLAIN STEPHEN INGRAM of England Air Force Base was the guest preacher for the morning worship service at St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria, Sept. 15. At the 6 p.m. service Dr. Julian H. Thomas and L. V. Shipp, Jr. spoke on "Recapturing Pentecost." On Tuesday, Sept. 17, Sheriff John B. Honeycutt spoke to the Methodist Men of this church, whose pastor is the Rev. G. W. Dameron.

SPECIAL GUESTS at the morning worship service at Rayville Methodist Church, Sept. 8, were the active and retired teachers, administrative officials and other employees of the Rayville school system. Guest preacher for the morning was the Rev. George Purvis, Jr., of Rayville, student at Perkins School of Theology, who spent the summer as a youth worker in First Methodist Church, Mansfield. The Rayville pastor is the Rev. R. E. Walton.

RECENT GUEST MINISTERS at Kenner Methodist Church, during the vacation of the pastor, the Rev. Marvin Corley, included Dave Valentine, a layman from St. Paul's Church; the Rev. Earl Hotalen of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation; the Rev. J. M. Guest, Sr., retired minister; and the Rev. John Baringer, associate pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church. Assisting in these services were the following laymen: Harold McMillian, Murlin Mayeur, Jim Bolton and Fern La Ban.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 6, 1963:

AN APPEAL FOR HARMONY

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1 Through 4. Printed Lesson Text, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:5-11.

MEMORY SELECTION: For we are labourers together with God. 1 Corinthians 3:8.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the fact that dissensions in the church result in weakness while unity in Christ produces strength in the church's program of kingdom building.

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Today we begin a new quarter and the study of three great letters written by Paul the apostle. They are 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians and Galatians. In studying these letters of Paul, we should keep in mind that we are studying the writings and something of the life of the greatest and most influential leader in Christian history.

In today's lesson we study selections from the 1st chapter of Paul's first preserved letter to the Corinthians. This was one of the truly great churches which was left in the trail of Paul's three sweeping missionary tours.

Corinth was a seaport city, the largest and most prosperous city of Greece. It was said to be the most wicked city of its day. Paul spent 18 months in Corinth on his second missionary journey and is supposed to have organized the church at Corinth at that time. The Corinthian church withstood the worst that the most wicked city of earth could do to destroy it.

Corinth flourished about 400 B. C. It was destroyed by the Romans in 146 B. C. It was rebuilt in 44 B. C. by Julius Caesar. On rebuilding, it was peopled with Romans. The church founded there was made up of a mixed multitude. There were Romans, Greeks, Christian Jews and possibly people of other races settled in Corinth. Such a mixture of races with varying cultures made dissensions inevitable.

We are told that 1st Corinthians was written from Ephesus about 56 A. D. while Paul was on his third missionary journey. In this letter, in chapter 5:9, Paul refers to a former letter he had written to the church at Corinth. Hence, while 1st Corinthians is the first preserved letter Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, it was not his first communication by letter with the Corinthian church. Rather it seems to have been written, in part at least, in reply to questions raised by his first letter.

A Plea For Unity

Our lesson text opens with a personal plea from Paul for harmony and unity in the church. Paul had apparently learned while at Ephesus of the dissensions and divisions in the church. Paul states that his information about the divisions had come from members of the house of Chloe. This is the only mention made in the Bible of Chloe. We do not know where she lived or whether she was a Christian or heathen. Some think that possibly her slaves had become Christian and told Paul of difficulties in the Corinthian Church.

While divisions were not the only difficulties the Corinthian church faced, they were possibly the most serious. It is true that in this letter Paul is attempting also to correct some gross sinful practices to be found in the church. We say the divisions in the church were possibly the most serious difficulties because, even with sinful practices eliminated, divisions in the church would still leave it powerless.

Lack of harmony and unity is dangerous in every walk of life from international relationships to relations between individuals. As Christian minded people we should get well in our minds the fact that the Christian warfare is not a fight with each other.

The Cause Of Divisions

Paul tells us that these harmful divisions in the Corinthian church were caused by personal preferences for different preachers who had come their way. Paul, Apollos and Peter or some of his followers had all preached in Corinth. Different people liked different one's of these pastors and as result they had divided into jealous groups. Some claimed to be followers of Paul, some Appollos, some of Cephas (Peter) and there was a group who claimed Christ as their leader. The differences did not seem to be over doctrinal matters.

Their trouble came because of divided loyalties caused by personal preferences for leaders. After these twenty centuries have passed, this paralyzing situation in the Corinthian church sounds strangely like similar situations in some Methodist churches today. Paul, Peter and Appollos had all come and gone in the Corinthian church but some of the members liked one and some another and their loyalties to former pastors, instead of Christ, caused them to be divided into weakened if not powerless factions.

In this letter to the church at Corinth Paul is telling the members that neither he or Appollos or Peter is of permanent importance in the life of a church. He is saying that a Christian church should be Christ-centered. This is true whether the church be at Corinth in the 1st century or in America in the 20th Century.

Divisions in local churches, of course, may be caused by other reasons.

1. Sometimes individuals in the church feel that they are especially religious and assume leadership for which they seem to think their piety especially fits them. Others doubt their actions.

2. Some members are wealthier than others and seem to feel that their contributions entitle them to places of leadership. While some of our finest leaders are people of wealth, we know that wealth alone does not fit one for leadership.

3. Some refuse to give up places of leadership they have held for years although there are others better fitted for the positions they hold.

Most factional divisions center about some person who prizes personal position above the good of the church.

Handicap of Denominational Divisions

Possibly the greatest handicap the church has faced from the time of its origin until today has been the divisions that have plagued its work.

We get some idea of this handicap when we remember that today there are more than 250 different church denominations in the United States alone.

The unchurched, many of whom know little about the church and nothing about the reasons for our divisions into denominations, are tremendously confused when so many different voices call in so many different directions.

Only God Gives Life

In the portion of our lesson text taken from the 3rd chapter of 1st Corinthians Paul further emphasizes the folly of giving too much importance to some special individual leader since, at best, such leaders are only instruments in God's hands of accomplishing his purposes.

In Phillips' translation of the New Testament, we read: "After all, who is Paul? Who is Appollos? No more than servants through whom you came to believe as the Lord gave each man his opportunity. I may have done the planting and Appollos the watering, but it was God who made the seed grow. The planter and the waterer are nothing compared to him who gives life to the seed."

Man can build church houses and he can organize congregations but only the presence of the living Christ can give spiritual life to such an organization. "Only God gives the growth." Unity, program and spiritual power in a church are possible only when the powers of the individuals of the church are Christ-centered. Personal ambitions must be lost in the larger desire to glorify Christ.

Human Powers Multiplied

Paul reminds us that "We are laborers together with God." No higher privilege comes to the sons of men than the privilege of linking our limited powers with the unlimited powers of God in the work of the kingdom.

It was Jesus who said, "Without me ye can do nothing." We have learned by experience that it is true that we can do nothing that is eternally worth while except as we are led and supported by the Christ. Jesus said also, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." We must realize that our powers to live spiritually are possible only as we, the branches, are in close, vital contact with Christ the vine. Without that contact the branch not only does not bear fruit, it withers and dies. Without we have that contact spiritually, we cannot bear fruit and we also will wither and die spiritually.

Christ The World's Only Hope

In the closing verse of our lesson text Paul says, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus."

Men have conceived and promoted many plans which they professed to believe would accomplish the salvation of mankind. No man-made scheme has ever truly saved anyone. There are many reasons why this is true. I shall mention but two.

1. All man-made schemes approach the individual from the outside trying by rules, regulations and instruction to give the individual a sense of freedom while literally hemming him in with the provisions and techniques of the plan.

Christ saves by changing men's lives on the inside and thus harmonizing and unifying life at the very center of life. Man becomes a "new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things become new." (2nd Corinthians 5:17.) Phillips translates this verse as follows: "For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new."

Only Christ can do that for a man down in the depths of his soul where life and purposes and motives are born.

2. May we mention one other reason why only Christ can meet the deeper needs and longings of the human heart.

We have many good man-made social and benevolent organizations. Good as these organizations are, they have the power to minister to man only while he lives. Their ministry to the individual does not reach one second beyond death. All they can do then is to care for the body.

Instinctively man believes in life after death. He wants a relationship with some power that can minister to him after life's day here is done. Man wants contact with a power that is "preparing a place" for him in the next world.

Only Christ makes the promise and only Christ has the power to meet this great need of man.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Miss America of 1964—21-year-old Donna Axum of El Dorado, Ark., told newsmen in one of her early interviews that as a Baptist she has strong religious convictions and disapproves of the parading of sex. "One should have a faith, and a very strong faith, something to lean upon through life," declared the University of Arkansas senior. She confessed to newsmen that she is "very superstitious" and usually carries three good luck charms—a rabbit's foot and a penny in her purse and another penny in her shoe.

Miss Axum, of whom the whole section served by these papers is proud, is an active member of First Baptist Church in El Dorado.

Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu, controversial sister-in-law of South Vietnam's President Diem, said recently in Belgrade, Yugoslavia that Pope Paul VI "gets easily worried" as she described the crisis in her country. The pope twice has addressed messages to the Vietnamese nation, calling for peace, reconciliation between the conflicting groups, and religious liberty.

We have news for Madame Nhu—the pope is not the only one that's worried about the situation in South Vietnam. Uncle Sam, who is paying the bill for the whole thing, including her trip about the world, is pretty concerned about developments there also.

Two churches have been admitted to membership in the World Methodist Council at the meeting of the executive committee in Stuttgart, Germany, bringing the total number of denominations affiliated with the organization to 20. Membership applications were accepted from the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church in Nigeria. The United Church of Central Africa in Rhodesia was given assurance that it would be eligible for consideration when union movements now in progress are completed.

We know that Methodist union with the Evangelical United Brethren is to be considered next year, but it looks like the World Methodist Council has taken the first vote on the proposal.

In Wilson, N.C., a \$100,000 libel suit filed by the Knights of Columbus against a Baptist clergyman and a woman for distributing anti-Catholic literature during the 1960 presidential campaign has been settled for \$1 in U. S. District Court. The defendants were "permanently and perpetually restrained and enjoined" from circulating a pamphlet titled "Will America Vote Away Her Freedom?"

This should close the door permanently on one of the ugly scars that still remain from the 1960 election. The Knights of Columbus "oath" rumor was apparently pretty badly distorted.

Archbishop Chrysostom of Athens, Primate of the Orthodox Church in Greece declared recently in Athens that union of the Eastern Orthodox and the Roman Catholic Church is "unattainable" both on doctrinal and other grounds. The Orthodox Churches "will never be disposed to accept the infallibility of the pope," he said, adding

that the Orthodox Church breathes always with democratic principles, while the Catholic Church is capitalist and absolutist."

We have had a feeling for some time that the statements being made concerning such a possible reunion were not based on realistic considerations. Many things of value will undoubtedly come from the Second Vatican Council, but we are pretty sure that reunion of churches will not be one of them.

In Moscow, City Appeals Court has ruled against three Moscow Jews convicted of the illegal sale of homemade Passover matzoh, or unleavened bread. It was reported that the defendants, convicted last July by a People's Court, now plan to take their cases to the Supreme Court of the Russian Federated Republic.



AT LEAST one Book of the Bible has been published in 1,200 languages and dialects, it was reported at the American Bible Society's 147th annual meeting in New York. To mark the occasion Everett Smith, the society's president, left, presented the 1,200th translation to Dr. Francisco Cuevan Cancino of Mexico.

William R. Dorr, an Episcopalian and a retired church musician, was honored at Omaha, Nebr., with the Boys Town Medal of St. Cecilia. Roman Catholic Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha presented the award to Mr. Dorr for his "untiring devotion to the apostolate of music for worship in a variety of Christian communions."

In Brazil, Roman Catholic Archbishop Geraldo de Proenca Sigaud of Diamantina ordered special services in all the churches of his diocese to express "profound regret" over the forthcoming visit to Brazil of Marshal Tito, president of Communist Yugoslavia.

A message urging increased awareness of Christian responsibility in seeking to solve social problems has been issued by the Netherlands Council of Churches. The document, addressed to members of the interdenominational body and to the legislative branch of the government, said

that the council "wants to make a contribution to promote . . . a responsible society here and abroad in the service of Christ."

Production of Bibles and Scripture portions in Germany increased from 170,250 copies in 1945 to 1,522,000 in 1962, according to the latest annual report of the Association of Evangelical Bible Societies in Germany.

Religious radio and TV today "must be done on an ecumenical basis," the Rev. Robert E. Sanders of Princeton, N.J. declared in Buffalo, N.Y. He is eastern area director of radio and TV for the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. He was meeting with denominational executives and radio and TV representatives of churches to discuss ways to improve and broaden the broadcasting outreach on an interdenominational basis along the Niagra frontier.

Churches holding membership in the World Council of Churches have found that their "common life" in the organization provides a "deeper understanding" of the nature of the church universal, members of the Central Committee of the WCC were told at their meeting in Rochester, N.Y. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of WCC, warned, however, that the "provisional unity" found in the organization by member-bodies should not be confused with the ultimate unity of the church.

Psychology and psychiatry are becoming a "secular religion," and their practitioners a "new class of policemen" in society, a professor of psychiatry told the American Psychological Association convention in Philadelphia. Dr. Thomas S. Szasz of Upstate Medical Center of the State University of New York, at Syracuse, expressed apprehension over what he called the trend of the behavioral science to "replace traditional legal and religious distinction of 'good' and 'evil' with an ideology of 'mentally well' or 'mentally sick.'"

President Kennedy will be the first recipient of a new "Family of Man" award recently established by the Protestant Council of the City of New York. The award will take the place of the "Distinguished Service Award" which has been given annually by the Council since 1956. The designation of President Kennedy to receive the award accompanied the Council's announcement that it had established a new community-service organization, the Society for the Family of Man.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, and a prominent Catholic layman, delivered the sermon at a recent morning service at Marvin Memorial Methodist Church, Silver Springs, Md. A spokesman for the congregation said he believed it was without precedent for a Catholic layman to preach at a Methodist service, but in keeping with the ecumenical trend.

The Maine Supreme Court has ruled that a recent change in the state law no longer qualifies the Green Acres Baha'i Institute in Eliot for the tax exemption it had been granted as a benevolent and charitable organization. Under a recent amendment to the law such an institution is not tax-exempt if it primarily serves non-residents, and if it charges more than \$15 per week.

Dr. John B. Coleman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Oxnard, Calif., has been named western area director of the United Presbyterian Church's Division of Evangelism, with headquarters in San Francisco. He succeeds the Rev. Paul S. Mellish of Berkeley, Calif., who was appointed last June as the division's associate chairman.

NEWS

...from the office of the



LOUISIANA METHODIST AREA COUNCIL

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Lona Wilson, Editor

Education.....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We have just finished a very strenuous week in which we traveled more than twelve hundred miles over the southern part of the state. We had good meetings in Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, New Iberia, and New Orleans. Miss Nuttall met with workers from the Children's Divisions of the district while I met with the district councils.

The most important meeting in every district during the year is the set-up meeting (workshop) for the new literature, which will be used for the first time on September 1, 1964. We trust that every district superintendent will make a special effort to have every church in his district represented at the meeting scheduled in his district. In preparation for this meeting, it will be well for the Commission on Education in each church to take the booklet, "Are You Ready?" and study it carefully. This booklet outlines in detail the steps you need to take in preparing for this most important date in the life of the church. I have been informed that a copy of this booklet was mailed to each minister in the conference recently. We have scheduled these workshops as follows: Ruston District, November 12; Monroe, November 13; Alexandria, November 14; New Orleans, November 18; Lafayette (at Houma), November 19; Lafayette (at Lafayette), November 20; Baton Rouge, November 21; Lake Charles, November 25; and Shreveport, November 27. Your district superintendent will be sending out a letter giving the exact hour and place of the meeting in your district.

Let us remember the coming of Dr. E. Stanley Jones to our conference, on October 3 and 4, at Camp Brewer. Some of us will, more than likely, never have another chance to see and hear this great Christian missionary whose life and work have made such tremendous contributions to the cause of Christ. Let us give him the greatest hearing that he has ever had in Louisiana.

REMEMBER RALLY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 29. SEND IN YOUR OFFERING AT ONCE. DO NOT HOLD IT IN YOUR TREASURY.

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Lay Activities.....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



This has been a busy week and was climaxed by our going to Lake Charles to conduct a district workshop for the church lay leaders. We had a wonderful time Friday night at Simpson Church with forty-two men as we sought to find a new understanding of this key position in the local church. It was an inspiration to see the ministers and their church lay leaders sit and discuss together this important relationship. The simple fact that the ministry and the laity have met together, I believe, will result in a closer cooperation between the local pastor and his church lay leader. Too long we have failed to place the proper emphasis on this relationship for here is the key to implementing the total program of lay participation in the work of the church at the point where it counts the most—the local church. These two people must shoulder the responsibility for the complete program of activities for all our people if it is to be carried out effectively, and if the local church is to have the influence and respect it should command in the community. This working together can and must be a very warm and satisfying experience as minister and layman share their efforts in building the Kingdom. Allen Collette, the Lake Charles District lay leader, and Dr. Leonard Cooke, the district superintendent, are to be commended for the fine work they are doing to lead the wonderful people of their district in a program that has real depth and meaning. We are looking forward to being with Tom Matheny and Dr. Bently Sloane on September 30 in Hammond for a similar workshop for the Baton Rouge District.

As you know, the first call for the Thousand Club in this church year is now in progress. The reports that I have heard so far indicate this is to be another successful call. A very refreshing thing happened to me early this morning, even before I left for the office. A lovely lady, Mrs. Nell Harz, called to tell me that her Sunday School class, the Foster-Gatewood Class of First Church, Shreveport, had seen the story in the Louisiana Methodist about

little Belle Chasse Church down in the bayou country of the New Orleans District and they wanted to maintain a membership in the Thousand Club for their class so they can have a part in helping with this fine work. To all of these wonderful ladies we say, "Thank You." I hope this will inspire other groups to follow your example. Our thanks also to a number of other classes, circles, Men's Clubs, etc., that are already supporting the Thousand Club.

The program of The Methodist Church has many facets and covers such a wide variety of activities. Surely each of us can find a number of things that fit our particular talents and interests. Our collective efforts can be used well in the service of Him who said, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me." For we find our real fulfillment as we "go about doing good."

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Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



Methodists have a double duty to the gospel—their duty to be true to it and their duty to commend it.

All of us need exactly that reminder again and again. For it "IS" the duty of the churches and every church member to be true to the gospel and to commend it. There is no escape if we are "men and women of Christ," devoted to His church.

Self-examination at this point is apt to bring us up short with the uncomfortable realization that WE have not accepted OUR double duty to the gospel. In a popular song a few years ago there was the line "Always be true to you, in my way." Perhaps this is the way it is with many of us. We go along believing we are true to the gospel even as we avoid coming to grips with the sense of duty implied. Deep down inside we know we are not true at all. Being true is demanding. So, we are true—"in our way"—to play the gospel to our own false compositions.

Commending the gospel is a different thing. Make no bones about it! In fact, it is so difficult that most laymen leave it to the pastor, or one who has been specially "trained" for it. In fact, our shifting of responsibility is so prevalent it results in a sort of "minority report." The majority is silent, with no report. And when the record is put into print at the end of the year, it is essentially a minority report. We wipe our consciences clean, and start again.

In the field of evangelism we are at this point again. In too many of our churches in Louisiana, the "majority" is silent. Will we ever have more than just a minority report concerning the work of commending the gospel? Surely we would want to eliminate this double-standard and replace it with the double-duty. Instead of being true "in our way," we need to be true "all the way." We need more than a silent majority and a witnessing minority. We need total Christians, eager, earnest witnesses to the gospel!

There were 122,891 Methodist members in Louisiana at last report. Numbers are often deceptive as to quality. There is a world of variety between the consecrated layman and the sore-head who nurses his grudges at home every Sunday. But what if we did have 122,891 Methodists in Louisiana who would accept their double-duty to be true to it and to commend it to others? No seriously committed Christian can possibly avoid his part in the evangelistic task of the church unless he turns away from the gospel, which means, of course, that he turns away from Jesus Christ.

To be a committed member of the Church of Jesus Christ does not imply by any stretch of the imagination that we are mere spectators looking on at the life and work of the church as it is carried on by others. If church membership means anything it means commitment to him who is head of the church, and we acknowledge this by doing our duty and by witnessing. Yet, how often we continue to say in amazement and shame, "What would we do without the faithful few?"

Every member of the church is called to be an evangelist. We need to get this word backed into our vocabulary and into our lives. We are too content. We have a responsibility. Central in the life of every Christian and the Christian Church is evangelism. Christians must commend the gospel. It cannot be done in any other way.

Long ago twelve were called to be true and commend it. One failed and was replaced. They multiplied, not died. The same power is in us—to be true to the gospel—to turn the world upside down—to help men know Christ. We must decide the part we play. It is your task and mine. We are called to perform it right here, and right now!

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WOMAN'S PAGE



Seminar Reports

RUSTON DISTRICT

The Ruston District Seminar was held at the Homer Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 11. There were ten district officers and one hundred and sixty other women who attended. Mrs. Wideman Watson, conference secretary of missionary education, called attention to the twelve inspiring worship settings.

Mrs. R. J. McGehee, district secretary of literature, had a well-arranged display of all the materials for each of the four studies.

Mrs. W. F. Manning, district vice president, gave the opening worship and, also, presented the four blocks of programs in the 1963-64 program book "Witness Through Service."

Each study was ably presented by four dedicated women. Mrs. Woodrow Hearn, wife of the assistant pastor of the Shreveport First Church, filled in the place of Mrs. A. L. Jones, secretary of spiritual life, when she became ill and was hospitalized on Tuesday. "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia," was her topic.

"Three Spiritual Classics" were taught by Mrs. Marcus D. Wren, Jr., local secretary of missionary education of the Minden First Church.

Mrs. E. H. House, president of the Doyline society, presented "The Christian Family and Its Money." "The Changing City Challenges the Church" was explained by Mrs. J. E. Rutledge, vice president of Springhill.

A Workshop for Workers with Children and Youth was held at Trinity Church, Ruston, on Wednesday, September 18. At this time mission studies for primary children, for juniors, for junior highs, and for senior highs were presented.

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RUSTON DISTRICT PARSONETTES

The Ruston District Parsonettes enjoyed their monthly meeting, Thursday, September 12, in the home of Mrs. Douglas McGuire, Trinity Parsonage, Ruston.

There was a large group in attendance. Everyone enjoyed "get-acquainted" treasure hunt games under the direction of Mrs. Henry Ricky.

Parsonette President, Mrs. Eddie Morgan, then presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Beverly Bond, yearbook chairman, presented the attractive year books for the coming year.

The meeting was closed by Mrs. Edwin House who led the group in a devotional and the blessing for the delicious meal served by the hostesses.

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Mrs. Frank Keys, district secretary of spiritual life, was guest speaker at the recent meeting of the University Church Woman's Society in Lake Charles. The work of Thyre Ferre Bjorn, "How Mama Did It With Prayer, Trust and Love" was her subject. The worship setting was arranged by Mrs. A. C. Adams.

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BATON ROUGE DISTRICT SEMINAR

Baton Rouge District Seminar met in the First Methodist Church at Ponchatoula on Thursday, September 12.

Presenting the studies for '63-'64 were the following leaders: "Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics"—Mrs. George Willis; "The Changing City Challenges the Church"—Mrs. Charles McGowan and Mrs. J. M. Wilkes; "The Christian Family and Its money"—Mrs. Robert Reich and Mrs. W. W. Hyde; "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia"—Mrs. Glen Nordyke and Mrs. J. D. Neson.

The devotional was brought by Mrs. Lawton Verger and the offertory prayer was by Mrs. T. Luster James, district president. Mrs. Clifford Ratliff gave suggestions concerning program books.

Mrs. George Jones served as organizer; Mrs. C. P. Lipscomb was in charge of the bookroom. Mrs. V. H. Maner is president of the hostess society and the Rev. G. E. Blakely is pastor of the host church.

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MRS. S.W. TUCKER of Bernice, district secretary of missionary education, presided at the Ruston District Seminar held in Homer First Church, Sept. 18.



THE HOST PASTOR and district superintendent are pictured at the luncheon during the Ruston District Seminar. The Rev. W.P. Fraser is at the left, the Rev. Henry Rickey at right.

The Methodist Church needs 276 missionaries for service in twenty-five overseas countries in 1963 and an almost unlimited number of workers in mission situations in the United States.

COMMENT

-----report of Miss Hazel Cooper

as given at the spring annual conference and printed in the Annual Report.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN
814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La.
Hazel F. Cooper, Director

Residents this year came from twenty-three towns of the Ark-La-Tex area, and from Idaho, Florida and Georgia.

Seventy-six girls have resided at the Inn since June 1st. Twenty-one of the group came as students entering business school. During the year eleven married, two returned to college, several took apartments or moved back to their home towns to take jobs.

Two students who finished business courses went into full time Christian service as church secretaries.

We have worked closely this year with the Family and Children's Service, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the State Welfare Service in furnishing homes for girls with special problems.

We were visited by several Mission Tours during the year. Of special interest each year is the Youth Group from the Louisiana Conference School of Missions. We hope to promote some joint activity with the girls in the residence this year.

In the fall we had a five weeks Bible study. Dr. Anderson's "The Unfolding Drama of the Bible" was used as a text. The girls attempted to relate the Bible drama to present day living as experienced by the teenage group in particular. Some interesting discussion and deep questions came from the group. One question "How can you observe practice of the fifth Commandment, when parents are not the kind of individuals you can respect?" Some of the group actually had that as a problem.

Good Friday was observed with a candle-light "Quiet breakfast." We have found this a very effective way to observe this special day.

Christmas was the occasion for a family dinner and a "Toy Tree." For two or three years the girls have purchased toys for underprivileged children. The toys are turned over to the Shreveport Times and Journal Joy Fund for distribution.

A brief observance of the Week of Prayer was conducted by the Chairman of the Religious and Cultural Activities Committee. Special emphasis was given to prayer and what it typified in their lives.

Mrs. C. H. Timberlake, who has managed the food service for the past ten years, retired this spring. Her years of service have been greatly appreciated by the Board of Business Girls' Inn, by the staff, and by all of the girls who have known her through the years.

IMPROVEMENTS: Plans have been in the making for the past eighteen months for some work in the kitchen. Supply funds were made available to replace the dishwashing tables, which were worn out, with stainless steel. As we thought and planned we realized that we needed to replace the dishwasher as well. This would make the total operation more successful and less expensive on the whole. This spring we have sufficient budget funds to complete the plan. It is underway and soon we will have an efficient dishwashing unit for years to come.

A five-year plan calls for some furniture to furnish an upstairs sitting room and to buy a more efficient deep freeze.

We deeply appreciate the interest and support of the women of the Louisiana Conference. We ask that you take every opportunity to tell our Methodist girls about Business Girls' Inn so that we may serve more of them.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service issues—2



A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

formerly called
Week of Prayer and Self-Denial

Since 1887 Methodist women have set aside a week each year

- to learn of special mission needs
- to pray daily for these needs
- to give sacrificially toward them
- to gain personal spiritual growth

October 25-31

suggested date

PROGRAM MEETING • QUIET DAY • SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

The World Queries the Church's Laymen

The rapid changes taking place in our world and society are major factors in a mounting religious interest that finds expression in varied ways. Perhaps it is all closely related to an urgent human quest for security—and a growing knowledge that there may be no real security "in our times"; that security depends upon a neglected spiritual quality in man rather than in external circumstances.

This "religious interest" and the growing search for some base has hurried us along many paths. It has

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

But in all this re-looking and re-thinking that both church and lay society are expending on religious matters, a common thought or attitude runs in one form or another. The common denominator—arrived at by many—may thus be summed up: More important than ecumenicity, or dialogue, or humanly devised theological concepts is that laymen—who made verbal profession of the efficacy of their religion to overcome the evils that blight mankind—so live their faith in every day contacts with other men that that witness per se persuades, convinces, and draws all men to common mind and united action.

hurried both clergy and laity to what we euphoniously call ecumenicity," to "dialogue" between faiths as well as between diverse ideologies, philosophies, theologies; to a drawing together of science and religion in common defense of man's place in the physical universe.

This may be stated by some as "the priesthood of all believers"; others may speak of "the laymen (or the church) transforming society"; or "your lips say one thing, your life says the opposite"; "the layman is the product of his religion—and social wrong is the offspring of the layman's life and belief." Recent statements pinpointing this serious spiritual bifurcation are to be noted:

Bishop John Wesley Lord sharply points to some immediate issues, calling upon individual laymen to take active leadership in matters which have already been resolved upon by church conferences. He asks:

"What have our 'leading laymen' to say to the church in the matter of inclusive membership within the local church for all without regard to race

or national origin? . . . regarding the 'social acceptability of the cocktail hour in Methodist homes? . . . about shady and unscrupulous business practices judged only by the failure or success of the outcome? . . . in support of the United Nations, disarmament, the limitation of national sovereignty by all the nations, nuclear testing, military buildup? When our laymen are ready and willing to become involved in these controversial but nonetheless Christian issues, the church will assume a new stature in the country, and will gain a new respect in American society."

Bishop James A. Pike recently said: "There is a widespread and deep concern throughout the nation about world peace, and serious thought in the ironing out of policies and clarifying things, and getting rid of delusions, despite the absence of the great bulk of our citizens from our decision-

making process. You would expect me to say, too, that we should pray for peace. Well, we should. But I think there is something rather insincere in praying for something we are unwilling to work for. The reason some clergy talk out on things is because no one else will. People say it isn't our business to talk about political and social questions from the pulpit. I've often said, 'Well, all right then: you do it. You're a prominent layman: you get out and do it.'

And recent books—among them Elton Trueblood's *Your Other Vocation* and Robert A. Raines' *New Life in the Church*—point out the "new task" for ministers: to teach laymen to witness in their every act to all the world—not alone within the cloisters of the church building.

DR. SOCKMAN RETURNS TO RADIO PULPIT

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, prominent Methodist churchman who retired as preacher on the "National Radio Pulpit" after 34 years, will return to that program to mark the observance of its 40th anniversary.

He will serve as guest preacher for 13 weeks beginning Sunday, October 6, and his general topic will be "Questions We Keep Asking."

Oldest continuous network program on the air, the "National Radio Pulpit" is a NBC Public Affairs presentation produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches. It began locally in New York May 3, 1923 and became a network show three years later.

RECORD MADE BY FUND RAISING CORPS

A record total of \$41,496,000 was contributed during the 1962-63 fiscal year in 374 crusades around the country led by The Methodist Church's Department of Finance and Field Service.

The department is the denomination's professional fund-raising corps and comprises 23 full-time and six part-time members, all of whom are ministers.

In reporting the figures, Dr. Alton E. Lowe, the department's director, pointed out that the new total represented an increase of \$7,192,000 over the previous fiscal year and the highest gain ever recorded in the department's 33-year history.

During that time the corps has raised a total of \$291,534,000 for building programs of local churches and Annual Conferences, or for annual budgets and other purposes.

Methodists have invested \$622,981,093 in institutions devoted to the care of the suffering and the aged. Additional institutions in process of construction will increase this total to \$672,456,233.

Two new revisions of the scriptures—The Portuguese De Almeida and the Spanish Reina-Valera—have resulted in an enormous increase in Bible reading throughout South America.

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

METHODIST MEMBERSHIP UP

The Methodist Church in the U. S. now has a membership of 10,234,986, a gain of 81,983 over last year.

This new total gives the denomination the edge over the Southern Baptist Convention as the largest Protestant body in the nation. The comparison, however, is based on the SBC's last statistical report issued in February which listed a membership of 10,193,052.

Methodist statistics were issued by Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance.

He pointed out that the over-all membership total includes 28,697 ministers—a gain of 86—but does not include 1,780,526 preparatory members (baptized children) now on church rolls. Among the number of ministers are 274 women clergy, up 13 from last year.

Dr. Cooke reported that the denomination now has a total of 38,990 organized local churches, an increase of 227.

The church debt which keeps the people working may be an asset to the congregation.

A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist



MOTHERS, ANXIOUS AND OTHERWISE

In a lovely farm home where I visited recently there is a gray mother cat that has three small kittens.

Puss seems very little different from other felines that I have known. But I had not been around a cat with kittens for a long time, so she was, to say the least, an interesting new acquaintance. Even though our temporary friendship was carried on at a respectful distance.

Puss is a good mother. She is interested in the welfare of her babies. All one afternoon she walked back and fourth on the brick window ledge outside my bedroom, hauling a kitten in her mouth. The kitten did not seem to enjoy it a bit. But the mother cat paid no attention to the complaints of her child. She was trying to enlist some human cooperation.

She wanted to bring her babies into the house where there was protection and plenty of food. She worked at it nearly every day that I visited in the home. She is really concerned about her children.

In another part of my state there is a small church in a large town. There are a number of children and youth in the town. But few of them come to that church. A fair sprinkling of them attend Sunday School. After that they troop out of church making almost as much noise as a herd of horses. The church service is made up of middle aged adults with a sprinkling of young parents and small babies. No children. Maybe one or two teen-agers.

It does not take long for the visitor to analyse the trouble. Parents do not care enough to bring their children to Sunday School or Church. They send them. Small children go to Sunday School for a few years, but when they

begin to grow up it's a different story. They quit going, just like their parents did.

What does this have to do with Puss, the mother cat? Puss wanted her children in the house badly enough that she carried them up to the door and the windows. That was as far as she could go, but she did all she could. The kittens would never have made it without her deep, abiding mother love and interest in welfare of her children.

Many human mothers haul their offspring to the church door on Sunday morning and unload them. Then they go back home. Other parents don't even haul them. They send them on their own. Then they wonder why the church has so little lasting influence on their offspring. Too bad Puss can't talk human language. She might have some helpful suggestions for these parents.

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Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Companionship Of God

By The Rev. Kirby A. Vining, Minister
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John 16:32—The hour is coming, indeed it has to come, when you will be scattered, every man to his home, and will leave me alone; yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

How many people in life are lonely? Loneliness is like a disease of our time. It is taking great tolls. One would think that as much as people are thrown together these days loneliness would be impossible. But not so. For even though we belong to what has often been called a "crowd culture", still

does it seem impossible to escape loneliness, because it is so easy to get lost in the crowd.

It is strange that loneliness should be a part of our lives. For if there is anything that is stressed so clearly in the Bible and in our faith, it is the companionship of God. Listen as God speaks to His people: "When you pass through the waters I will be with you; or through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2) This is God's word of assurance to his people: "I will be with you." This says nothing about our awareness of God's presence, but it does say, "I will be with you."

Again God speaks to his people: "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) What assurance and comfort this is for the child of God, to know that God never assigns a task, or appoints an ordeal, without personally accompanying his people in it.

The Psalmist of long ago knew the never-failing companionship of God. In confidence he could say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." Whether it be through the waters, or through the fire, or even through the valley of the shadow of death, we do not walk alone. God is with us. All creation is shouting it. The companionship of God—one of the great theme songs of our faith.

Jesus affirmed this for us as he looked ahead to that hour when friends and followers would desert and forsake him, leaving him to stand alone. Yet with a shout of faith that dispels all darkness and loneliness he shouts; "... and yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me." Loneliness, for Jesus, would not have the final word. God was with him.

We too share in this divine com-

panionship of God in our hour of sorrow. Sorrow has a way of making one feel isolated, and alone. Sorrow can strip life bare of so many nonessentials. Friends try to comfort, but somehow their words cannot reach into the deep places of our grief-stricken hearts. How blessed is the companionship of God in such an hour. We do not have to walk in our hour of sorrow fearing death, evil, or anything else, for God is with us, and nothing can separate us from his love. Friends stand by us, but God is with us and in us, to see it through.

We can know the companionship of God in our hours of pain. Pain may come to us without warning to strike suddenly, and to stop us where we are. We feel so alone. No one else can bear the pain for us. No one else can really feel its shattering impact. What a blessing it is in such a time to be able to grow quiet for a moment, to enter into prayer, and there become aware of the presence of that Eternal Companion who is ever by our side. When no one else can get within reach of our grief and pain, the Spirit of the Father who created us and sustains us is there. We do not stand alone, for God is with us.

And let us never forget that God is with us, joining us in our sins, recklessly destroying our souls. But it is to declare that God is with us because God cannot leave man alone in his sin. Like Francis Thompson's "Hound of Heaven", God is ever at our side. He speaks to our hearts saying, "Though you are tearing my heart with your disloyalty, still will I be with you until we are united again at the altar of faith and repentance." God is like that. As long as His grace can reach any heart he will never let it go. This repentance then leads one to know the companionship of God in those hours of joy and happiness, those high hours when in oneness with the Father our hearts sing the songs of Zion, and shout with unspeakable joy.

This is great assurance for us as we

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Let the Children Come

(This is the fourth in a series of articles designed to introduce the new Curriculum for the Children's division to parents, teachers, and as these are discussed in the home, to the children).

What are the new materials called "Christian Studies for Methodist Children" like and what group are they planned for?

There will be no "Child Guidance" or general magazine for all teachers. Each age group will have its own teacher's book. There will be appropriate articles in the "Church School" for superintendents of the children's division and other leaders. "The Christian Home" will be a key material for both teachers and parents. There will be a special "Teachers' Book", "Pupils' Book", "Teaching Packet" for each age group. These will all be the same size—about like the "Child Guidance" has been. The teacher's books will all have general articles, age-group helps, an Overview which is an eight to ten page outline of the whole quarters unit, detailed session plans, leadership resources, etc. The pupils' books will contain stories, pictures, activity pages, Hymns and Songs and other materials. The teaching packet will contain all helps needed to carry out the suggested activities for the units. (No more hurried runs to the Ten-cent stores late Saturday night!) These will all be quarterly materials.

Will the small and large churches have separate materials as we have had? All children in the Methodist church around the world will be studying the same themes. Because needs do vary, these themes have been in two series: The Wesley and the Asbury series. How will a church decide which to use? There are many answers given in materials already printed, and there will be special workshops to help a local church decide which meets its needs best. However, the Wesley series is designed on a more strictly divided grouping than the Asbury. (See page 13, "Are you Ready")

What will the age groups be called? Next week we will answer this question.

—Aunt Feather

given destination without going toward it. How short-sighted some of our goals are! We have heaven to aim at and yet we spend our all for that which will vanish with the setting of life's sun.

Dare we seriously ask these questions of our own life?

—RB

Build a Devotional

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

We were driving out of a small town in Kentucky at daybreak. Walking in the gutter along the pavement was an old man with a "Santa Claus beard." He had on patched overalls and his ragged shirt was thrown across his left arm while he held a stout wooden staff in his right using it as partial support as he walked along. Cars slowed down to look at this strange person in the early morning light. There were three questions which arose in our car which are most important. The first one was, "Who is he?" and as we drove at a snail's pace to observe the man another question came, "What is he doing out here" at this hour of the morning?" Before we lost sight of him there was still this third question, "Wonder where he is going?"

What question could be more pertinent than, "Who am I?" The Psalmist has an answer:

"—What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him a little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor." Psalm 8:4-5.

The most significant answer to this question is found in the Hebrew-Christian faith. Man's deepest meaning for himself arises from his relationship with God.

"What are you doing," is a question of primary importance. What are you doing with your life? Are you a wise Christian Steward of time, talents, and treasurer? Whether we ask and find the answer for our individual lives there are those all about us who seek this answer in our lives.

Where are we going takes a bird's eye view of our eternal destiny. If we would go to heaven we must head in that direction now. It would be foolish to think that we could arrive in a

Poem For The Week

I WAS BORN TO BE A KING

For, "I was born to be a king!"
Thus cried the small Dauphin of France;
And to those who would defile him,
He scorned them with a high born glance.

And Paul said, "I am Roman born,
I am a citizen—and free!"
He escaped the scourge of the lash,
By claiming Roman liberty.

"He says, he is king of the Jews!"
Was the taunt that His mockers hurled;
The persecuted Jesus answered—
"For this, I came into the world!"

All born in Christ are of The King
In God's own image we were made;
For before Abraham, Christ was—
Ere the base of the world was laid!

—Sybil Nash Abrams —Based on sermon by Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden of same title



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, August 19-23. Mrs. Neva Hogan was dean, assisted by Mrs. John Lincks,

Mrs. Reuel Allen and Mrs. A.M. Penny. Mrs. Ollie Oswald was pianist and Mrs. Elizabeth Buck led the singing. The Rev. Reuel Allen is the pastor.

Shreveport Dist.

Lay Speakers' School Planned

Kenneth Rigby, associate lay leader of the Shreveport District has announced dates of the 1963 annual Shreveport District Lay Speakers' school. It will be held at First Methodist Church in Shreveport on three Tuesday evenings: September 24, October 1, and October 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 1, the Rev. Woodrow Hearn, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, will speak on "The Layman's Use of the Bible."

On Tuesday, October 8, Mr. Rigby, a Shreveport attorney, will conduct a session on "Public Speaking."

Sunday, October 20, is "Layman's Day" in The Methodist Church. On that date, laymen will fill the pulpits of most Methodist Churches. The purpose of these lay speakers' schools is to train laymen to speak on such occasions.

ADMIT TWO NEW CHURCHES

Two new churches were admitted to the World Methodist Council at a meeting of its Executive Committee in Stuttgart, Germany, Sept. 9-12 and the way was opened for a third. These bring the number of affiliated denominations in the council to 20.

The application of the Evangelical United Brethren Church was granted with particular enthusiasm due to merger negotiations now under way between this body and The Methodist Church.

Palestine Church Fund Drive for New Sanctuary

Another area church is planning ahead to meet the growing needs of a growing community, according to plans announced by officials of Palestine Methodist church at Paradise.

Sunday, Sept. 14, was Building Fund day at the church when at the morning service every member had the opportunity to make his pledge toward the support of the project.

Planned is a \$40,000 brick veneer sanctuary which will seat 192 persons and contain approximately 2800 square feet of floor space.

The Rev. Richard O. Hoffpauir, pastor of the church, said the committee has been at work for more than a year on plans for the new construction.

"We saw a need in the fast-growing community," he declared. "Until the last few years the area was rural; now it is suburban. And we knew that in order to serve the people we would have to have more facilities."

The goal of the building committee is to begin construction in about nine months.

Serving on the committee with Mr.

Tubb are: Robert Goff, vice chairman, Ben F. Prestridge, W. E. Boyett, George Duncan, Jim Turner, C. O. Curl, C. E. Kerlin, F. D. Futrell, Mrs. Opal Hudson, Floyd Ussery, Miss Norma Brown.

Also Rowland Vernon Jr., Elmer Malone, Percy Grey, L. E. Grey, Joe Cassell, Robert Lemons, Helm Bruce, Mrs. Grace Futrell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cole, Ernest Hanner, Vernon Crofoot and the pastor. All organizations of the church plan to add to the individual pledges by raising funds for the

new sanctuary. These include the Methodist Youth Fellowship of which Donna Shetty is president; the WSCS headed by Mrs. Kenneth Cloninger; Methodist Men, with Robert Lemons, president, and the Sunday School classes.

Palestine church which is about 25 years old was begun in the late 1930's with the late Rev. J. B. McCann as its first pastor.

The present membership is 223 with average Sunday school and church attendance about 100, Mr. Hoffpauir said.

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JOHN RODDY TAYLOR and James Thomas Law, both members of Haynesville Methodist Church and students at Louisiana Tech, have made decisions to enter the ministry of the Methodist Church. John is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. A.G. Taylor of Haynesville where his father is pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church. James is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ashley T. Law of Alexandria, Virginia, and the grandson of Thomas W. Camp of Haynesville. His father is a retired Methodist minister and now works as an artist.



Special Division Chairman Named For Hospital Building

Urban C. Wilkinson, campaign general chairman for the Methodist Hospital Building Fund, announced the acceptance by Harry H. Hudson, Division Commercial Manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in New Orleans, as chairman of special division "B" for the campaign.

Mr. Hudson is an alumnus of Georgia Tech, Mercer University and the University of Iowa. He was formerly an adjunct Professor of Psychology at the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia. He holds A.B. and M.A. Degrees.

Mr. Hudson joined the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company in Atlanta, Georgia, with later assignments in Washington, D.C., Albany, Georgia, and a special assignment at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been District Manager in Macon, Georgia, Division Commercial Manager in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and is presently Division Commercial Manager in New Orleans.

He is married to the former Martha Rodgers of Macon, Georgia. They have two daughters, Cynthia 15 and Laura 13. He is a member of St. Andrews' Episcopal Church Vestry.

The proposed Methodist Hospital will be located in the Gentilly area on the new No. 10 Interstate Highway. First phase construction will be for 150 beds with an ultimate goal of 450 beds.

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MANGUM MEMORIAL HOLDS YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

The Mangum Memorial Methodist Church Senior High and Junior High Departments had a combined Youth Activities Week and Christian Adventure Week, August 12-16 using the theme, "Walking With the Twelve." Under the leadership of the Rev. Wm. E. Nolan, director of Alumni Affairs and student counseling at Centenary College, the youth were given a much better understanding of each disciple and their contribution to Christ's plan.

To conclude the week of study, fellowship and recreation, a covered dish family night program was held. Following this a summation of the week's program was presented. Holy Communion was served to those present. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.

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LECOMPTÉ CONGREGATION OPENS NEW BUILDING

The congregation of the Lecompté Methodist Church held worship services in their new educational building for the first time, Sunday, Sept. 15. The Lecompté Methodists plan to complete their building program with a new sanctuary, to be started within a few months. The building program was begun while the Rev. Carl Barham was serving the Lecompté Church. The Rev. Bob Galatas is the pastor.

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THE BLANCHARD METHODIST CHURCH was richly blessed with the combined efforts of the Rev. Sam Nader, visiting preacher; Tom McKenzie, song leader; the choir, under the director of J.C. Watson; and many other workers who helped to make this Revival a memorable occasion. The pastor is Rev. Harold McClung. In the picture Mr. Nader, and the Rev. R.L. Clayton, former pastor of the Blanchard Methodist Church.

Centenary College's MSM Program For Fall Varied For Experiences

Centenary College's Methodist Student Movement plans a varied program of activities for the fall session the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, minister to the campus, announced today. Seminars, panel discussions, worship services, and

guest speakers will provide a rich religious experience to meet the needs of Centenary's students.

The orientation program "What It's All About" by the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor is scheduled for Sept. 26. Dr. Lee Morgan, professor of English at Centenary will discuss "College as an Experience of Growth" on Oct. 3. A dramatic dialogue "The God Beyond the Gods" will be given Oct. 10. On Oct. 24 Rabbi David Lefkowitz will present "A Jewish Understanding of Jesus" at the B'Nai Zion Temple. Guest speaker Dr. Van Harvey, associate professor of philosophical theology at Southern Methodist University will consider "What the Church Means by the Uniqueness of Christ" on Oct. 31.

"The Broken Mask," a film dealing with the crucial issues of human relationships, will be shown Nov. 7. Miss Ann Fox of the Family and Children's Service will explore "The Christian Meaning of Vocation" on Nov. 21. "The Theology of Prayer" will be the Rev. Lonnie Sibley's topic on Dec. 5. Church suppers and worship services have been scheduled throughout the semester.

The following issues will be explored in eight week seminars during the semester: "Religion in Contemporary Literature" under Leslie Burris, assistant professor of English at Centenary; "Worship in the Christian Community" under the Rev. Robert Holladay of Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport; "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ" under the Rev. Robert

Ed Taylor; "The Encounter of Christianity with Non-Christian Religions" under Dr. J. W. Nickle, associate professor of languages and philosophy at Centenary; "The Christian Faith and the Psychological Sciences"; the Ecumenical Study Group sponsored by the Inter-Faith Council.

Preparations for these and other MSM activities have been made by the following MSM council members under the supervision of the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor; Herb Jennings of New Orleans, president; Doug Davis of Alexandria, vice-president; Linda Hayes of Welsh, secretary; Jimmy Chatham of Jefferson, Tex., treasurer; Bon Carter of Calhoun, publicity; Charles Park of Springhill, recreation; Don Scroggin of Shreveport, projects; Carole Cotton of Rayville, worship; Judy Mayo of Lake Charles, publications; Jane Redheffer of Memphis, Tenn., supper; Indi Nichols of Savona, Wis., seminars; Rick Hruska of Minden, music; Willis Dear of Shreveport, deputations; Jesse Means of Bossier City, delegate state council.

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CHENEYVILLE METHODISTS HONOR CHURCH FAMILY

The members of the Cheneyville Methodist Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hanks at a recent fellowship dinner. The Hanks are moving to Abbeville, La. Dayton has been serving the Cheneyville Church as Chairman of the Board. They were given a silver pitcher as a gift from the church.

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LaSalle Parish Ministers Hold Monthly Meeting

Ministers of the LaSalle Parish held their second meeting as a ministerial association on June 24, according to the Rev. E. W. Sandel of Trout. The group held an organizational meeting in May to form the LaSalle Parish Ministerial Association, recognizing that though they hold different opinions, "a common love of God unifies them all."

Present at the first meeting were 14 ministers representing the following churches: Methodist, Baptist, Free Methodist, Pentecostal and Catholic. The association expects eventually to reach 45 clergymen.

Officers elected to serve the new group are: Rev. A. G. Taylor, pastor of Nolley Memorial Methodist church, Jena, president; Rev. Coda Salter, Tullos Baptist Church, vice president; Rev. E. G. Smith, Midway Baptist church secretary-treasurer, and Rev. E. W. Sandel, pastor of Trout and Urania Methodist churches, parliamentarian.

The rules committee composed of Rev. Ted Smith, Olla Methodist church, Rev. K. G. Brooks, Temple Baptist Church and Rev. Sandel has met to draw up bylaws and will report at the next meeting.

In addition, radio time is being donated by the Jena radio station and association members are being assigned dates or weeks to present morning devotionals.

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Aubrey G. Walton Sub-District News

The monthly meeting of the Aubrey G. Walton Sub-district was held September 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Pelican. The program was opened with a hymn, followed by prayer by Bro. Sherman. Patsy Bill sang a special. Bro. Bengston, from Many, gave an inspiring talk entitled, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!"

The business meeting was called to order by Norman Booker, the president. It was decided that the sub-district council try to plan some type of fall recreation.

Meeting adjourned with the MYF benediction. The next meeting will be held in Pleasant Hill, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.

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TEXAS VISIT TIPS SUMMER- FILLED PROGRAM

After a summer filled with projects and activities the Junior High Department of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, a nine car caravan headed for "Six Flags Over Texas" for a day of fun and study. Gathering at 6:00 A.M. Saturday, September 7th, the youth and sponsors began the journey.

On our arrival we immediately went to the picnic area and had lunch. "Six Flags" with its gaiety, Texas history and bustling fervor, was no match for the enthusiasm and energy of the group of Junior Highs. At 5:45 we began the long trip home after a wonderful experience in Christian fun and fellowship.

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MRS. DOROTHY GALLOWAY
ROBERTSON

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has called one of our beloved members, Mrs. Dorothy Galloway Robertson, from this world to abide with Him. We are grieved at our great loss and shall miss her warm friendship. Her memory will long be cherished by us and by all who were privileged to know her.

To her, death was the golden key that opened the palace of eternity, and we think of her there, with the Master, as he said "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WHEREAS, We believe that in her life, as in her death, she displayed a Christlike spirit and our organization has been blessed and inspired for having known her. Time may heal our sorrow, but the loss cannot be repaired.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Columbia Methodist Church do hereby record this expression of sincere and enduring grief which has been sustained

by these organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our most sincere condolence to the bereaved family in their sorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, a copy sent to the bereaved family and copies mailed to The Caldwell Watchman and The Louisiana Methodist for publication.

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Companionship of God

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walk the daily road of life, never really knowing what a day will bring forth. There are days of confident faith, and there are days of sad blundering. There are days when the birth of a child brings joy, and days when death spreads sorrow on our hearts. There are days of peace, and there are days of war. There are days when life is music, and days when despair seems to take away our song. But, oh the joys of living that are our's when we can know the companionship of God, when we rest in the certainty that He is with us as Saviour and Friend, even to that moment when the curtain falls and the drama of our life is closed.

Another Step Taken in Proposed Union of EUB, Methodist Church

Another giant step toward the proposed union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church was taken by leaders of the two denominations in Chicago July 3-4.

The executive committees of the commissions on union of both churches in joint session, authorized a complete draft of a plan of union. This will first be studied and perfected, then proposed to the top governing bodies of the two denominations for legislative action.

Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney and secretary of the Methodist Commission on Church Union, was made chairman of the drafting group, which will present its detailed proposals to the joint commissions which meet in Chicago Sept. 18-19. After making necessary changes and approving the draft, the commissions will give wide distribution to the plan. Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver heads the Methodist commission.

At the second full meeting of the commissions, considerations will be given suggestions for further changes in the plan, growing out of this period of study. This session will take place in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 11-13.

Next on the timetable will be submission of the Plan of Union to the

quadrennial Methodist General Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. April 26 is the opening day of the conference. The plan must be approved by two-thirds of the approximately 900 delegates. The second step necessary for complete Methodist endorsement is ratification of the plan by the several annual conferences. This second step, however, will be deferred by Methodists until the 1966 General Conference of the EUB Church (Oct. 18-27 in Wichita, Kansas).

If and when the EUB General Conference approves the plan by a three-fourths majority, then the annual conferences of both communions, at their next sessions, will proceed to vote. A two-thirds majority of all the votes cast in the annual conferences is required for ratification of the union. If the necessary approval is given at all of the stages of the process, it is probable that the actual merger will be consummated at the time and place of the 1968 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Active negotiations between the two bodies have been in progress for eight years. There are 10,153,003 Methodists in 39,050 churches in the U. S. There are 749,932 EUB members in 4,299 churches.

A Layman's Witness In Brazil

By Our Methodist Missionaries There

Ismael and his wife were building a small structure on a lot which they owned in Villa Campestre, a working class suburb of Sao Paulo, Brazil. They planned to rent it to someone who would open a store there. The rent would repay their investment and, in time, give them a permanent income. One day when the construction was almost complete and Ismael was trying to decide

which of several offers to accept, a Methodist supply pastor from his church came by to visit the family. He noticed the almost completed building.

"Brother Ismael, why don't you rent this store to our church. We need a place to open new work in this suburb." So said the preacher, but this was far from what the family had in mind. The church could not possibly compete with the other offers which he already had. "Well, Brother Joel, that isn't exactly what we had in mind. We're thinking of a store there." The conversation moved on to other things, but a seed had been sown.

The following month as he meditated before communion and prepared to give his tithe for the month, Ismael heard a voice calling him to give of all that he had that others might share in the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. After the service he went to the pastor:

"In Villa Campestre I have just finished building a store. I will give it to John Wesley Church parish if they want to open a new preaching point there."

So on a Sunday afternoon a Methodist Sunday school was held in that suburb for the first time, not in a rented building but in a building given for the use of the church. Built for a store, it is now a chapel dedicated to bringing the Good News to those who have not yet heard.

In the metropolitan area of Sao Paulo are 64 Methodist churches. These

maintain innumerable preaching points in addition. But in a city of 4,500,000, where thousands arrive daily to supply the work force for an ever-expanding industrial park, there are still dozens of suburbs which have no Methodist churches—or no evangelical church at all.

Ismael is a member of a church which exemplifies the preoccupation of the church in reaching untouched areas. John Wesley parish began as a preaching point of Central Methodist Church. It had not graduated from preaching point to parish before it had started other work.

Jabaquara is a simple but modernistic church with a vibrant congregation—it started as a preaching point of John Wesley church, and in turn it has other Sunday schools which it maintains. The Methodist Youth Fellowship at John Wesley is responsible for still another Sunday school in a nearby slum area.

The work of John Wesley church is the result of a truly dedicated laity. The church does not even have a full-time pastor. But it has a congregation who have received the commission to spread the Good News. The spirit of this church is the spirit of the Brazilian Methodist Church, which seeks to spread the word and which is becoming ever more aware of its responsibilities as a guide and orientator in these most difficult times.

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WORK OF MANY United Nations-related Church agencies will be coordinated through the new, \$3,000,000 Church Center at the United Nations. The 12-story structure, sheathed in bronze and glass, was built by The Methodist Church and will be directed by the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs. Located directly opposite the U.N. at 44th Street, the building has 16 conference rooms and a 100-seat chapel in addition to office space.

In Memoriam



Rev. W. J. Leppert

The Rev. Walter J. Leppert, 62, who was both a financial officer and a missionary education executive for the Methodist Board of Missions in New York, died September 11 at his home in Ridgewood, N. J., of a heart attack.

From 1953 until his death, Mr. Leppert was treasurer of the Board's joint Section of Education and Cultivation and director of its Department of Field Cultivation. In that position, he supervised the Board's program of missionary speaking and visitation to local churches throughout the United States. He also was treasurer for World Outlook, the Methodist missionary magazine. In his work for the Board, he spoke and taught at missionary conferences throughout the U. S. and had visited several Methodist mission fields.

Born near Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Leppert was educated at Ohio State University, where he earned not only a bachelor of arts degree but also a bachelor of science in agriculture.



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John L. Dailey

Resolution of Respect

At a recent meeting of the Official Board of the Boeuf Prairie Methodist Church, we again felt the great loss of our beloved friend and brother, John L. Dailey, Sr., who departed this life, August 26, 1963.

As a life-long resident of our community and a faithful and loyal member of this church, he exerted a wide influence among his friends, in both civic and moral affairs. His friends were numerous, not only in his home parish, but also throughout the state and nation. His main field of activity was on his farm where he was greatly loved, and his death is now mourned by each of his tenants.

In his passing, we have lost a dear friend, a sincere and devout Christian, and a faithful trustee to the cause of the church which he loved so dearly.

Sharing the heartache and grief of his family, the Official Board extends its heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

Therefore, we resolve that copies of this resolution be sent to his family,

Mr. Leppert was for several years treasurer of the Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches. He had been president of the Listeners Club and a member of the building committee of the Ridgewood Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Leppert; a daughter, Miss Phillis Leppert, of New York, and a son, Mark Leppert, of the home. Funeral services were held September 13 at the Ridgewood Methodist Church. Burial was September 14 in Dublin, Ohio.



James Lewis Rogers

James Lewis Rogers of Sarepta, Louisiana, retired employee of the International Paper Company, was born on a farm near Stamps, Arkansas, June 17, 1886. He moved to the Blockers Chapel community, on a rural route from Sarepta, a few miles below Cullen in 1940 where he resided until his death, June 15, 1963. Mr. Rogers was married to the former Miss Bulah Wicker of Willisville, Arkansas, September 6, 1908.

He became a member of the Sardis Methodist Church, located near his childhood home, at the age of 15, and was active in the church until his health failed some years before his death. At the time of his passing he

and to the Louisiana Methodist, and that a copy be incorporated in the minutes of the Official Board.

The Resolution Committee
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Extension, Louisiana

was a member of the Springhill Methodist Church.

During my early ministry, it was my privilege and pleasure to be the pastor of the Rogers family, and happy memories of association with these fine people then still linger in my mind.

Brother Rogers had deep religious convictions. One has said that "he was a Christian gentleman, good husband, father, neighbor and citizen."

Memorial services were conducted in the sanctuary of the Springhill Methodist Church by the writer, assisted by the Rev. A. O. Jenkins, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Springhill. Interment was in the Welcome Cemetery just above the state line in Arkansas.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his widow; one son, Hillard Rogers, Springhill; three daughters, Mrs. Everette Benson, Sarepta, La.; Mrs. J. R. Holloway, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Mrs. Ollie Roden, Magnolia, Arkansas; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

—W. O. Tisdale

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT Junior Campers visited the nearby forestry station during their Aug. 10-14 camp at Camp Brewer.



MR. JIM FOMBY, Alexandria District lay leader discusses need for lay speakers at a recent preachers meeting.



THE REV. Ed Barksdale, the Rev. Fred Flurry, and the Rev. Roy Garrett discuss Lydia Patterson Institute.

Louisiana Methodist News in Pictures



SHOWN AT the recent dedication of the Bernice parsonage (l. to r.): Bishop Walton, Guy McDoanld, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Carroll Caldwell, chairman of the Official Board.



BISHOP WALTON preached for the morning worship service at Jonesboro, Sept. 15. He is shown with the pastor, the Rev. Eskel Tatum, and the district superintendent, Dr. Henry A. Rickey.

Shreveport District Ministers' Retreat



THE REV. J.J. Caraway, the Rev. Conrad Edwards and the Rev. Bob Lawton.



THE REV. Bob Holiday and the Rev. Jolly B. Harper



THE REV. Alvin Mayo, the Rev. Bill Irving and the Rev. Douglas Williams.



LEFT: The Rev. Tom Crosby cleans his fish; Center: the Rev. George York plays for group singing; and Right: the Rev. Warren Blakeman and the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.



West Monroe was named the "Distinguished Layman of the Year" at the Monroe District Lay Retreat, Sept. 21-22. This is the second year this district has recognized one of its laymen by this award.

Mr. Rushing was district lay leader for 11 years until 1958, when he was succeeded by Thomas A. Pitt. He is charge lay leader at First Methodist Church, West Monroe and has held of-

fices in all phases of the church's program. He is associated with the Richie Grocery Co.

He originated the Monroe District Lay Retreat, which is the oldest of all the lay retreats in the conference, being one year older than the conference retreat. It has been held for eight years.

Pete Medak of Southside Church, Monroe, the current Monroe District Lay Leader, made the presentation at

the retreat at Chemin-a-Haut State Park.

The first award was given last year to Thomas A. Pitt, who now serves as associate director of the Area Council.

Another feature of the retreat was the visit of the Rev. George Sherman, who attends Perkins School of Theology on a scholarship provided by the men of the Monroe District. William "Bill" Baker, chairman of the district

scholarship committee, flew his plane to Texas and back on Saturday in order that the recipient of the scholarship might be present for a part of the retreat. Mr. Sherman serves a four-point circuit in Texas. The Monroe District men provide this scholarship in addition to their full support of the scholarships provided for Centenary College by the conference laymen.

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Departure For Africa

New Orleans, Louisiana
September 28, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I have not written to you through these columns since entering the hospital on June 12, immediately after Annual Conference. Mrs. Walton and I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers for us and messages to us during my long period of inactivity. We are grateful to you.

It is good to be well and about again. We were in the Ruston District on Sunday, September 15. I preached at Jonesboro in the morning, bought the closing message for the day of activities at the Children's Home in Ruston in the afternoon, and conducted services of dedication at Bernice in the evening.

On last Sunday I was privileged to preach in the new sanctuary at Natchitoches. We congratulate Brother Pearce and his people upon the good job of rebuilding their church plant following the disastrous fire of 1962. In the afternoon we visited the site of the new Wesley Foundation building in Natchitoches. The structure is rapidly nearing completion, and I hope to be there on February 12, 1964, for the consecration service.

On Monday of this week we held our Bishop's Mission on the Ministry at First Church, Alexandria. The attendance was excellent. In fact, there was no standing room left. The house was full until the dedication in the afternoon. We were all lifted and inspired by the speakers. Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Bishop William C. Martin, and Dr. Lee C. Moorehead of Saint Paul School of Theology, Methodist, brought stirring messages.

In the evening I met with the Cabinet. Reports show that financially we are well ahead of the first quarter of last year. Indications are that the total program is being advanced in a wonderful way. We really have made a good start for the conference year of 1963-64.

As you know, I leave on Monday for an episcopal visit to Africa, returning to New Orleans on November 29. On this journey I will be representing the Council of Bishops and visiting our mission work in Liberia, the Congo, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa and Mozambique. Dr. W. E. Trice, pastor of the William B. Reily Memorial University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, will accompany me. Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Aubrey S. Walton



PETE MEDAK, right, Monroe District Lay Leader, presents "Distinguished Layman of the Year" award to Norman Rushing at Monroe District Lay Retreat.



THE REV. GEORGE SHERMAN, left, who is attending Perkins School of Theology on scholarship from Monroe District, with William Baker, chairman of that district's scholarship committee.

Monroe District Women Plan For Citizenship Coffee

In an effort to help the women of the Monroe District have a personal knowledge of candidates seeking office, a "citizenship coffee" will be held at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Oct. 7 beginning 10:00 a.m. and closing at noon.

Mrs. Richard R. Meek, district secretary of Christian Social Relations, is promoting the meeting. She has asked each local secretary in this field to handle the publicity for the meeting in her own church. Each has been asked to invite her pastor and his wife to the meeting.

APPOINTMENT

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton has announced the transfer of Jack Skinner Blakeman, Elder in Full Connection, from the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, to the California-Nevada Conference, Western Jurisdiction, effective Sept. 15, 1963.

Sweet Offering For Harvest Day

Two thousand pounds of sugar is the goal of the St. Joseph and Wesley Methodist Churches for the Harvest Day offering for the Methodist Children's Home.

Realizing that they have a personal interest in the Home, these Methodists have chosen to do their giving in this special and personal way.

Their pastor, the Rev. Wallace P. Blackwood writes, "It seems so appropriate to collect sugar for the Home. The sweetness is representative of our affection for the children there, and as each member carries his sugar to the altar, the weight of it reminds him of his personal responsibility for the Home weighing upon him. It is a very usable gift and will not spoil."

The sugar will be taken to the Home on the afternoon of Harvest Day, Oct. 13, or another day that week.

All of the gubernatorial candidates have been asked to attend and to speak and, following their presentation, to answer questions from those present. Several of the candidates have already indicated that they will be present.

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Editorials

A NEW LOOK AT THE FACE OF CRIME

WE HAVE ALL BEEN DISTURBED, as we should have been, by the recent testimony of mobster Joseph Valachi concerning the far-reaching connections of the "family of crime" known as La Cosa Nostra. As we watched the face of this man during his appearance before a Senate committee we were inclined to agree with the statement we heard someone make that he was too frightened to lie. He spoke as one who knew that he had truly received a "kiss of death" and was under the necessity of getting some things said while there was time.

If just half of what this man says is true we should all be shocked into a posture of alertness concerning the way in which a group like this could have prospered and stretched its tentacles so far that its head can direct its operation even from a cell in a federal penitentiary.

We are told that La Cosa Nostra can either be translated as "our thing" or "our family." When either is used we see that this army of lawlessness has total disregard for the life, property and morality of the people of America in a degree which we have never known before. Even the regime of Al Capone is overshadowed by such an operation as this. If this "family" goes unchecked the "things" and families of all of us are in serious danger.

This group has been in the news in another connection in reported friendship between singer Frank Sinatra and another member, who is also involved with one of the McGuire Sisters. This is a group which grew prominent with the use of an "image" closely related to the church.

Perhaps the main lesson for all of us in this concerns the light manner in which so many Americans react to the whole panorama of crime in our own midst, especially in the realm of gambling. Little do those who engage in "appeasement" or

acceptance of this business realize that they often are encouraging the kind of organization which has been under discussion.

Joseph Valachi and his words concerning La Cosa Nostra cannot be ignored. They strike too directly at the very foundation of our lives.

TO BE ALIVE IN SUCH AN AGE

OFTEN WHEN WE PAUSE to look at our world it seems like a crazy kind of place without much to commend it or to cause us to be grateful. But this is a superficial evaluation. Every period of revolution and transition has caused its people to have similar misgivings and yet how much we owe to each of these "crazy" periods!

The cynical and the skeptical have always depreciated their own times but from the very "dimensions of insanity" to which they have pointed with psychotic glee have come the stable ingredients of all that we hold dear. George Bernard Shaw once wrote "the world is the planet to which the other planets send their insane," but he said many other things that give us reason to believe he had deep appreciation for the day in which he lived.

Dr. Charles Templeton referred to the period as "chrome-plated chaos," and Huxley said "our technological progress allows the world to move backward more rapidly." Nevertheless there are few among us that would have elected to live in any earlier period if such a choice had been ours.

Yes, there are those who summarize our age as one in which we have knowledge without wisdom, houses but not homes, speed without direction and medicine without health. But we feel that even these, when hard pressed, would express the emotion of Angela Morgan when she said:

"To be alive in such an age,

With every year a lightening page

Turned in the world's great wonder book!"

We should realize that we are creatures made for times like these and be thankful. Life pyramids upon us and we must fall back on our inner resources which reveal our true natures.

Out of the turbulent times in which we live can come the greatest of all environments immortal souls have ever known for their own nurture. From the stampeding pace of new scientific knowledge can come the grandest of all physical surroundings in which the race of men has ever lived. Yes, and from all the turbulence concerning human relations can come a time of brotherhood and neighborliness the quality of which has never been known. This can all be true if we will realistically face our own personal challenge to help make it so.

Divine Injunction



the EDITOR'S CORNER

SEMINAR ON RACE

On Monday of this week we shared in the Seminar on Race sponsored by the Wesley Society of the Little Rock Conference at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock. This was a group of ministers who came together for a time of soul-searching and sharing concerning their own attitudes toward the race problem and the relationship of these attitudes to the Bible and theology.

For a period of about 24 hours we dug in together on the basic questions that every minister confronts daily in his own parish in this matter. Sharing in the sessions, which were scheduled during a very busy week for Methodists in Arkansas, were Bishop W. Kenneth Pope and Dr. Cecil R. Culver, area secretary.

One of the things that we discovered early in the part of the meeting we attended was that no one had come to Aldersgate with all of the answers. No man was prepared to point an accusing finger at another. Each person present, and this certainly includes your editor, witnessed concerning the intense struggle that he faces again and again.

Theology, ethics, the Bible and the administration of the local parish and the whole denomination — these are the ingredients which were tossed into the hopper as each man talked freely of his own attitudes on race and the myriad forms in which the whole issue presents itself in the local parish.

Bishop Pope, responding to certain questions put to him by members of the group on Monday evening, made an excellent contribution to the seminar as he communicated his own position as a Methodist minister and as the administrator of The Methodist Church in the Arkansas Area. No one could misunderstand his strong convictions on the whole matter and his deep belief that every minister must find the answers to the situation which arise from time to time in the various facets of race relations. He indicated his reluctance to direct any pastor in the manner in which he and his church must solve their own problems, but he left no doubt in any man's mind that he expected these issues to be solved according to the deepest Christian convictions.

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Bishop Corson To Get Honorary Degree From St. Joseph's College

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, will be the first Methodist Bishop ever to receive an honorary degree from a Catholic College.

The announcement was made today by the Very Rev. William F. Maloney, S.J., president of St. Joseph's College, who will confer the Doctor of Letters degree at the college's fall commencement exercises on October 6.

It will also mark the first time in the 112-year history of the Jesuit College that an honorary doctorate will be presented to a Protestant clergyman.

'Twelve' To Meet In Illinois Town On November 6-9

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Methodist National Lay Committee on The Twelve will meet Nov. 6-9 at the Hilton Inn, North Aurora, Ill.

The committee, an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, promotes the establishment of groups of "The Twelve" in churches across the nation.

The groups, which may have a few more or less than 12 members, take their name from the number of Disciples or Apostles who were Jesus' close companions and co-workers.

"Purpose of the groups," said Harold Rogers, Nashville, "is to deepen the spiritual life through planned Bible study and prayer, provide Christian fellowship, and encourage and strengthen personal witness." He is national director of "The Twelve" and a staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

Speakers for the meeting include Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism; the Rev. Ed Beck, Nashville, staff member of the board; the Rev. Dr. Lynn J. Radcliffe, Madison, N. J., retired Methodist minister; Mrs. H. T. Walker, Rochester, Minn., minister's wife; the Rev. William L. Sturtevant, pastor of Bon Air (Va.) Methodist Church; and the Rev. Dr. Edmund Perry, chairman of the Department of History and Literature of Religions, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., is chairman of the national lay committee. He is a businessman and past president of Rotary International.

Board of Publication Annual Meet Oct. 30

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The annual meeting of the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church will be held Oct. 30 at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, New York City.

The 45-member board, composed of ministers and laymen, directs the publishing interests of The Methodist Church and has jurisdiction over The Methodist Publishing House.

Christian Education Conference To Meet Nov. 5-10 in Chicago

NASHVILLE, TENN. — More than 1,000 Christian educators are expected to attend a national Methodist Conference on Christian Education, Nov. 5-10, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

It will be the fifteenth biennial meeting of the conference, an organization which includes leaders of all aspects of The Methodist Church's educational program.

Theme of the conference is "His Word/Our World."

Educational theory, philosophy, methods, and trends will be discussed.

Speakers for the general sessions include the Rev. Dr. Martin E. Marty, an associate editor of *The Christian Century* and associate professor of church history at the University of Chicago divinity school; Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston; the Rev. D. Reuel Howe, director, Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and two faculty members of Chicago Theological Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Ross Snyder, professor of Christian education, and the Rev. Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history.

In addition to general sessions, the conference will have several meetings of its eight commissions. The eight groupings are for children's workers, youth workers, adult workers, directors of Christian education, executive secretaries and board presidents, camp and conference administrators, general church school workers, and professors of religion.

Various speakers will deal with the relevance of the Christian gospel to the problems of contemporary society. Major attention, especially in the Commission of Children's Workers, will be given to the new curriculum for Methodist children which will be ready for use in Methodist local churches in September, 1964.

The conference will have two dramatic productions, one on the conference theme and the other a presentation of the staff of the Methodist General Board of Education. Plans for the meeting were announced by the Rev. Dr. Harry G. Balthis, Arlington, Va., conference president, and the Rev. Dr. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville secretary.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 6 - Sunday	1 Peter 4:1-11
Oct. 7	1 Peter 4:12-19
Oct. 8	1 Peter 5:1-11
Oct. 9	2 Peter 1:1-11
Oct. 10	2 Peter 1:12-21
Oct. 11	2 Peter 3:1-10
Oct. 12	2 Peter 3:11-18
Oct. 13 - Sunday	1 John 4:1-12

October 20 Set As World Order Sunday Emphasis

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A worldwide concern for "Your Neighbor as Yourself" will take the attention of Methodists, among other Christians, when they observe Oct. 20 as World Order Sunday.

Emphasis is being placed on the opportunity for Christians to stress world understanding and compassion for the needs of other peoples. These include not only food, clothing and shelter, but also such spiritual needs as freedom, justice, dignity and knowledge.

The interdenominational observance, at the beginning of United Nations Week, this year will be concurrent with Laymen's Sunday. A special message relevant to the combination has been prepared by J. Irwin Miller, National Council of Churches president, an industrialist and Disciples of Christ layman.

Miller says that though the early Christian Church broke the boundaries of class and state, today "nations sponsor arms races and speak of 'survival' at a time when the life span is longer than ever before; human need lives next door to material plenty . . . Through all this man is tempted to resign himself either to bewilderment, frustration and futility or to selfseeking, power and materialism. For the Christian there is another alternative, a better way."

The Methodist observance also will include recognition of the completion and occupation of the Church Center for the United Nations, built this year by the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns and consecrated Sept. 22 to ecumenical programming in international affairs.

8th National Meet Of MYF July 27-31

NASHVILLE, TENN.—About 5,000 youth and adult workers with youth are expected to attend the eighth National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held July 27-31, 1964, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

The convocation will focus on high school youth, and is sponsored by the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The MYF is The Methodist Church's local-church organization for youth, and there are more than 1,500,000 members in churches across the nation.

The convocations are held once in each of the denomination's quadrennia, and the last such mass gathering was held in 1959 at Purdue.



HUGE CROSS BUILT ON OZARK MOUNTAIN - Twenty-six years ago, a rural mail carrier, Wayman Presley, envisioned a shrine for all Christians atop an Ozark mountain four miles from the Southern Illinois town of Alto Pass. The dream has now taken shape -- an 111 foot high cross which can be seen from nearly 50 miles away both day and night, when it is illuminated. The cross, which cost \$250,000, might have been built earlier had Mr. Presley accepted contributions offered by large industrial concerns. But he refused, insisting individuals must build the shrine. Since 1937 more than 60,000 people in the United States and overseas have donated to the project.

Area Calendar

OCTOBER

- 3-4—Conference Evangelism Retreat, Camp Brewer
- 4—Executive committee, Board of Missions, 12:45 p.m. Holiday Inn, Alexandria
- 4, 5, 6—MYF Planning Retreat, Camp Istrouma
- 6—Worldwide Communion Sunday and Fellowship of Suffering and Service Offering
- 7—Conference for Nursery Workers, Ruston, Trinity church
- 7—Shreveport District Committee on Evangelism
- 8—Conference for Nursery Workers, Alexandria, Trinity Church
- 8—Ruston District Annual Laymen's Banquet, Dubach
- 8—Lafayette District Missions Workshop (Lafayette)
- 9—Lafayette District Missions Workshop (Houma)
- 9—Conference for Nursery Workers, Crowley, First Church
- 10—Conference for Nursery Workers, Monroe, First Church
- 10—Monroe District Workshop for Ministers and Lay Leaders, Rayville, 7 p.m.
- 10—Lake Charles Missions Workshop
- 11-12—Workshop for Workers in Weekday Nurseries and Kindergartens, Alexandria.
- 13—Harvest Day, Methodist Children's Home
- 17—New Orleans District Missions Workshop
- 19—Lake Charles District Laymen's Retreat, 1:30 p.m., Kingwood, Prien Lake
- 20—World Order Sunday
- 20—Laymen's Day
- 23—Ruston District Missions Workshop
- 25-31—WSCS Local Church "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial"
- 28—Alexandria District Workshop for Ministers and Lay Leaders, First Church, 7 p.m.
- 28—Baton Rouge District Missions Workshop
- 31—Monroe District Missions Workshop

Training School At Arcadia

A first series Christian Workers' School was held at First Methodist Church in Arcadia, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Courses for workers in each of the three divisions of the Church School were offered with class sessions on Sunday afternoon and on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Teacher for children's workers and parents of children in the study, "Teaching Children," were Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, Downsville, Ruston District Director of Children's Work. Teaching the course, "The Methodist Youth Fellowship," for members of the Senior High MYF, their teachers and counselors was the Rev. Brady Forman, Downsville. The Rev. B. E. Bond, pastor of the Arcadia Church, taught the course, "Helping Adults Learn," for all adult



Rev. and Mrs. E.W. Corley

Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration Held

The home of Mrs. Oscar Cloyd in West Monroe was the setting for the 60th anniversary celebration for Mrs. Cloyd's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Corley, Sunday, Sept. 15. Mr. Cloyd is a retired member of the Louisiana Annual Conference and the father of the Rev. J. David Corley of Farmerville and the Rev. Marvin Corley of Kenner. A grandson, the Rev. Oscar Cloyd, is pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Mr. Corley was admitted into the Louisiana Conference in 1913. He retired in 1954, but he has remained active and is often called on to preach.

The Corleys have two daughters, six sons, 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Faculty Extends Welcome To Newcomers at Centenary College

The liberal arts college generally, and Centenary College in particular, received moving testimonials recently from three different categories of fac-

workers and interested adult members of Church School class groups. Mr. Paul Sherrard, local chairman of the Commission on Education, was dean of the school.

Marking the beginning of the School on Sunday, was Dr. Henry Bowdon, Area Council Director, who preached at the morning and evening services. Dr. Bowdon as Area Director has responsibility in the field of Christian education in the conference and emphasized the work of Church School teachers and others.

Participating in the leadership enterprise were workers from First Methodist, Gibsland, Mt. Mariah, Athens, Bienville and Simsboro.



NEW FACULTY members welcomed to Centenary at recent pre-registration meetings included: (left) Dr. Frank V. Touchstone, associate professor of psychology; Dr. Walter McG. Lowrey, professor of history; and C.

From Centenary College

by B.C. Taylor

The one-hundred-thirty-ninth session of Centenary College began Sunday afternoon, September 14, with a reception for parents and new students in the Student Sub. At this writing 891 students have registered. This is an increase over last year. The student the farthest away from home . . . is from Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle is Centenary's thirtieth president, the overall average for the presidents was four years. To date, 4,817 students are graduates of Centenary. Dr. John L. Scales, of Shreveport and Henry Pharr of New Orleans, are two of the oldest graduates of the College.

TV Station KSLA has made thirty minutes available to Centenary College for "The Campus Bull Session," an unrehearsed discussion of current topics participated in by a faculty member and students. Jack Fiser, news bureau head, is director of the program.

"The Book of Romans" will be the first Playhouse Drama Production this fall. Orin Corey, head of the department, has made the adaptation from the Biblical text.

The new men's dorm is a "man's dream" and the men are very happy about it. It houses 136 boys.

Mrs. Sue Boydston, the Ark-La-Tex counselor for Centenary, is the author of a new book on flowers, entitled: "Green Thumbs." Half the proceeds from the book goes to the Centenary Choir.

The Methodist Student Movement, directed by Robert Ed Taylor, had their opening reception, Friday night at which time the program was explained and projected for the College year.

Thirty-one ministerial students have registered for the Fall semester. All of them plan to go to Seminary or graduate school as soon as they finish their work at Centenary.

the Centenary faculty as professor of history.

"I am a Methodist," declared Dr. Lowrey, "and as such I am happy to be associated with this college as an institution of the Methodist Church. I believe that religion and sound scholarship when united offer more than when they are offered separately . . . It is good to be associated with an institution in which the moral and ethical standards of Christianity play an important role, intimately associated with education . . . where quality of training, not quantity, is the measure of success."

Another speaker was Dr. Wilfred Guerin, professor of English, who is returning to Centenary after a year at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

"Centenary is dedicated to the fullest possible development of the human being," said Dr. Guerin, "for his living more than for his making a living,

though it does not neglect the latter. It is oriented toward the intellectual, the spiritual, the humanistic. With these objectives I deeply sympathize."

ulty members: a veteran, a newcomer and one who came back.

The testimonials were given at a special pre-registration meeting at Centenary, designed to orient the nine new members of the college teaching staff.

Dr. Mary Warters, head of the Department of Biology and a faculty member since 1927, spoke to the newcomers on "What Centenary has meant to Me."

"I had taught at another college with comparable facilities," she explained, "but it was evident soon after I came to this campus that there was some indefinite something that made it a supremely happy place to work and live. It has never changed in that regard, although it has changed a great deal in other ways."

The newcomer was Dr. Walter McG. Lowrey, former Dean of Nicholls State College at Thibodaux, who has joined



Lloyd Halliburton, assistant professor of Spanish; (center) Dr. W.W. Pate, veteran head of the college's department of economic and business, chats with Dr. Robert L. Trewatha, new member of his staff; (right) Mrs. Etoyale



Smith, instructor in health and physical education; Dr. Edward M. Clark, head of the department of English; Dr. Wilfred Guerin, professor of English; and Malcolm Patterson, acting head of the department of health and physical education.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

DR. J. HENRY BOWDON was the guest preacher at First Church, Plaquemine, Sunday, Sept. 22. His son, the Rev. Henry Bowdan, Jr., is the pastor.

THE CORNERSTONE LAYING ceremony for the new building of the Nesam Memorial Methodist Church, Tickfau, was held Sunday, Sept. 29 at 3:30 p.m. The pastor is the Rev. A.D. George.

THE REV. EBB MUNDEN, III, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Metairie, was the devotional speaker for the meeting of the Methodist Home-Hospital Auxiliary meeting on Sept. 27.

A DINNER HONORING students and other visitors was held at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, following the morning worship service on Sept. 22. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, is receiving a special offering for cancer research in memory of Mrs. John L. Bankston, who was a member of the board. The pastor is the Rev. John Winn.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, was the speaker for the fall Workers' Conference at Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sept. 25. The pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR MYF groups of Gretna Methodist Church and of First Church, New Orleans, joined in a week-end retreat at Camp Istrauma, Sept. 20-22, for the purpose of planning their activities for the year.

THE REV. A.A. MCKNIGHT, pastor of Cedar Grove Church in Shreveport, was the guest evangelist for revival services at the Live Oak Methodist Church, Sept. 8-13. The pastor of the church is the Rev. William I. Eubanks.

THE REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker for the "kick-off" meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Arcadia, Sept. 18. The pastor is the Rev. Beverly Band.

THE LIFE SUB-DISTRICT MYF met at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, Sept. 9. Carl Williams, agricultural missionary to Bolivia, who is home on furlough, was the speaker for the meeting. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. Byrl Moreland.

THE METHODIST MEN of Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, met on Sept. 23 and had a fish fry. The program was a panel discussion on the aims, objectives and program of the organization. Their pastor is the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid.

THE COMMISSION ON WORSHIP of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, sponsored a chicken and shrimp Gumbo dinner on Saturday, Sept. 28. The proceeds will be used to purchase choir robes for the Vesper Choir. The pastor is the Rev. James L. Stovall.

THE REV. PIERCE MCKEITHEN of West Manrae was the speaker for the Sept. 18 meeting of the

Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Rayville. He illustrated his talk on the Holy Land with slides he took during a recent visit. The Rayville pastor is the Rev. R.E. Waltan.

FIFTEEN SENIOR HIGH young people of First Methodist Church, Bassier City, attended a retreat at Caney Lake, Sept. 14-15. Counselors for the retreat were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bracks. The pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, Director of the Area Council, was the speaker for the Church School Appreciation Banquet at First Methodist Church, Crowley, Sept. 25. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie, and the Rev. Ray Halt is the associate pastor for education.

DR. R. LEONARD COOKE, Lake Charles District Superintendent, officiated at the baptismal service for Karen Anne Vining, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Kirby A. Vining of First Church, Leesville, during the morning worship service at that church on Sept. 22.

THE FIRST OF A SERIES of concerts in the Rayne Memorial Recital Series was held on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The artist was William Teague, nationally prominent concert organist and professor of organ at Centenary College, Shreveport. The pastor at Rayne is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

OAK PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, has completed a church directory, which is now being delivered to all the homes of the congregation. G.G. Dickens, Babbie Glenn and Chuck Frye assisted the church office in the completion of this project. The Rev. Donald M. Risinger is the pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Rev. and Mrs. William Sirman of the Delhi Methodist Church on the birth of their third child, a daughter, Celia Anne, born Sept. 13, and on the clever card of announcement which had on its cover the words, "Announcing the third in a series of Sirmans."

THE WSCS OF FIRST CHURCH, Lake Charles, is studying "The Christian Family and Its Money" under the leadership of Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy. Helping with the study are Mes. Howard Carter, L.R. Hathaway, M.R. Gillenwater, Sr., Gea M. Chastain, R.E. Heidt and C.W. Hack. The pastor of this church is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

THE WSCS GROUPS of the Urania and Olla Methodist Churches are engaged in a study of Southern Asia which began Sept. 26 to continue for three Thursday evenings. Mrs. Martha Overbey, community worker for the area, is the teacher. The Rev. E.W. Sandel is pastor of the Urania Church and the Rev. Ted Smith is pastor of the Olla Church.

NEW OFFICERS OF the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Minden, are: Vernan "Buck" Shaffer, president; Jae Hunter, vice-president; Altan Horton, secretary-treasurer; Leland Mims and Altan Hartman, song leaders; J.L. "Casey" Jones and Eugene Searles, food committee, and L.C. Starr, program chairman. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, began its annual chair school for children and young people during the month of September. Earl Redding, music director has announced that the school will meet each Tuesday through next May. The announced goals of the school are "to teach children Christian conduct, the meaning of worship and basic musicianship." The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

AT THE SEPT. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men of Trinity Church, Alexandria, the group heard two members of Boy Scout Troop No. 11, John Ewing and Wayne Denley, tell of their experiences of last summer when ten scouts and two adults took a canoe trip down the Red River from Alexandria to New Orleans. Speaking on the same program was Delbert L. Bullion, clinical psychologist at Huey P. Long Hos-

pital. The pastor is the Rev. Byrl Moreland.

RECENTLY-ELECTED OFFICERS of the Junior High MYF of Munhalland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie are: Bonnie Swanson, president; Carlos Ver Plank, vice-president; Cindy Halmes, secretary; Linda Wulf, treasurer; Dennis Fareman, MYF Fund treasurer; Lanie Kuhn, publicity; Manique Dittmer, faith; Gary Hill, witness; Rebekah Weisfeld, outreach; Chris Soniat, citizenship; and David Roberts, fellowship. The pastor is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

THE MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM Commission of Kenner Methodist Church recently led in a special program on visitation. Mr. Jim Bolton led in the instruction, using the "turnover chart." Three skits were presented on newcomers in the community, prospects who have children in the Sunday School and inactive members. The program was concluded by the pastor, the Rev. Marvin Carley. Fern La Ban is chairman of the commission.

THE WSCS OF BROADMOOR Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, entertained Sept. 5 with their annual membership coffee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Hartson. Especially honored at the event were the 88 new women members who have joined the church during the past year. Receiving guests were the hostess, Mrs. Hartson, Mrs. C.C. Edwards, Jr., secretary of promotion; Mrs. Wade Stanecipher, WSCS president; Mrs. O.M. Pourciau, Jr. and Mrs. Murphy Roberts, vice-presidents; and Mrs. Barry Bailey, wife of the pastor.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM of Sept. 14 carried a feature story by Herman Drezinski on the growth that has taken place in St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Metairie, where the Rev. Ebb Munden, III is the pastor. Commenting on the fact that construction of educational facilities have delayed plans for a permanent sanctuary, the article said, "The Church School enrollment has increased so fast that the church has had to build addition after addition to keep up with the booming number of children. This work has taken the funds that otherwise would have been spent for the sanctuary."

THE MARKSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH is having a perfect attendance crusade. Recently seventeen members were recognized with attendance pins and Bible for a year's perfect attendance. They were Janie Gremillion, Robert Riddle, and their teacher, Mrs. Betty Garrot; Charles Riddle, Martin Doty, Mike Saucier, Richard Woodward and their teacher, Mrs. Ina Couvillian; Martha Gramillion, Susan Couvillian, Susan Dady, Louis Saucier, Kethy Riddle, Mary Ann Riddle, and their teacher, Mrs. Newman Juneau; Gwen Woodward and Karen Grun. Mr. Charles Riddle had perfect attendance until he began to run for attorney general of Louisiana. The pastor is the Rev. John D. Bell.



MR. BASCOM D. TALLEY, JR., president of the Louisiana Bar Association, spoke at the recent Citizenship Brunch sponsored by the WSCS of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church, Bogalusa. In the picture are (l. to r.): Mrs. Walter L. Adams, Jr., secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mr. Talley; the Rev. Ed Sylvest, Sr., retired minister who lives in Bogalusa; and Mrs. J.H. Verdel, president of the local WSCS.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 6, 1963:

AN APPEAL FOR HARMONY

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 5 through 7. Printed Lesson Text, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20.

MEMORY SELECTION: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? . . . So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the necessity for purify of heart and cleanliness of character if we are to be worthy of the name Christian and our hearts are to be a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit.

In last Sunday's lesson we learned that the first thing Paul did, after the opening salutation in his letter to the Corinthian church, was to make a passionate appeal for unity and harmony in the church.

However, divisions were not the only problems scourging the young Corinthian church. Consequently we find Paul in today's lesson warning Christians in Corinth against the blighting, dwarfing effects of immorality. Many of these new Christians were only a short time removed from the gross sins of heathendom. It was not easy for them to realize the importance of the high standards Christ raised for Christian living. In the 5th chapter of 1st Corinthians, just preceding the chapter from which our lesson text is taken, Paul is rebuking the church at Corinth for holding in its membership a man who was living with his father's wife. In Phillips translation of the New Testament verses 1 and 2 of Chapter 5, read, "It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and immorality of a kind that even pagans condemn—a man has apparently taken his father's wife! Are you still proud of your church? Shouldn't you be overwhelmed with sorrow and shame? The man who has done such a thing should certainly be expelled from your fellowship." These are forceful, dynamic words that must have almost startled members of the Corinthian church.

Our lesson text for today is taken from the 6th chapter of 1st Corinthians. In this chapter Paul pointedly, directly and almost bluntly warns the Corinthian Christians against the destructive hurt of immorality. It may come as something of a shock to us that Paul found it necessary to write such a letter to a Christian church.

Nevertheless, as we study this chapter, let us keep in mind the general situation in which the Corinthian church was born. The temple of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess, was located in Corinth. In this temple, with its large number of prostitute-priestesses, gross immorality was a regular part of its so-called religious activities. There were likely many members of the Christian church in Corinth who had formerly been "worshippers" in the temple of Aphrodite. It was not easy for such people to understand the necessity for clean moral living in order to be Christians. Neither was it easy for Paul to grow a dependable Christian church out of such characters.

SIN CLOSES DOORS ON KINGDOM

In the first 8 verses of chapter 6 Paul temporarily disagrees from the matter of immorality to rebuke the Corinthian Christians for carrying their differences to civil courts. Paul tells them

that they should find a judge from among their own people to settle their differences.

After this brief digression, in the opening verse of our lesson text Paul returns to the question of immorality and purity of life. The opening clause of our lesson reads, "Know ye not?" Paul is saying, in effect, "Do you not understand?" This clause, "Know ye not," is found three times in our lesson text and six times in this chapter. It is as if Paul was surprised that the people to whom he was writing did not already know about and understand all of the things he was telling them.

In verse 8 Paul had told the Corinthians that they had wronged and defrauded their brethren. He then adds that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. According to the Revised Standard Version, Paul then names nine condemning sins. The sin of immorality heads the list. Three of the nine sins he mentions are but different forms of immorality. He let them know that these sins bar the sinner from God's kingdom.

CHRIST OPENS DOOR TO KINGDOM

After cataloguing this list of degrading sins, Paul adds, "And such men, remember, were some of you" (Phillips). Paul was saying in effect that these were some among them who had been guilty of all of these forms of sin.

Paul then hastens to remind them that they had been washed, sanctified and justified "in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God." Christ had saved them from their sins; he had opened the door to the kingdom for them. Paul reminds them that they are now redeemed people and should discipline themselves in Christian living.

STANDARDS FOR MEASURING CONDUCT

Despite the low standards of life so common in wicked Corinth, Paul never for a moment lowered the standards for Christian living.

Paul often spoke of the liberty Christians have in Christ and the fact that they are no longer under the law—Jewish law. It appears that the Corinthian Christians had misinterpreted Paul's words to mean that as Christians they were free to do as they would—even practice immorality.

Consequently Paul gave the Corinthian Christians three standards by which to measure conduct in times of uncertainty. It should be said that these three standards are just as applicable for Christian living today as when Paul gave them to the Corinthian church.

1. In verse 12 Paul says, "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful (RSV)." Paul is saying that, when we stand before a course of conduct, we should ask ourselves whether or not it is helpful—helpful to ourselves or helpful to others. If it is helpful it is Christian. If it is harmful to ourselves or others it is wrong.

2. In the same verse Paul says, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything (RSV)." Paul is saying that there may be things that appear quite harmless in the beginning but followed they make slaves of us. Paul would have us examine the ultimate effect of a course of conduct on life. If it enslaves us, leave it alone.

3. In 1st Corinthians 10:23, in this same let-

ter to the Corinthians, Paul adds another standard by which to measure conduct. He says, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things build up." (RSV) Paul is saying that we should measure conduct by whether an activity helps to build up life and character.

Paul apparently determined conduct by asking three questions: "Is it helpful? Does it make a slave or prisoner of me? Does it help to build life and good character? What a standard for judging conduct.

"MEMBERS OF CHRIST"

In verse 15 Paul asks, "Do ye not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" (RSV). When we talk of members of the church we think of individuals who have taken the vows of the church and are enrolled on its roll of members. However what Paul is saying here is that our bodies are members of Christ's body; members such as hands, feet, eyes, tongue.

Paul is saying that we as Christians are, in fact, a part of the body of Christ. This being true, Paul reminds us of how unthinkable it is that we should join our bodies, in immoral living to the low-lived of earth. Such conduct, Paul would say, is not only degrading and debasing our bodies, it is degrading and debasing the body of Christ for we are members of his body.

PERSONAL HURT OF IMMORAL LIVING

None of the finer things of life are promoted by immorality. On the other hand practically every element of life that goes to make dependable character, good citizenship, trustworthy social life, economic progress, substantial home life or good government are seriously marred and often destroyed by immoral living. Only recently we saw that strong governments like England can be shaken to their very foundations because of immorality in the lives of leaders. In the face of gross immorality that plagues our nation the church's great sin is the sin of indifference.

THE SANCTITY OF THE BODY

Paul's discussion of immorality is largely confined to the hurt it does to the man. Paul does not raise the question of the inestimable hurt the woman does to the sanctity of her body when she offers her very self for sale at a price. Nothing could be more self-degrading.

In discussing this subject, Paul does not give as much attention to the moral wrong of immorality as he does to the hurt it gives to the dignity of the body, which he insists is a part of the body of Christ.

The Greeks had a low estimate of the value of the body and did not think that man's spirit was affected by any act of the body. In contrast Paul held that the spirit as well as the body could be destroyed by the wrong use of the body. He held that the body was sacred as a creation of God and as an instrument through which and with which we are to render service to God.

Paul calls attention to the fact that "Every other sin that a man commits is done outside his own body, but this is an offense against his own body. (Phillips)."

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

Many people say, "My life is my own, I will do with it as I please." Paul would take issue with that statement. He says, "Ye are not your own." Christians belong to God on at least three counts. We are God's because he created us. We belong to God because he bought us at a tremendous cost.

Our lesson subject is "Christians! Be Pure." Since we are God's, Paul says we should "Glorify God" in our bodies which are his. With cleanliness of mind, cleanliness of body, cleanliness of speech and cleanliness of activities we should strive to honor the church and represent Christ to the world about us. Let us remember that it was Jesus who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Five church congregations of the Washington, D.C. area opened their houses of worship to Jewish congregations for the recent observance of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. Opening their doors to temples and synagogues that did not have space for the special services were All Souls Unitarian Church and Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, Bethesda, Md.; Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle and Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, Tacoma Park, Md.; and Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church.

This is a most commendable demonstration of cooperation in connection with these special services which annually tax the facilities of Jewish congregations, especially the smaller ones.

Metropolitan Athanagoras, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Canada, said recently that continuing dialogue between Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic leaders was more important than appointment of delegate-observers to the Second Vatican Council. His comments followed the refusal of Archbishop Chrysostomos, head of the Orthodox Church in Greece, to send official observers to the Council opening in Rome, Sept. 29.

We feel it is rather difficult to decide which of these two aspects of the changing church scene is more important. There is no question that the dialogue get closer to the "grass roots," but this may never have taken place if a friendly atmosphere had not been created by the observers and their reception in Rome.

The Texas Brewer's Institute has filed a protest with the Federal Communications Commission against the recent grant of a construction permit for a new radio station in San Antonio, Tex. to the Rev. Sam Morris, nationally-known Protestant evangelist and temperance leader. The station, which would be known as KDRY, seemed to be particularly objectionable to the brewers because of its call-letters. Homer Leonard, general counsel for the group, said "Mr. Morris' lifelong devotion to the prohibition cause is assurance enough to us as to the purpose to which the station will be put."

We think the brewers are right in the conclusion they have reached about the purpose to which any radio station operated by Sam Morris will be put. However, in the face of the tremendous perponderance of beer commercials that come to us over other stations, they ought to be willing to grant the dry forces "equal time."

A news dispatch for Rome calls "progressive" a decision by Pope Paul VI granting bishops at the Second Vatican Council the right to wear their "mozettas" over their "mantellettas" during Council sessions, even in his presence.

This interpretation of the story says that this means that for the first time the bishops will be entitled to wear the garment which symbolizes their individual authority outside their own dioceses. This permission is said to recognize that each bishop has "full deliberative powers" when they vote in the Council sessions.

A recent article in Izvestia, Soviet government newspaper, strongly attacked the U. S. Peace Corps program in Africa, charging that its main purpose was to spread religion. It asserted the Peace Corps objective in Africa was to "substitute the ideology of the old bankrupt colonialists" with religion, which the article said was more "dangerous."

This of course is a false analysis of the Peace Corps and is based on assumption of relationships which do not exist.

Roman Catholic Bishop Sebastian Soares de Resende of Beira, Mozambique, has issued a pastoral letter calling on the laymen of his diocese to become active in the ecumenical movement among Christians. He observed in the letter that "men are brought together today through rapid means of communication and contact. Thus men discover one another, know one another and realize from their own experience that all men are alike."



ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- Any future relationships between Roman Catholics and other Christians must be based on "common faith in the one Lord, Jesus Christ," Dr. Franklin Clark Fry declared at opening sessions of the policy-making World Council of Churches Central Committee at Asbury First Methodist Church in Rochester, N.Y. Dr. Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America, heads both the WCC Central and Executive committees.

If this Portuguese prelate means what he says it could mean a new day for Protestant missionary activity in this Portuguese colony where stringent restrictions have plagued them.

Although the U.N. General Assembly opened its 18th session with the customary "moment of silent prayer or meditation," its newly-elected president, Dr. Carlos Sosa Rodrigues of Venezuela, began and ended his acceptance speech with a prayer for Divine aid. He told the delegates he prayed that "the Almighty will make me worthy of the confidence you have placed in me."

Neue Zeit, Communist publication in the Soviet zone of Berlin, has published an article, which it said was written by a minister, calling on clergymen to participate in the political life of East Germany.

A year-long observance of the 100th anniversary of Baptist work in Italy was launched by the Baptist Union of Italy at its recent annual meeting in Rome.

A prominent German theologian and preacher warned recently in New York that the ecumenical movement "stands in danger of becoming a bureaucracy." Dr. Helmut Thielicke, a Lutheran scholar widely remembered for his staunch opposition to the Nazi regime, addressed himself to this and several other subjects as he stopped in New York during a current nationwide lecture tour.

The Rev. Alan Walker, noted Australian evangelist, announced, prior to his boarding a plane for South Africa, where he will lead a Methodist mission, that he will preach on racial equality there despite recent publicity concerning the possibility that the Dutch Reformed Church of that country might oppose his coming because of his racial views.

Lutheran Church in America: evangelism leaders were told at a recent meeting in Cleveland that today's image of evangelism is "defective" and needs "rehabilitation" for a greater impact of the Christian message. Dr. Robert M. Stackel of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, O., asserted that today's evangelism is based on a "sheep-age religion" now being questioned by a "jet-age science," and is therefore blunting the "thrust of the Gospel into the heart of contemporary man."

A practice of holding 10-minute interdenominational worship services each morning for public school students is spreading among the Protestant churches of Vermont. The practice was started by the Rev. Albert W. Anderson, rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Montpelier after the State Board of Education directed all local school officials to comply with the Supreme Court decision.

In New Jersey, a minute of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, which includes the phrase "one nation under God," has been approved as part of the morning exercises in public schools by the Brick Township Board of Education.

On the heels of the closing of Billy Graham's 25-day Southern California Crusade in Los Angeles, which drew a total of 930,340 persons, some 750 churches of the area have launched a vast follow-up program of visitation evangelism to enroll the 40,000 who were reported to have made decisions for Christ at the meetings.

First Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., with 12,879 members remains the largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bellevue Church, Memphis, second largest with 8,539 members. The statistics were recently announced by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

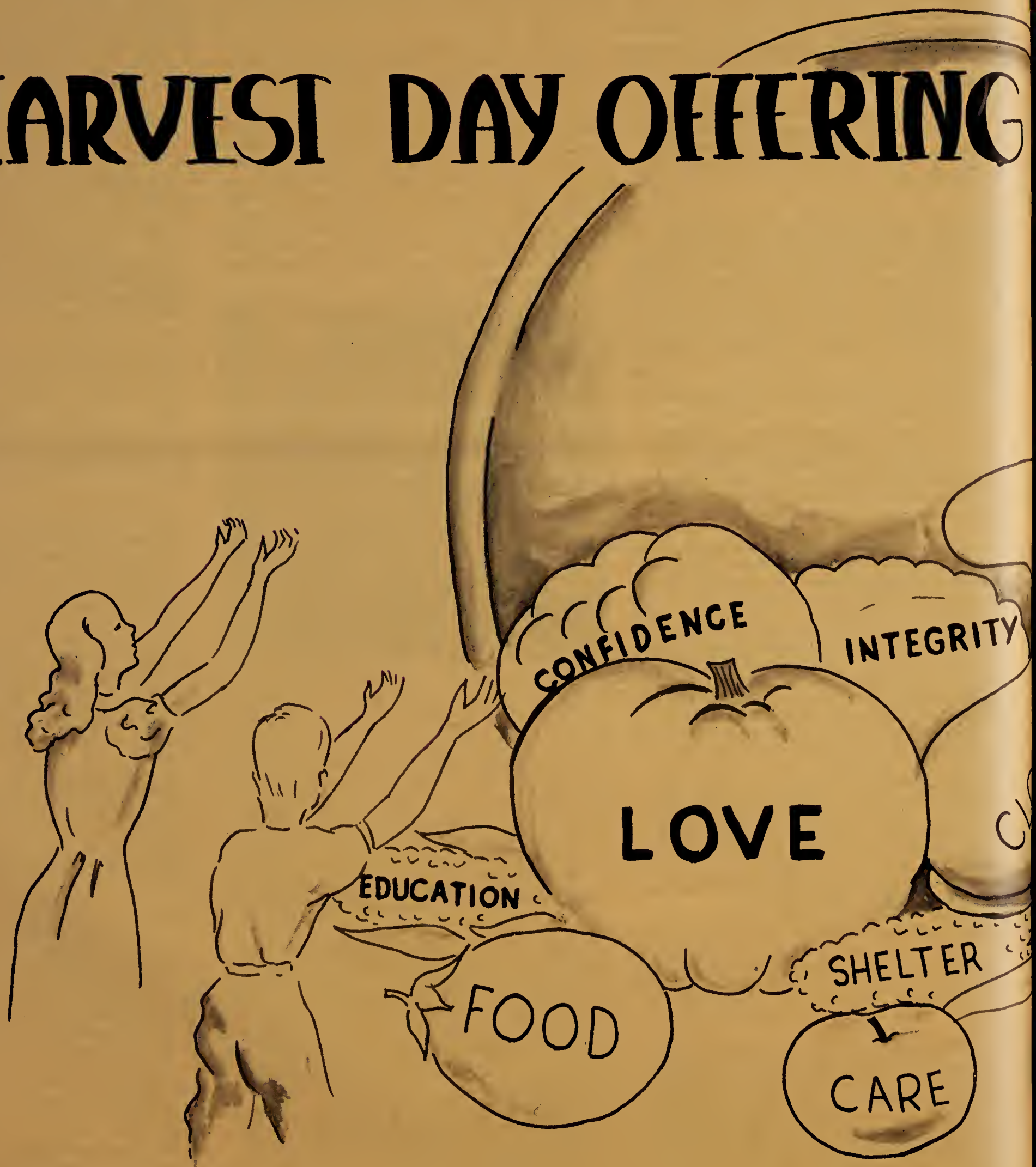
Rioting by ultra Orthodox Jewish youths at Protestant and Roman Catholic schools in Israel has led to newspaper debate in Jerusalem over proposals for legislation against Christian missionary activities in that country. Davar, a daily said to reflect the attitude of Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai Party, objected to the proposals and condemned the recent riots at Christian institutions in several Israeli cities.

Alexei I. Adzhubei, Russian editor and son-in-law of Premier Khrushchev, said in Moscow that the Roman Catholic Church, despite its "reactionary teachings," had advocated peace programs through the influence of the late Pope John and because of the growth of "socialism" throughout the world.

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MEET FOR THE HARVEST

Strength From The Lord's Supper

Perhaps there is no phase of Christian church observance and ritual about which there is more confusion as to meaning and purpose, and wider diversity in theological interpretation, than concerning the Lord's Supper, known also as Holy Communion. If the "ecumenical leadership" of Protestantism is confused, the laity—recipients of the Communion elements and blessings—are even more confused. And Roman Catholic, and Orthodox, and Anglo-Catholic churches—differing widely from major Protestant views—are quite apart within their own "high" church and "low" church (or "liberal" and "conservative") groups:

I suppose ideas concerning the Supper or Communion range from the thought that it is only a memorial of Christ's sacrifice ("This do in remembrance of me"), and that there is nothing "magical" (or of laws beyond the physical), to the extreme of the doctrine of transubstantiation—that is, through the prayer and intervention of the priest the bread and wine are (chemically) changed into the body and blood of Jesus. The first is the major Protestant view; the latter the general Roman Catholic teaching. Some other churches would say that a mystery surrounds the use of bread and wine: that it is a spiritual transformation of the physical—something that can be experienced but not scientifically explained.

Most of our less-liturgical churches—including The Methodist Church—have, I fear, no clear teaching (or doctrine) concerning the Lord's Supper, and much is left to the individual minister (who will give a "meditation" but not an "exposition" on the subject) and to the individual worshiper. This has

both value and grave danger.

I must confess that in my very early teens, I was greatly influenced in my own thinking by an Episcopalian rector when I heard him say at a service of Holy Communion, "I would like to do away with this service as we celebrate it. I would like instead to go out into the needy areas of this city, and invite hungry and homeless people to come to this church and share a real meal with us." It was a time of hunger and unemployment, and such a meal would have been a blessing to many. The idea appealed to me then, but I now recognize that churches should also understand and observe the Lord's Supper if that Supper gives spiritual strength, and courage, and hope, and determination to people in need of that refreshment.

Many years later I heard of an Anglican bishop who rebuked his clergy because "they retreated more and more into Communion services when they had nothing to say on besetting social issues." This was probably the bishop's dramatic way of saying that the church should be relevant to the needs of mankind. And should not the Communion service be as relevant as is prayer, or hymn, or sermon?

I think we can say that the Supper is neither magic nor superstition—certainly was not much in

early church observance; nor was it a funeral service, nor a physical feast; nor was it left as optional to Christ's followers. It was—and it—quite evidently planned as a channel through which we recall the life, the teachings, and the purposes of Jesus; but recollection so that we (partakers) may receive grace and spiritual power to follow in his Way and do his will. Perhaps, in the final analysis, one receives from such a Supper no more (and perhaps no less) than he anticipates receiving; no more than he lays himself open to be given by the Holy Spirit—God speaking to and working among listening and obedient men.

Through this symbolism of food (gift of heaven and earth), and the remembrance of God's sacrifice in love

for man, there should come into men's hearts the urge to worship, to give thanks, to share with others to dedicate life, to repent, and to seek forgiveness of sins. Here sin is seen as the breaking of communion with God, the estrangement of man from man, the spurning of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Truly, the Lord's Supper is for those who "live in love and charity with their neighbors, and intend to lead a new life." But that "new life" comes not by weekly repetition of "intention," but by actual and sustained effort by him who participates in the Supper. And to him who thus strives, the Holy Spirit comes, quietly and unannounced, as partner and reservoir of strength.

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News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

ADOPT UNION PROPOSAL

A plan of union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church was adopted in Chicago Sept. 20 at the close of a two-day joint meeting of the commissions on church union of the two denominations. Proposed name of the new church is "The United Methodist Church."

The draft of the constitution of the proposed United Methodist Church will be distributed to church leaders of both bodies for study and comment.

Another meeting of the joint commissions is set for Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 12-13 to perfect the plan of union, which will then go to the top governing bodies of the two churches for legislative action.

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Current membership of The Methodist Church in the U. S. is 10, 234,986. The EUB membership figure is 761,754.

The meeting was under the joint presidency of EUB Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis and Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver.

Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney and secretary of the Methodist Commission on Church Union was chairman of the drafting committee for the plan of union.

WILL SHARE CONCERNS

Representative European Methodists are to meet in Germany, Oct. 30-Nov. 6 to share their experience and concerns for "Christian Witness in a World of Social Change." This will be the first such meeting to cover all the continent.

The 115 delegates will include ministers and laymen from the Geneva, Frankfurt and Northern Europe areas of The Methodist Church, from the Methodist Church in Great Britain, the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Italian Methodist Church. They are sponsoring the meeting along with three American-based agencies of The Methodist Church—the Board of Christian Social Concerns, the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

Site for the pioneering convocation will be the Methodist retreat center at Freudenstadt, in the Black Forest near Stuttgart. The program coordinator is the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Washington, D.C., general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., president of that board; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York; and Dr. W. Astor Kirk, staff member of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, will be among the American program participants.

Sharing in the program will be a number of European leaders, including Bishop Friedrich Wunderlick of Frankfurt, Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of Zurich and Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm.

Let Methodists be proud of the fact that they have a reputation for being willing to co-operate.

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

GOD'S PREVENANCE

Somewhere out of my small boyhood come the words of a song that was often sung at church:

"All things are ready, come to the feast!

Come, for the table now is spread;
Ye famishing, ye weary, come,
And Ye shall be richly fed."

While preparing a message for a prayer group recently, I came across the phrase, "The Prevenience of God." Prevenience, according to Mr. Webster's well known dictionary, means "going before," or "anticipating." Putting the words of this song, then, into every day terms, God anticipated that we would be hungry for His divine food so He set the table before we asked for it.

But does God really "go before" us? Don't we have to make the first move if we want to receive His blessing? In the case of prayer especially, it seems that the individual must be the prime mover if God and man are to meet on a common ground. To be sure, God

was here "in the beginning." But nowadays isn't He in some far-off place waiting for us to make the first move to receive His blessings?

In the Sistine Chapel at Rome there is a great painting by Michaelangelo named "The Creation." One part of it depicts God reaching His hand down to man who is reaching up to touch Him. The fingers have not touched, but the longer one looks he seems to get the feeling that God will actually move a little closer to be sure that He can make contact with man. Maybe the great painter caught the meaning of this term. God's prevenience. God, according to him, was coming down to man's level, trying to draw man up to Him.

Centuries before the painting was created Paul caught the same idea and wrote to the Christians at Corinth that "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself . . ." The Interpreter's Bible develops the statement like this:

"The word 'reconcile' reminds us that God not merely removed the guilt or penalty of sin, but brought about

restored personal fellowship between Himself and His redeemed people."

Most people will admit that sin separates us from God. After the separation has taken place, someone has to make the first step. When two friends have a disagreement and fall out, they cannot resume their friendship until one of them makes the first move. That is the position we are in when we sin and separate ourselves from God. And all of us sin. Make no mistake about that!

It is here that God's "prevenience" takes over. God knew from the start that we would be weak and sinful. So He loved us enough to send His only Son to die on a cross for our sins. Even before we committed them. And forgiveness is more than wiping the sins off the books. Another step must be taken. That is reconciliation. We must be "reconciled" to God. Our fellowship with Him must be restored. And again He knew that we would need it, so He reached down to us again to offer us the comforting presence of His Holy Spirit, to live in our hearts if we would accept Him.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Way to Pray and Worship

By The Rev. James L. Stovall
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Read Luke 18:10-14: "Two men went into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a publican."

What does it mean that one was a Pharisee and the other was a Publican? A Pharisee was one who was separated. A publican was a tax collector. The Pharisee was supposedly religious, the publican was supposedly irreligious. The Pharisee observed the law; the publican did not observe the law as many thought he should. The Pharisee was supposedly patriotic, the Publican's loyalty was questionable. The Pharisee was devoted to holiness, the publican to worldliness. The Pharisee was regular in his prayer in the temple, the publican seldom prayed.

It seems most strange to us that Jesus said the irreligious, worldly Publican who broke the law and who seldom prayed was the one who was justified, i.e. who was acceptable to God.

Why did he prefer the Publican?

The Pharisee prayed with himself, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men," He prayed "with himself." His worship was no encounter with the Lord God, but a patting himself on the back for his moral achievements. He had no sense of gratitude toward God or humility before Him because in his worship he was not aware of God—but only of himself. He used the personal pronoun five times indicating egotism and self centeredness. The center of his worship was himself, not God.

The Publican's prayer was quite different. "Standing far off he would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Like Isaiah, the Publican really confronted God and when he did he knew himself to be a sinner. He became aware of his desperate need of God's mercy. He was really honest with himself and saw himself as he really was.

It was because of this difference that Jesus said the Publican was accepted of God.

This parable says much to us concerning the way we should worship and pray. It says that when we worship and pray that we should look away from ourselves to Him who is our Creator and Judge. The Pharisee thought he was good because he measured himself by looking downward to the publican. "I thank thee that I am not as that Publican." He chose the "bad" publican as his standard. By comparison he looked good and could pat himself on the back. The Publican had a moment of truth in which God became the standard of his life. He

was not thinking of his neighbors virtues or sins—not even those of the Pharisee who stood next to him. He was utterly along with God. He measured himself upward to God. Measuring himself by that standard he realized how far removed he was from God. But, in that moment, he was very near to God.

When we pray and worship we must not make excuses and rationalize—we must really look at ourselves in the light of God's purpose and will. Too often we judge ourselves by others, as did the Pharisee.

This parable also says to us that when we pray and worship, there should be love in our hearts toward the neighbor. "Jesus told his parable for those who despised others." "The Pharisee stood apart and prayed." The Pharisee was separated from the neighbor, had no love for him, looked down upon him disdainfully instead of going to him with love and acceptance and understanding. God could not accept that kind of praying. The Pharisee went away unjustified.

Jesus in this parable was condemning a form of holiness, of prayer and worship which did not have in it genuine neighborliness and concern for others.

One cannot help but ask the question—what of our praying and worship? To many of us prayer and worship is an end in itself? We think of it in terms of what it does for us. Jesus was saying that true prayer and worship is not an end in itself: It issues in the transformed life which includes concern for the neighbor, and that it is only when we pray and worship in this manner that we are acceptable to God.

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Build a Devotional

"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT"

The First of Four Devotional Articles Based on The Beatitudes—(Matthew 5: 2-12); by Ben F. Jordan, pastor, First Methodist Church, Osceola, Ark.

Certain attitudes of the mind and heart seemed to Jesus to be particularly essential. In the Beatitudes he blesses those who possess them. Matthew 5:2-12 introduces us to what Doctor Ralph Sockman has called "The Higher Happiness."

Jesus was more concerned about attitudes than he was about anything else. He knew that what men do is determined by their attitudes. Every act, good or bad, can be traced to a right, or a wrong, attitude.

It is significant that these attitudes, lifted up in the Beatitudes, are not so popular in our day. We congratulate the man who strikes oil, the woman who draws the lucky number, the person who hits the jack pot, or guesses the answers on a give away program. We publish in the newspapers the pictures of those who win the sweepstakes and the bathing beauty contests. We hail the coffee drinking champion as though he were a national hero, and we buy several hundred thousand copies of a book written by a convicted kidnaper rapist who writes from behind prison bars. To a generation like ours, with the appetites we have, these attitudes sound strange indeed.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," for they do not wear themselves out beating the air over non essentials. They are not upset if they are not named chairman of the committee. They are not always mad at somebody because they are not overly sensitive. They refuse to hold on to grudges. They know that people who think they have been cheating usually cheat themselves out of peace of mind and many possible friendships. People who are poor in spirit have learned to take small opportunities and make out of them rich experiences. They are humble people, and the Bible says, "God giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)

While the poor in spirit are humble people, they are not devoid of spark and response. They are not like the cold engine of an automobile on a winter morning. They don't go around with head and heart dropping. They do not

Let the Children Come

(This is the fifth in a series of six articles designed to help us to understand how to get ready for the new materials that are being re-written for the childrens' division).

What will the grades and groupings be called when we begin to use the new curriculum for the childrens' division? Let us remember that the first day that we will use the materials will be Sept. 6, 1964. It is hoped that all churches will observe promotion day on August 30. Let us see why this is so important.

All children who have not started to school will be in the "Younger Childrens' Division." This will include the Nursery Infants, Nursery Toddlers, Nursery II and Nursery I; it will also include Kindergarten II and Kindergarten I. Each child will be placed in his group according to the time he will start to school. This will eliminate the hurt feelings about "birthday deadlines" and will allow each child to be sure to be in church school with his public school class.

All children who have started to school will be in the "Elementary Division" and these groups will be called:

Elementary I-II for first and second graders-

Elementary III-IV for third and fourth graders-

Elementary V-VI for fifth and sixth graders-

In the smaller churches the groups may be:

Elementary I, II, III for first, second and third grades-

Elementary IV, V, VI for fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

In most cases the two-year groupings will use the Wesley Series of lesson materials. The three-year groupings will use the Asbury Series.

Each church will decide whether to have just one superintendent for the entire Childrens' Division, or two—one for the Younger Childrens' Division and one for the Elementary Division. All churches need to choose now Counseling teachers who will attend training classes, laboratory schools and workshops to learn how to use the new materials best. They will be designed for the most experienced teacher, but with step by step outlines for those who are new teachers. A wonderful experience is in store for the churches who prepare well for their use.

— Aunt Feather

despise themselves as worms of the dust. They know how truly immortal they are. They are happy people because they have learned the secret of happiness. They possess a peace that passes understanding. Their lives are surrendered to God and they are content.

Poem For The Week

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead;

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

from THE METHODIST HYMNAL Reginald Heber

NEWS

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There are several very important events just ahead of us to which we should give careful thought and preparation. The first of these is Worldwide Communion Sunday, which is observed this year on October 6. The offering on this day supports three needy causes. MCOR receives one-half of the money contributed on this day. The Commission on Chaplains receives one-fourth, and the Commission on Camp Activities gets the other fourth. This money is reported and sent to the Rev. J. E. Hearn, conference treasurer, and is carried in your report as "Fellowship of Suffering Offering." I feel sure if your people know about the important causes represented in this offering, they will give liberally.

Quite a large group of us were in Ruston, Sunday, Sept. 15, attending a meeting of the Hospitals and Homes Stewards, this being the second such meeting ever attempted in the Louisiana Conference by any of our institutions. The Methodist Children's Home did a magnificent job in entertaining us and explaining the program and needs of the Home. I do not hesitate to recommend the Children's Home as an institution which deserves your utmost support and generosity. Harvest Day, October 13, has been set aside as the time when Methodists from all over the state make their fall offering to this home. Let us try to give the superintendent, the Rev. Harry Ezell, enough funds to carry on his great work there until Easter of next year.

And again we call your attention to a very important event—Church School Rally Day. We have said a great deal about the importance of this day in this column before, but let us lay just a bit more emphasis on it. Rally Day offerings go to the Conference Board of Education for the purpose of carrying on the work committed to it by the annual conference. All of the Rally Day offering is spent here in the Louisiana Conference. A great deal of it goes right back into the districts to assist the district superintendents in carrying out the leadership education program. We desperately need an increase in our giving on this day this year. Help us go far beyond any offering of previous years and we will help you.

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Lay Activities....

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This has been another eventful week with more unusual opportunities and challenges. Since our coming to this office it seems that each new week becomes better and more filled with exciting experiences than the one before and I am grateful for this means of sharing some of my experiences with you.

On Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17, I was privileged to attend the Shreveport District Ministers' Retreat held at Hodges Gardens near Many. As a layman, attending this retreat with the ministers gave me a new insight into the ministry and I appreciate Dr. Harper's inviting me to attend. This gave me an opportunity to observe, first hand, the concerns and dreams of dedicated men who are trying the best they know how to serve the Kingdom. I listened to them share with me and among themselves their experiences seeking to find the answers to problems they face in their everyday ministry—and there are many. I also heard the joy that is theirs when progress is made and when their people are led into a closer relationship with Christ. All of us should be more mindful of them in our prayers.

Wednesday night, September 18, it was my pleasure to talk to the Fidelis Class monthly meeting at Broadmoor Church in Shreveport. This was especially pleasant because this is a ladies' class and I am seldom invited to speak to a group of lovely ladies. Too often, I think, we tend to think of the laity as men only. Of course, my prime responsibility is with the work of the Board of Lay Activities which is so deeply involved in the work of the men of the church. However, it is comforting indeed to know that there are thousands of ladies in the church who are just as dedicated and just as active in the work of the church as the men. I suspect there are very few of us men whose lives have not been

deeply touched and influenced by some wonderful lady.

The work of the church depends on the combined efforts of all of us. We learn to do by doing. All Rotarians know the mottos of Rotary International—"Service above self" and "He profits most who serves best." While these phrases are the foundation of one of the great service clubs, the principle can well be applied to our work in the church. Remember, "A useless life is short, even if it lasts a hundred years."

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Missions and Evangelism.....

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The Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Brewer is one of the high moments of each year. It will have been held between the time of this writing and expected publication. However, with Dr. Stanley Jones as featured leader, and with the excellent planning of Board Chairman A. A. McKnight and Conference Secretary J. T. Harris, it is expected that the retreat this year will be one of our finest experiences to share. And if attendance lives up to expectations, a large group of ministers and laymen will be present. Calls have come with queries about accommodations for laymen. Word came from Lake Charles that about 25 could be expected from that district. If such interest is general over our Louisiana Conference, then the retreat this year should prove not only one of our greatest in terms of enrichment, but in attendance as well.

Next week a series of Missionary Workshops begins with sessions in Lafayette and Houma on October 8 and 9, and in Lake Charles on October 10. New Orleans is scheduled for October 17, Ruston District in Arcadia, October 23, Baton Rouge on October 28 and Monroe on October 31. Shreveport District Workshops will be held at Vivian, Shreveport, and Mansfield on November 5, 6, and 7. The Alexandria District date has not yet been set.

To these workshops the local church chairmen of Commissions on Missions are specifically invited. Information and suggestions will be presented that will enable a commission chairman to organize his commission, to plan its work, and become an effective instrument in the organization of the local church. World Service and Conference Benevolences will be discussed in such a way as to help us understand our work at home and in far places. There is no mystery about the missionary dollar, or its use. In fact, The Methodist Church encourages its people to become informed and constructively concerned. Advance Specials will be another phase of the workshops. Primarily, however, these sessions will deal with the steps of organizing a local commission, of equipping it for effective service and suggestions for projects and work in the local church. Unless local conditions dictate a change of time and plan, each workshop will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the date set and all plans will be carried out within that time limit. This should allow adequate time for transportation and personal plans of those who must travel some distance. An invitation is extended to other members of the Commission on Missions, as well as any interested layman who wishes to know more about the mission program of The Methodist Church. Check and remember the date for your area, consult your pastor, or vice-versa, and plan to attend.

Choir Program For BR Church

The Rev. Carl F. Lueg, Jr., minister of music at Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has announced the establishment of a graded choir program in that church.

The program consists of Cherub, Primary, Junior and Junior High Choirs. There are also three adult choirs which sing for the three Sunday morning services of worship.

Mr. Lueg was certified as a minister of music at the last session of the Louisiana Annual Conference and appointed to the staff of the Baton Rouge church, whose pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

SOCKMAN RETURNS TO AIR

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, prominent Methodist churchman who retired as preacher on the "National Radio Pulpit" after 34 years, will return to that program to mark the observance of its 40th anniversary.

He will serve as guest preacher for 13 weeks beginning Sunday, October 6, and his general topic will be "Questions We Keep Asking."

Oldest continuous network program on the air, the "National Radio Pulpit" is a NBC Public Affairs presentation produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches. It began locally in New York May 3, 1923 and became a network show three years later.



WOMAN'S PAGE



MONROE DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Monroe District Woman's Society of Christian Service held the annual Educational Seminar at First Methodist Church in Monroe, September 19, with 200 in attendance. The district president, Mrs. S. A. Seegers of Columbia, and Mrs. Aubrey Wallace of West Monroe, district secretary of missionary education, presided.

The following inspirational program was rendered:

Theme: "Witness Through Service"

Coffee

Registration

Organ Prelude—Miss Juanita Porter

Hymn—"Rise Up, O Men of God"

Prayer—the Rev. George Harbuck, pastor, host church.

Offering

Doxology

Presentation of Youth Work and Children's Studies—Mrs. Jack Golson and Mrs. L. W. Baker.

Presentation of Program Book—Mrs. John McIntosh

Introduction of Guests—Mrs. S. A. Seegers

Presentation of the Studies —Mrs. Guy Hicks, Alexandria; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Homer; Mrs. W. K. Collins, Pineville; Mrs. Martha Overby, Urania.

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DENHAM SPRINGS CIRCLE HAS BIRTHDAY OUTING

The Sarah Kent Circle of the First Methodist Church, Denham Springs, celebrated the birthdays of all members having birthdays in August with a picnic at the J. C. Summers' Camp located near Paradise Pines in Springfield.

Highlights enjoyed by the group were the boating and fishing under the direction of Don Summers who was in charge of operating the boat.

Those attending the event were the Rev. and Mrs. Ted Howes, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hood, Mrs. Harry Jackson, Mrs. Earl Jacobs, Mrs. Eetta Annison, Mrs. Clemm Millings, Mrs. Hester Evans, Mrs. Viola Kimble. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Green, Jr. and children, Derrell and Marsha, of Blytheville, Arkansas.

Mrs. Jackson entertained the guests with pictures of her recent trip to Nassau.

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Indian Mission Grows

The Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference has reported a net gain of 606 members in 1962, or more than 6 per cent.

Shreveport Dist. Zone Meetings Announced

The Shreveport District announces its Fall Zone meetings as follows:

Zone I on October 17 at the Hosston Methodist Church, Hosston, La., Mrs. Norman W. Bale, zone leader.

Zone II on October 10 at Grand Cane Methodist Church, Grand Cane, Louisiana, Mrs. W. C. McDaniel, zone leader.

Zone III on October 22, at Greenwood Methodist Church, Greenwood, La., Mrs. Stanley C. Burgess, zone leader.

All zone meetings will begin with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, district secretary of promotion, will present "The Methodist Woman," a story of the total program of the work of the Woman's Society, illustrated by colorful posters of all the areas. The program subject to be presented is on "Membership in the Woman's Society."

Seminar Held for Children Youth Workers



(above, left)

MRS. R.M. BINGHAM, Ruston district secretary of youth work, conducted a workshop for workers with youth. She was assisted by the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr., district director of youth work, in showing the relation of the church program for youth and that of the Woman's Society.

(above, right)

MRS. J.A. McDaniel, Ruston district secretary of children's work, assisted in the workshop held in Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sept. 18. This meeting was in addition to the educational seminar held the previous week in the Homer Church for Adult studies.

The Ruston District Woman's Society of Christian Service two Workshops for Workers with Children and Youth challenged the 49 workers in attendance in the area of missionary education. The Workshops were held at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, September 18. The day's program began at 9:30 A. M. and was concluded with luncheon at 12:00 noon served by the host Society.

The two approved studies, "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia" and "The Changing City Challenges the Church," were presented to both groups.

Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, Ruston district secretary of children's work, shared valuable information with her workers with children in the primary and junior

departments concerning methods and techniques of teaching, visual aids and other helps.

Mrs. R. M. Bingham, district secretary of youth work presented the two studies to her workers with juniors and seniors in a similar manner.

Mrs. Bingham was assisted by the Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr., district director of youth work, from Cotton Valley, in the discussion of the total church program for youth and its relation to the Woman's Society program for youth.

This was a new experience in Ruston District to hold the Workshops on a day apart from the District Seminar. Those involved in the day's activities felt it was a successful program. Plans for next year's workshops are already in the making.

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WELSH WSG HOSTS DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Wesleyan Service Guild Executive Committee of the Lake Charles District met at the First Methodist Church, Welsh, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, and completed plans for the District Coaching Conference to be held at Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles on Sunday afternoon, October 6th.

Present for the meeting were: Miss Laura Lynch, Leesville, district secretary; Mrs. H. M. Small, Leesville, district recording secretary; Mrs. Charles

Salmons, Lake Charles, spiritual life chairman; Mrs. Vivian Smith, Jennings, chairman of Christian social relations; Miss Velma Lee Hair, Gueydan, chairman of missionary education; Mrs. Eva Stocking, Welsh, supply work chairman; and Miss Grace Lawson, president of the local Guild.

Following the meeting the group were guests of Mrs. Stocking who served them refreshments during an enjoyable social hour.

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URANIA OFFICERS pictured at their installation are: left, Mrs. Harry Nichols, Mrs. Don Corley, Mrs. C.E. Farrow, Mrs. Q.E. Cornwell, Mrs. Walton Hixson, Mrs. C.E. Tannehill, and the president, Mrs. Irene Johnston. Mrs. Martha Overbey is pictured in the background as she presided over the service of candles.



OFFICERS of the Trout WSCS are pictured at the installation service. Mrs. Martha Overbey community worker and the pastor, the Rev. E.W. Sandel (in the background) presided over these services. Mrs. George Shelton is the president of this group.

Crisis

-in Town & Country Methodism

By Earl D. C. Brewer

(Editor's Note: This stirring address brought repeated bursts of applause and a standing ovation at the quadrennial National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country in Minneapolis, Minn., July 9-12. More than 1,300 persons attended. Dr. Brewer is professor of sociology and religion and director of the religious research center at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.)

Methodism began in this country as a pentecostal movement among lower class people. It laid its foundations across this continent on the frontiers, following settlers westward in a pioneer and rural culture. It thrived on the so-called "swarming of the English people" and prospered in the South and North as well as in the West. By the time of the Civil War, the height of the evangelistic push of Methodism had been reached, and its "golden age" passed.

In 1800 Methodism claimed 1.23 per cent of the population. It outgrew a very rapidly increasing population, moving to 5.11 per cent of the population by 1850. Methodism in 1900 claimed 5.55 per cent of the population, an increase of only 0.44 percentage points over the 1850 figure. By 1950 Methodism had moved to 5.90 per cent of the population in its membership, an increase of only 0.35 percentage points over 1900.

It is crystal clear, then, that Methodism reached its peak of impact on the population by the time of the Civil War. It has been increasing more rapidly than the population since 1860; but at a declining rate.

The long-term trend toward a declining rate of increase for Methodist membership over population has continued since 1839. In 1940 Methodism claimed 5.57 per cent of the population. This increased to 6.06 in 1945 and declined steadily to 5.53 per cent in 1960 and 5.46 in 1962. If the trends since 1950 continue to 1970, Methodism will claim only 5.16 of the population. Obviously unless such a trend is reversed, Methodism will find itself an increasingly insignificant portion of the total population of the United States.

Little comfort in our crisis can be gained from a study of the relationship between Methodist membership and total religious membership in the United States. On the basis of the best evidence available, one out of every three persons claimed in religious membership in 1850 was a Methodist. This dropped to one in six by 1900, one in 10 in 1950, and stands at one in 12 today. Historically then, The Methodist Church is becoming an increasingly smaller proportion of the total religious membership of the country.

Unfortunately, this trend continues today. During the past decade, The Methodist Church grew around one-third as rapidly as all churches in the United States, slightly more than one-fifth as rapidly as Roman Catholicism and less than one-half as rapidly as all

Protestants. From 1950 to 1960 there were 16 religious bodies with more than 1,000,000 members each, and all except four of these were growing more rapidly than The Methodist Church. Many of the smaller sect-type bodies were increasing at fantastic rates.

Methodism is in crisis, too, in terms of parish organization, especially in town and country. In 1962 there were 24,604 pastoral charges and 39,044 churches in the United States. In 1962 nearly a third of Methodist pastorates reported fewer than 200 members, and half had fewer than 300. There were more pastoral charges with under 100 members than with 1,000 or more.

It may be safely concluded that the majority of Methodist parishes do not supply a full work load and a decent salary for fully trained and ordained pastors. This is seen further in the fact that around one-third of all pastoral charges are served by supply (lay) pastors. Obviously, if the supply ministry were distributed over the rural population no farmer and few rural dwellers would rarely ever hear a fully ordained minister preach or come under his care.

Although nationwide data is inadequate, the variation in the proportion of churches with fewer than 100 members is great. In many conferences, the vast majority of the churches have fewer than 200 or 300 members. Not all, but most, of these small membership churches are in rural areas. Methodism is surely in crisis concerning its small membership churches.

In order to realize the potential of the small church, changes in mood and method are required. Because of our inclination in America to bow down and worship at the feet of bigness, insignificance and irrelevance are attached to smallness. This basic mood, as unchristian in faith as it is unfounded in fact, must be reversed, if the small membership church in Methodism is to be unleashed and unfettered to become, indeed, the church.

Perhaps the most crucial challenge confronting the church in the country and elsewhere is to care enough to commit itself to its essential mission. If we want to badly enough until it really hurts, ways can be found and the

work can be done. A new spirit is to be more desired than new strategies, and a change of mood must precede changes in methods.

In order to carry out its mission in rural America, Methodism must become stronger in the cities. Agriculture is so intricately intertwined with industry, ruralism with urbanism that to serve the first effectively means to lead from a position of strength in the second. Cities are the center of strength, power and wealth in our society. If Methodism could work out strategies to increase its urban holdings, it would be in a much stronger position to meet the challenge of the country.

Every Methodist member anywhere has the right to be under the care and supervision of a fully trained, ordained and effective minister, and to have equality of access to Christian programs and activities of high quality and the responsibility to support the church with time, talent and treasure. Every pastor has the right to a decent salary, a full work load and a challenging opportunity for development.

Judged by these standards, the majority of rural parishes and perhaps from one-third to one-half of all pastoral charges are inadequate. In town and country America, this is going to call for more and larger circuits, enlarged parishes, group ministries, extended ministries, mergers, comity arrangements and other strategies for drawing the scattered units into the wholeness of the Christian parish. Ministers will be called upon to serve more members and take responsibilities for people living over larger geographic areas.

Methodism is challenged to respond to specialized areas of human need and conditions with specialized ministries. The time has long past when the general ministry could handle unique and special problems. It requires special skills to locate and build new churches in suburban areas, so why not train an order of ministers and laymen to do this job? A special order of rural ministers and laymen could tackle sparsely settled populations, low income farm

areas, ministry to migrant laborers and areas of small and abandoned churches.

The church is challenged afresh to cooperate with secular agencies for the improvement of community life. Methodist lay and clerical leaders should be alert to moves among local, state and national economic, governmental and private organizations designed to alleviate suffering, to lift the social and economic level, to promote equality of opportunity and justice in all areas of life, and to bring the full benefits of complete citizenship to all people regardless of race, color or religion.

The Methodist Church is fully committed to ecumenicity in spirit and strategy. Interchurch cooperation is urgently needed in rural America. In many areas, the small, struggling subsistence and substandard churches of various denominations could unite for pastoral service and program strength. Exchange of fields, comity arrangements, larger parishes and other mechanisms of cooperation could be parts of the solution. Specialized areas of service, such as agricultural migrants, low-income and low-density people, those in migration and on vacation, could be tackled by Councils of Churches and through other cooperative approaches.

After all else is said, however perhaps the sharpest challenge to the church is the inequality of religious opportunities, the religious poverty, if you will, of people in town and country America. Without question this is the greatest type of poverty present in our society. Christians have a difficult time verbalizing their faith and seeing the relevance of their beliefs to daily endeavor. Biblical and religious knowledge scores low on all tests. The average Methodist practices his faith in a low key devoting little of himself, his time, his talent and his treasure to Christ and His church.

Methodism is challenged to show up its programs and sharpen up its trusts in the central Christian task of worship and witness, of stewardship and service, of teaching and training, of communion and community, of integrity and inclusiveness.

NCC Survey Gives Findings On Suburban Church Extension

An interdenominational study of Protestant church extension over a three-year period, published recently by a unit of the National Council of Churches, confirms a surprising finding revealed in a similar Methodist church extension study in 1962: Suburban areas apparently are not being overchurched, as is often

thought; in fact, they may not be getting their proportionate share of new congregations.

The source of the interdenomination information is "New Churches, 1958-60, A Survey Conducted by Home Missions Research Bureau of Research and Survey, National Council of Churches." Information about the survey was published in the June 22 issue of "Information Service," a publication of the National Council's Bureau of Research and Survey.

In regard to suburban church extension, the survey says: "Perhaps the most unexpected finding was that the denominations reported that only 28 per cent of their new congregations were located in the metropolitan suburbs. Since these are the areas of most rapid population growth and of American 'affluence,' and since there is a wide-

spread assumption that they are the almost exclusive points of church extension concentration, the finding is startling. Actually, new churches in substantial numbers are being opened in the central metropolitan cities, the non-metropolitan larger towns and cities, and even in the rural countryside. Protestantism is not putting all its new church eggs in the suburban basket."

The findings of the National Council survey in regard to church extension in the suburbs are similar to those in a church extension survey by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions covering the period from June 1, 1958, to May 31 1961. The Division said in that survey:

"Only 142, or 29 per cent, of the new congregations were started in the suburbs of cities (50,000 population and over).

In Memoriam



Mrs. Amma Jackson

Mrs. Amma Lee Rice Jackson, wife of M. A. Jackson, formerly of Camden, died February 26, 1963 in a Little Rock Hospital after a long illness. Funeral was held in El Dorado, where she lived several years before entering the hospital. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf of First Methodist Church officiated. Burial was at Old Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson was born near Banks (Bradley County) August 14, 1882, the oldest daughter of George Washington and Mary Doshie Lee Rice. She was married to Mavin Alexander Jackson on March 9, 1900. To this union was born one son, but she was a mother to three sisters and one brother who lost their parents at an early age. Her father was one of the last of the old time Methodist Circuit Riders. On her mother's side she was a descendant of the well known Lee family of Virginia.

She joined the Methodist Church at an early age. Her church was the continued object of her devotion and service, and she was closely associated with its life and work. She was a true Christian, a faithful wife, a devoted mother and a loving sister. To know her was to love her.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Virgil E. Jackson, who departed this life just five months later, three grandsons, and three great grandsons.



V. E. Jackson

Virgil Ennis Jackson of Little Rock died July 15, 1963, in a Little Rock Hospital. He had been in ill health for a number of years. Funeral was held in El Dorado with Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf officiating. Burial was at Old Union Cemetery. He was laid to rest beside his mother who passed away just five months earlier.

Mr. Jackson was born at Warren, December 31, 1900, the only child of Mavin A. and Amma Lee Rice Jackson. For many years he was associated in business with his father. For the past several years he was in the real estate business. He was a retired safety engineer for the federal government.

He is survived by his wife, Frances McPherson Jackson; three sons, V. E. Jackson, Jr., Tucson, Ariz., David T. Jackson, Chicago, Ill. and James L. Jackson, Minot, S. D.; three grandsons, and his father of El Dorado, Ark.

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Mrs. W.O. Files

The death of Mrs. W. O. Files (nee, Aber Barr) of Oak Ridge, Louisiana, brought genuine and widespread sorrow to the entire community as well as to The Methodist Church, of which she had been a devout and faithful member for more than 60 years. Always true to her convictions, she lived up to the high standards of integrity that she set for herself.

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are keenly conscious of their great loss, for through all the years, attendance at the meetings on the appointed day took first place in her plans.

The richness and fullness of her dedicated life were made manifest by the generous and consistent service she rendered to the church and community. Her quiet, lovable character was an inspiration and source of strength to all who knew her. Young and old alike valued her counsel.

Her home was a gathering place for the family, friends and neighbors and all felt blessed for this association with her. Preachers and their families always found the warmest welcome and appreciated her loyal support. Her understanding and sympathetic spirit gave them courage and comfort. There was a fineness about her that one sensed clearly, and countless lives were influenced by her gentle kindness and Christian live.

The beauty of her life was also expressed in her great love of flowers and gracious sharing of those raised in her own yard. "Saying it with flowers" brought great joy to her heart and innumerable occasions gave her that opportunity. Her "bouquets" might be just an offering to a friend, or one to cheer the sick, comfort the bereaved or placed on the church altar; many a bride's table was graced with an exquisite arrangement displaying "Miss Aber's" artistic talent. Nothing gave her more pleasure.

When she realized that these earthly ministries were coming to a close, she faced the end calm and unafraid, with confident expectancy of entering the Fathers' eternal home.

We love and cherish these beautiful memories of our beloved "Miss Aber."

Members of the

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Mrs. Maud Cooke

Mrs. Maud Batton Cooke, widow of the late William Richard Cooke, and mother of Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, district superintendent of the Lake Charles District, was born near Dubberly, La. on June 21, 1888, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Batton.

She attended the schools then available in Webster Parish. She united with the Brushwood Methodist Church when she was a girl of some ten years of age and remained a member of this church the remainder of her life.

She was married to William Richard Cooke of Taylor, La., on Thanksgiving Day, 1906. Her husband preceded her in death in 1936.

She was very active in every phase of the life of her church, being especially interested in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was also active in community projects for many years.

She died unexpectedly on Sunday morning, Aug. 25. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Joe McLain and the Rev. Merlin Merrill on Aug. 27. Burial was in the Brushwood Cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to Dr. Cooke, include two daughter: Mrs. Hugh W. Greer of Minden and Mrs. Irving W. Roland of Dubberly; two sisters: Miss Sue Batton of Minden and Mrs. R. M. Davis of Dubberly; two brothers: E. H. Batton of Minden and C. A. Batton of Dubberly; and five grandchildren.



CONDEMN RACIAL INJUSTICE

Strong opposition to discrimination in any form was voiced Sept. 12 by World Methodist Council leaders at the end of their four-day annual executive com-

mittee meeting in Stuttgart, Germany.

The statement recognized the problem of race prejudice as "world wide" and called Methodist people everywhere "to penitence for their failure to exercise the Christian ministry of reconciliation." Twenty Methodist bodies are affiliated with the Council.

The group affirmed the belief "that the Gospel of Jesus Christ commits His Church to full involvement in the struggle to eliminate racial prejudice and expresses its deep sympathy with all who are suffering at this time because of the sin of division."

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MEMBERS OF THE WSCS of First Church, Lake Charles, as shown in the kitchen as they prepared the chicken gumbo dinner they served on Sept. 28.



WORKERS IN the Church School at Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, shown as they were honored Sept. 10 at Family Night dinner. Seated at left is Mrs. D.B. Boddie, wife of the Rev. D.B. Boddie, and mother of the Rev. W.D. Boddie, Crowley.



OFFICERS AND COUNSELORS of the Junior and Senior High MYFs of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church, Bogalusa, shown at their recent planning retreat.



MRS. DORA BARR FULTON, widow of the late Rev. Jesse Lee Fulton, as she recently celebrated her 82nd birthday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J.L. Kellum of Bogalusa.



THE THIRD YEAR Juniors of the Westlake Methodist Church are shown as they were dressed in native costumes at the close of their study of "Widening Relationships" in their recent Vacation Church School.



THE SUNDAY NIGHT Primary Class at Gretna Methodist Church. While studying about missions recently they sent a Children's Rainbow Bible to the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, N.M.



PICTURED ABOVE is the first Official Board meeting of the recently-organized First Methodist Church of Corbin. Shown leading the meeting is Earl Ray Wascom.

Louisiana Methodist News in Pictures



CHILDREN AND STAFF of the Methodist Children's Home were recently treated to free helicopter rides by Mr. B.A. Beidenharn of Monroe. He



owns his own helicopter and holds a commercial pilot's license. Mrs. Beidenharn visited the home during the flights.

Monroe District Laymen's Retreat



EARLY COMMUNION SERVICE being served by the Rev. Ed Haug, Monroe District Superintendent.



(L. TO R.) CHARLES CHISHOLM, Pete Medak, district lay leader; and Thomas A. Pitt, associate director, Area Council.



ROBERT B. "BOB" LAY, Shreveport, addressed the men of the Monroe District.

Laymen's Retreat

Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, Ark. lay evangelist and regular columnist for



The Louisiana Methodist, will be the featured speaker for the Lake Charles District Laymen's Retreat, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at Kingwood on Prien Lake, according to Allen Collette, district lay leader.

The theme of the retreat will be "The Order of Discipleship," and Mr. Stuck will speak on the theme in the afternoon and in the evening.

Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the program will start at 2:00 p.m. with Voris King, host to the retreat to close at 8:45 p.m. Saturday evening.

Discussion groups and their leaders are: "My Religion and My Home," Jack Malarkey; "My Religion and My Job," Ralph Elliot; "My Religion and

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Halloween 'Meals For Millions'

At a meeting of the district missionary secretaries at Mt. Sequoyah this summer, it was decided to urge our Methodist Churches in the Louisiana Conference to support "Meals for Millions" in their trick or treat at Halloween this year. Some of our churches are supporting UNICEF and if it is the desire of the churches to continue that, that will be their privilege, but it was brought out that through "Meals for Millions" our money could be sent through our Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) which is, of course, our Methodist Agency for the feeding the hungry.

The "Meals for Millions" Foundation is an interdenominational organization designed to make available Multipurpose Food for three cents (3c) a meal. MCOR can purchase this food from the Foundation and distribute it under our Methodist program.

Each church can receive MCOR Advance credit for this by giving to "Meals for Millions."

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World Service and Benevolences Subject of District Workshops

In a series of district workshops, which began October 8 in Lafayette, Methodists of Louisiana are learning how their church dollars are spent. The workshops are being led by the Rev. K. G. Rorie, associate director of the Methodist Louisiana Area Council. He has special responsibility for missions and evangelism.

The workshops deal with the benevolent giving of churches in the Louisiana Conference to World Service and the benevolent work of the church within the state. The three topics of discussion in the workshops are (1) The organization and work of the local church Commission on Missions, (2) Advance Specials and the "Four-Lane Emphasis," and (3) Our World Service and Conference Benevolence Dollar.

Hours for the workshops in each district are from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., including time for questions and answers.

The date in each district are as follows: October 3, Lafayette; October 9, Hou-

ma; October 10, Lake Charles; October 17, New Orleans; October 23, Ruston; October 28, Baton Rouge; October 31, Monroe; November 5, Vivian; November 6, Shreveport; and November 7, Mansfield. The Alexandria district missions workshop will not be held until January 13.

The workshops are designed to assist the chairman and members of local church commissions on Missions. Other interested persons are invited to attend.

Each district missionary secretary has been in charge of local arrangements for the workshops in his district, and will also assist in the program. The eight district missionary secretaries are: Alexandria, the Rev. Byrl J. Moreland; Baton Rouge, the Rev. James W. Ailor; Lafayette, the Rev. Harold Hine; Lake Charles, the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid; Monroe, the Rev. Lea Joyner; New Orleans, the Rev. J. C. Skinner; Ruston, the Rev. James W. Lawton; and Shreveport, the Rev. Arthur M. Baker.

Advance Special mission gifts are over and above the acceptance of World Service apportionments. They are voluntary gifts, designated for the particular mission project the donor

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Harvest Day Offering for Children's Home

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Next Sunday, October 13, is Harvest Day for the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston. On that day every Methodist Church in Louisiana should receive an offering for the Home. If this is done with a spirit of concern and enthusiasm, many of the financial problems of the Home will be solved for some months to come.

Our gifts on Harvest Day and Easter Sunday enable our dedicated Board of Trustees and Staff at the Home to do a better job of ministering in every way to the little children who, for various reasons, have been entrusted to our care. Let us take this offering in every church and meet our responsibility to all connected with the program at the Methodist Children's Home.

Sincerely,

Aubrey S. Walton

Spiritual Life Retreat Pictures



MORE THAN 200 Louisiana Methodist ministers and laymen attended the Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Brewer last week. Pictures from this retreat include (left): Dr. E. Stanley

Jones, the Rev. J.J. Caraway, and the Rev. J.C. Skinner; (center): A capacity attendance filled the auditorium at Camp

Brewer: (right): Dr. Jones shown with Dr. James T. Harris, conference secretary of evangelism.

Editorials

AN URGENT NEED FOR PRINTED MATERIALS

METHODISTS OF ARKANSAS were challenged to a new approach to the Christian mission overseas recently when they heard Dr. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the Division of World Missions, tell of the urgent need for printed materials as potent ammunition in the struggle for the minds and souls of men. Never before had we heard such a dramatic underscoring of this need for something constructive to put in the hands of men who are just learning to read.

We were startled to hear how far we lag behind the Communists in the supplying of these important materials. Dr. Smith said that the Communists, constituting eight per cent of the world's population, are currently printing twenty per cent of the world's books, while the United States with six per cent of the population print only three per cent of the world's books. We were told that the Russians print more books in English than the Americans do and that the Bible has been supplanted by the works of Lenin as the "world's best seller."

The Board of Missions sees no task as having priority over this one of supplying materials that can be put into the hands of those who are just learning to read in emerging nations. No moment is of greater meaning than that when a man who has not been able to read discovers the great new world of the printed page. We cannot let the Communists continue to have such an advantage over us by letting them supply most of the printed materials of the world.

Dr. Smith also said that for some time the only curriculum materials available on many of our mission fields have been those edited and published by church groups poles away from us in the basic interpretation of Christianity and its message. We owe it to our heroic missionaries to

do something about this. The "something" we can do is to accept the challenge of supplying those extra mission funds that will make such an undertaking possible.

We are learning many new aspects of "our mission today," and this challenge of the need for printed materials seems to be as urgent as any we have known. We should be more concerned to win this race from the Communists than the one into space, because the implications reach far deeper into the lives of the children of God.

HARVEST DAY OFFERING

OCTOBER 13 is one of the important dates on the calendar for Louisiana Methodism. This is "Harvest Day" and the occasion for the special offering for the support of the Children's Home at Ruston. You have been aware for some time, through the pages of this publication, of the urgent need for your full cooperation in this fall appeal of this fine institution. We hope that every church has made such preparations that the response will be the best in a long time.

Just a few weeks ago a number of us shared in a special Hospitals and Homes Stewards' Day on the campus of the Home. By a number of means our attention was called to the progress being made by Superintendent Harry Ezell and the outstanding Methodists who serve on the Board of Trustees.

One has only to visit for a while on the Ruston campus of the Methodist Children's Home to absorb some of the atmosphere that exists there. The young people who compose the family are just as excited as anyone else about changes that are taking place to enrich the days there. The response of the Junior High boys group to the renovation project of their cottage is just one example of how anxious they are to see their home take on a more attractive look.

Beyond the physical improvements that will continue to take place with your help new policies are emerging that will mean much to all those related to this institution. New philosophies of child care are being implemented across the land—all of them in the interest of the young persons involved. We are sure that Louisiana Methodists are enthusiastically behind such forward steps being recommended by Superintendent Ezell.

In the Harvest Day Offering is one of your unusual opportunities to be a part of the thrilling things that are taking place at the Methodist Children's Home. Your response on next Sunday is eagerly awaited by all those on the campus and throughout the conference. We are confident that the offering you send them will be an encouraging one.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

BOOK REVIEWS

Walter Towner, Guiding a Church School, Abingdon, \$2.

This little book, due for publication in November, should become the standard tool for study and for administration in this field. Dr. Towner, who for some time now has been in charge of general Church School work for our Board of Education, has followed his usual lucid style in bringing to the printed page many of the things with which he has been challenging us in conferences across the church.

The opening paragraph in the Preface gives us the purpose for the book: "Two factors combined to call this book into existence. One cannot for many years travel the length and breadth of the nation and have first-hand contact with local church schools without knowing that their leaders want help. In the process the traveler learns much from those who are succeeding—and from those who are failing."

This which he has learned from some of us, Dr. Towner shares with all of us in a book every Church School worker will want.

"Tarbell's Teachers' Guide," edited by Frank S. Mead, Revell, \$2.95.

One of the old reliable aids to adult teachers, especially those with a slight slant in the direction of Fundamentalism, is "Tarbell's Guide," just off the press from Fleming H. Revell Co.

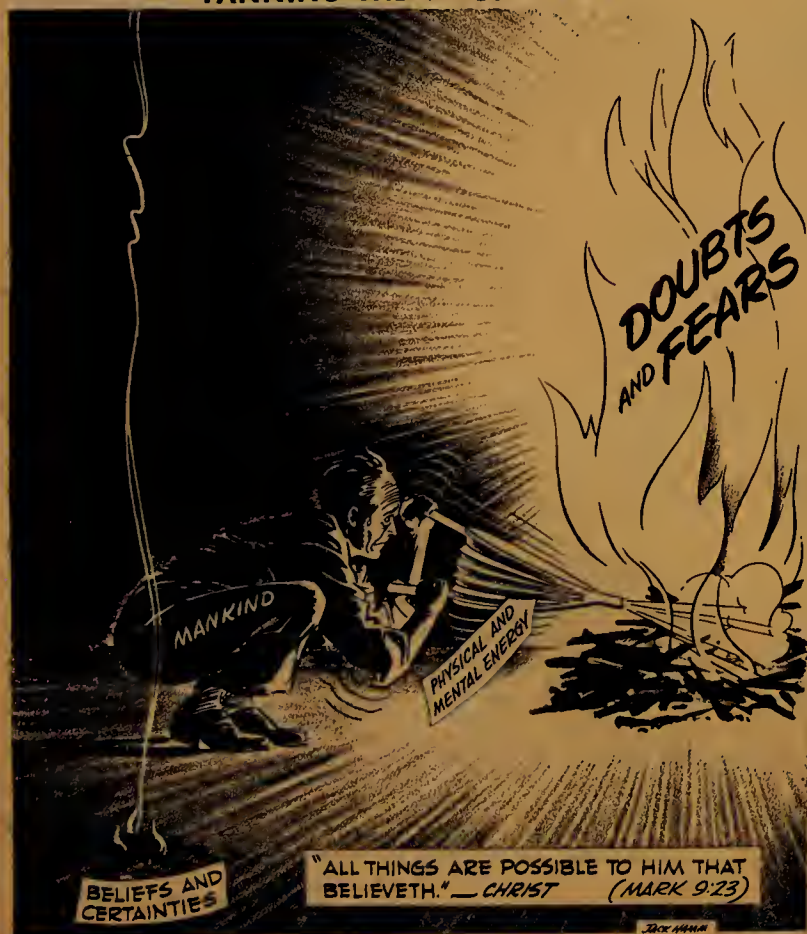
Especially designed for those schools in which all ages are studying materials with the same Biblical background, these volumes are always filled with illustrative materials which will often come in handy to sharpen some point.

We would not want to recommend this as a teacher's only guide, but if he is using plenty of others, this can be a useful additional resource.

Jesus was under suspicion because the people got the impression he was trying to change something.

Let's not find too much fault with any man who is turning the hearts of other men toward God.

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CHURCHES have played an influential role in undergirding the United Nations as an instrument to protect human rights, speakers declared at Ceremonies in New York dedicating the new Church Center for the United Nations. Main speakers were, from left to right: Methodist Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns; J. Irwin Miller, lay president of the National Council of Churches; U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Adlai Stevenson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and UN Secretary General U Thant. The \$3 million, 12-story Church Center was built by The Methodist Church and will be administered by the National Council.



SIX ALABAMA CLERGYMEN who conferred with President Kennedy on the racial strife in Birmingham are shown as they arrived at the White House. Second from right is Methodist Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, whose jurisdiction includes the North Alabama Conference.



DR. EUGENE L. SMITH, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, is greeted by officials of the Roman Catholic Mission Secretariat conference at Washington, D.C. At left is Dr. Margaret Healy of New York, national custodian general of the Missionary Cenacle Apostolate; and at right is Father Frederick A. McGuire, executive secretary of the annual meeting. Dr. Smith was the first non-Catholic to address this group.

OUR CHAPLAINS

Methodists Who Serve Services Now Number 649

NEW YORK—Methodist ministers serving as chaplains number 649, the Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin, general secretary of the Commission on Chaplains reported to his commissioners at a meeting at the Statler Hilton here Sept. 24.

Of the 649 Chaplains, 498 are with the armed forces and 151 in civilian institutions, Dr. McLaughlin said.

To put it another way, if this reporter's computation is correct, the average conference of The Methodist Church in the U. S. enrolls 228 effective (not retired) members.

About a million Methodists are associated with the Armed Forces, Dr. McLaughlin, stated. There are approximately 350,000 Methodists in uniform, he said. Half of these are married with an average of two and a half children per couple. Adding husbands, wives and children makes the Methodist million.

Since the commission's spring meeting, 20 men have been brought to duty in the armed forces, five in the Veterans Administration and two in civilian hospitals, it was reported.

Among those attending the meeting were the present Chief of Chaplains of the Army, a past Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, a past Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force, a former congressman, a retired Army Major General not to mention some ecclesiastical generals and admirals in the persons of five bishops. The chairman of the commission is Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco.

The commission confirmed as "fully qualified" the ecclesiastical endorsement recently given to twenty new chaplains. These were divided between the Army (5), National Guard (5), Navy (3), Air Force (3), Veterans Administration (3) and institutional (3).

There is widespread distribution among the conferences from which these new chaplains are coming. Three were from West Virginia and two from Southern California - Arizona. Seventeen other conferences provided one each.

Major emphasis is being given a special program for chaplains in conjunction with the 1964 General Conference in Pittsburgh. Already 109 chaplains have indicated their intention of hearing the Episcopal Address April 26, visiting General Conference committees the next day and attending a chaplains dinner April 28 to which all bishops have been invited.

Rules and regulations governing the Chaplains' Pension Fund were presented to the commission. This fund set up jointly by the General Board of Pensions and the Commission on Chaplains, provides annuity for the service years of certain chaplains who were covered neither by annual conference nor government pensions.

The two associate secretaries, the Rev. Herly C. Bowling and the Rev. Fred H. Heather, presented financial and personnel reports. The Rev. Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Washington, D.C. is recording secretary.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 6—Sunday	1 Peter 4:1-11
Oct. 7	1 Peter 4:12-19
Oct. 8	1 Peter 5:1-11
Oct. 9	2 Peter 1:1-11
Oct. 10	2 Peter 1:12-21
Oct. 11	2 Peter 3:1-10
Oct. 12	2 Peter 3:11-18
Oct. 13—Sunday	1 John 4:1-12

Laymen Adopt Second Mile Crusade Plan

CHICAGO—A new "Second Mile Crusade" of personalized, giving to specific projects has been adopted by The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities and will be emphasized in some 15,000 Methodist Men clubs in the United States.

Adoption of the program climaxed the 41-member board's annual meeting in the Pick-Congress hotel here Sept. 12-14.

An 18-member Crusade Committee will be named to direct the new program.

The three-phased crusade will include:

1. A radio program with a new format that will be quite different from the Methodist Men Hour, which has been carried for several years on some 400 stations.
2. Providing Christian literature for new literates in overseas missions of the church.
3. Continuance of the project of providing books for the library of Alaska Methodist University at Anchorage.

In other resolutions, the board emphasized many ways of strengthening the church's lay witness in the world.

The board voted to petition the 1964 General Conference to change the name from "General Board of Lay Activities" to "General Board of the Laity." (The General Conference — highest law-making body of the denomination — convenes in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26, 1964).

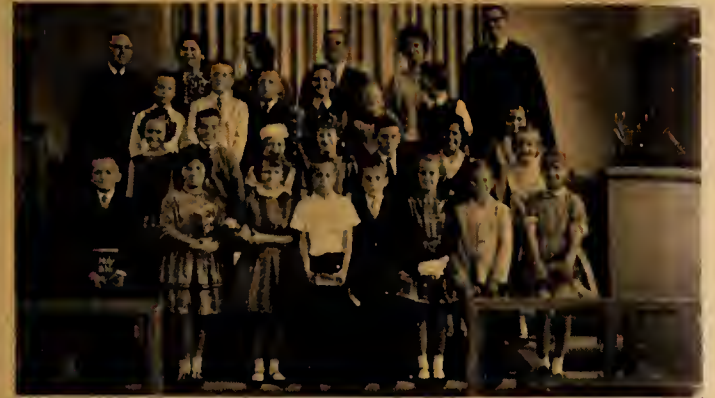
A spokesman for the board explained that the change in name is being proposed because "it is more in keeping with current new interest in understanding the role of the laity in the church."

In his annual report, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary, cited "outstanding progress" in stewardship, with figures indicating The Methodist Church has increased its giving during the past year by six per cent.

Dr. Mayfield reported gains in perfecting the organizational structure of local units of Methodist Men, but he said "there is need for deeper spiritual content to enable the club to be a redemptive force in the life of the church and of its community."

A long-range stewardship training program received the boards' commendation. Efforts are being made to have denominational officials require that pastors report annually the number of tithers in the churches.

Promotion Day Snapshots



TYPICAL OF RECENT Promotion Day activities in Louisiana are these three: (left): Primary group at Welch Methodist

Church, shown as they presented a playlet, "The Christian and His Gospel;" (Center): the Rev. George Harkins, pastor at North Highlands Church, Shreveport, presents Bibles to those going

into the Junior Department; (Right): the Rev. Luman Douglas, pastor at First Church, Houma, shown with staff members and boys and girls being promoted from Primary to Junior Department.

Directors Meet At Alexandria

Directors of Christian education, ministers of education and educational assistants serving in local churches of the Louisiana Conference met recently in Alexandria for a breakfast meeting with Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, area director.

Plans were made at the meeting for attendance at the National Methodist Conference on Christian Education at Chicago, Nov. 5-10.

Those present were Miss Louise Sharpe, Sulphur; Miss Sheila Nuttall, Shreveport; the Rev. Lars L. Broadus, New Orleans; Miss Norma Garlington, Monroe; Miss Jo Marie Ellett, New Orleans; Dan Morse, Shreveport; the Rev. John Hassler, Shreveport; the Rev. Cecil Benoit, Alexandria; the Rev. James Humphries, Baton Rouge; Miss Juanelva Rose, Lake Charles; the Rev. Jimmie Caraway, Shreveport; Mrs. Wayne Fallin, Pineville; and Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Monroe. Guests present were Mrs. James Humphries and Mrs. Jimmie Caraway.

New Staff Member At Ingleside

Ingleside Methodist Church announces the addition of Miss Carole Tyler to the church staff as director of youth activities. In addition to overseeing the total youth program of the church, she will also direct two youth choirs.

Miss Tyler comes to Baton Rouge from the First Church in Yazoo City, Miss. where she was responsible for the musical program of that church. Miss Tyler has been a staff member at Camp Merri-Mac in Black Mountain,

One of the reasons why little happens at church on Sunday morning is that nobody seems to expect much to happen.

World Service

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desires. Every penny of each gift reaches the intended receiver; nothing is taken out for overhead.

Over one half of the income of the Division of World Missions, which supports 1,100 missionaries working in foreign fields, comes from Advance Special gifts. About 20 per cent of the income of the Division of National

Mrs. Collie Writes For New Materials

Miss Rosemary K. Roorbach, associate editor of children's publications, has notified Mrs. Robert Collie, wife of the pastor of the Kentwood Methodist Church, that some of her Kindergarten materials will probably be included in the new children's curriculum materials to be published next year.

Mrs. Collie was among a group of children's leaders from Louisiana invited to submit materials for the new curriculum. Miss Roorbach indicated that two illustrations and a story written by the Kentwood pastor's wife will probably be used.

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Book Published By B. Paul Durbin

Just before he left for Africa, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, sent us the following comment concerning a new book that had come to his desk:

"Brother B. Paul Durbin has recently placed in my hands a copy of his book entitled, 'Everlasting Goodwill and Glory.' I have read it with appreciation and recommend these outlines for Christian living to the brethren of the conference.

"The book has just been released by Greenwich Book Publishers, Inc., New York 1, N. Y."

North Carolina for the past four summers and has been an active participant in youth work of The Methodist Church for some time.

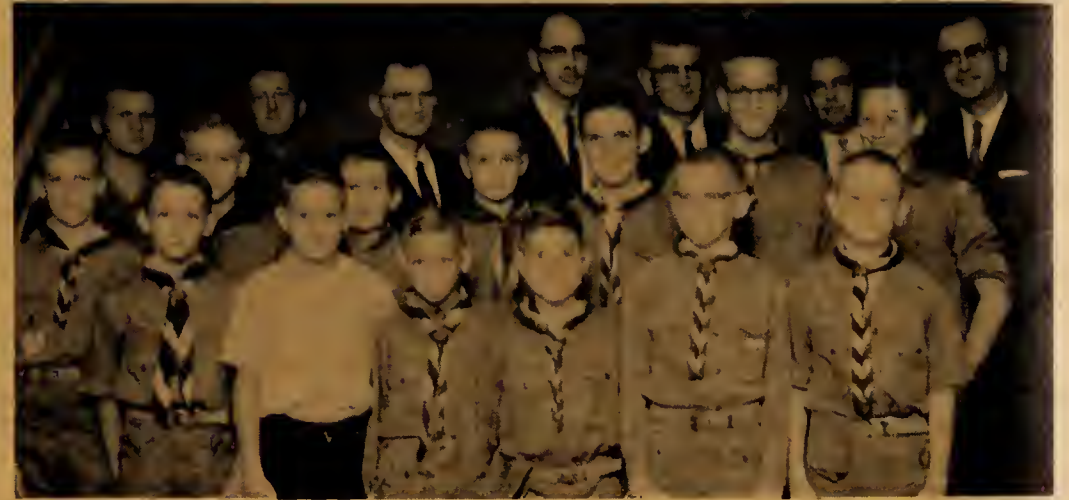
A native of Mississippi, Miss Tyler received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mississippi State College in 1961 and is presently pursuing her work toward a Master of Music Education degree at LSU.

The man who curses is making a public admission that he does not know enough good English to express himself effectively.

Missions comes from this source, and approximately 50 per cent of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is raised by the Advance. A "Four Lane Church" is one which supports a mission project in the conference, jurisdiction, nation, and a foreign field.

World Service is the foundation, the basic support of the total benevolent enterprise of The Methodist Church. World Service receives 52.5 per cent of conference apportionments.

World Service funds are distributed



AMONG BOY SCOUTS RECEIVING AWARDS at recent Court of Honor at Grace Church, Ruston, were: First Class, Edison Sexton; Second Class, Maurice Cassidy, Henry Moore, Randy Smith and Charles Wall; Tenderfoot, Mac Bain, Sam Cox, Brian Hall and Ronald Sexton. The picture shows these scouts and their leaders.

'Meals For Millions' Lake Charles

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The Conference Board of Missions urges every church to promote this program on Halloween night. Additional information can be secured from "Meals for Millions" Foundation, 217 West 7th Street, Los Angeles 14, California, or MCOR, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y.

When you send your money to Bro. Hearn, please mark it "MCOR-Meals for Millions-Trick or Treat."

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My Prayers," J. B. Jones, Jr.; "My Religion and My Church," Cloyd Allison; "My Religion and My Bible," Tom Shiflet; "My Religion and My Witness," James H. Boatman.

Mr. Collette, the district lay leader, will speak to the group at 4:30 p.m.

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Faith is confidence in God's word of honor.



AT THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' Dinner, First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sept. 26: The Rev. Cecil Benoit, speaker; Mrs. Alton Burkett, chairman of the Commission on Education; Earl Hamm, superintendent of the Church School; and the Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, pastor.

as follows: Board of Missions (world and national missions), 58.71 per cent; Board of Education (Christian education training, guidance and resources from local church level up, and assistance to Methodist colleges and universities), 16.43 per cent; Ministerial education (theological schools), 10.95 per cent; Board of Christian Social Concerns (temperance, world peace, social and economic relations), 3.8 per cent; Board of Evangelism, 2.56 per cent; Board of Lay Activities, 2.37 per

cent; Television, Radio and Film Commission, 2.19 per cent; Board of Hospitals and Homes, 1.10 per cent; American Bible Society, .91 per cent; Scarritt College for Christian Workers, .91 per cent; Board of Pensions, \$50,000; deaconess pensions, \$50,000; and American University, \$250,000. Gifts to World Service and Conference Benevolences make possible the support of these projects and corresponding agencies within the conference.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE REV. C. EBB MUNDEN, III, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Metairie, brought the devotional for the Sept. 27 meeting of the Methodist Home-Hospital Auxiliary.

THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH Departments of the Live Oak Methodist Church of Watson, La., held a planning retreat at Camp Istrouma, Oct. 4-5. Their pastor is the Rev. William I. Eubanks.

AN ADULT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held Sept. 30-Oct. 4 at First Methodist Church, Baker, where the Rev. Lael Jones is the pastor. The theme of the school was "Christianity and the Cults."

MR. HARRY BARSCH was the speaker for the Oct. 3 meeting of the WSCS of Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where the Rev. Donald M. Risinger is the pastor. He spoke on "The United Nations."

MRS. J.A. MCCARSTLE of Istrouma Methodist Church is leading the WSCS study, "Christian Issues in Southern Asia," at North Baton Rouge Methodist Church. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Roy E. Mouser.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, is sponsoring a Halloween Carnival at their church on Oct. 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. Their pastor is the Rev. C. Robert McCammon.

A FRIENDLY CONTEST is underway between the Springhill, Cotton Valley and Welcome churches in an effort to boost attendance in the Church School during the months of October, November and December.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, was a recent guest speaker in the pulpit of Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, Ferriday, where the Rev. Jerry Means is the pastor.

AN APPRECIATION BANQUET was held at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sept. 30, to honor the Church School officers, teachers, counselors and other workers. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria, a new class has been organized for young adults. It is for those who have finished high school and are in the age range between 18 and 25. Their pastor is the Rev. Byrl Moreland.

MR. CECIL RAMEY OF BROADMOOR Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker for the annual Laymon's Bonquet of the Ruston District, held Oct. 8 at the Dubach Methodist Church. Mr. Robert C. Smith is the district lay leader.

THE SEVENTH GRADERS were welcomed into the Junior High MYF at Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, in a special membership ceremony at the meeting of this group on Sept. 29. Their pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frozier.

THE WSCS OF THE KENNER METHODIST Church recently held a rummage sale to raise money to con-

tribute to missions and to secure baby-sitters for church activities. Mrs. Marvin Corley, wife of the pastor, was in charge of the sale.

THE REV. ROBERT BAREFIELD, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Southern Louisiana, was the speaker for the Oct. 1 meeting of the WSCS of First Methodist Church, Lafayette. Their pastor is the Rev. R.R. Branton.

MRS. CLYDE FRAZIER, wife of the pastor of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, gave a book review at the Sept. 26 meeting of the Auxiliary to the Protestant Home for Babies, held at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in that city.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Crowley, a consecration service was conducted for Church School teachers, workers, counselors, officers and members of the Commission on Education on Sunday, Sept. 29. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

A ONE DAY RETREAT for members of the Commission on Education and all Church School workers of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was held Saturday, Sept. 28 at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McLellan. The pastor is the Rev. B.A. Galloway.

THE REV. LLOYD A. FOREMAN, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the guest speaker for the Oct. 7 session of the study, "These Cities Glorious" at First Methodist Church, Plaquemine. Their pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon Jr.

CARL AND JULIA WILLIAMS and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Williams presented the program for the Oct. 2 Family Night at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. Special guests for this occasion included new members and the students at Louisiana Tech. The pastor is the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

MRS. CHARLES M. ROBARDS was the leader for the first session of the study, "The Christian Family and Its Money," Oct. 1 at Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans. The course will meet on successive Tuesdays until Oct. 22. The pastor is the Rev. Don Alverson.

MRS. W.E. TRICE, wife of the pastor of Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge, was the speaker for the special meeting of the WSCS of that church, held on Oct. 1 in commemoration of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. She spoke on the subject, "Our Methodist Heritage."

THE REV. FALCON HEARNE, who is a former pastor, brought the message at the Sept. 22 "homecoming" at Bethel Methodist Church. Following the morning service there was dinner on the grounds followed in the afternoon by a period of gospel singing. The pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman.

NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS of the MYF of Vidalia Methodist Church are: Suzanne Lightfoot, president; Andy Housley, vice-president; Barbara King, secretary treasurer; Donna Kay Yates, social chairman; and Dianne Spillers, reporter. The pastor of this church is the Rev. A.W. Coody.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, is sponsoring a Silver Teo on Oct. 13, and is asking various individuals and groups in their church to use this as an occasion of making a contribution to missions. Their pastor is the Rev. Iro W. Flowers.

A PLANNING COMMITTEE for the annual Christmas pageant at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, was held Sept. 29. All superintendents, teachers and officers of adult classes were present to insure that this annual activity will be truly representative. The pastor is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

THE PASTOR, DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., is lead-

ing the adults of First Church, Baton Rouge, in a study of "Christianity and Life" in the Sunday Evening Family Fellowship which began Sept. 29. The Primary children are studying "Boys and Girls of the Bible," and the Juniors are studying "Learning to live With Others."

HOMECOMING DAY WILL BE observed at Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, Oct. 13. The guest preacher will be the Rev. John Redmon, pastor of the Algiers Methodist Church. There will be a covered dish luncheon at the church following the morning worship service. The pastor is the Rev. Albert A. Collins.

THE SENIOR HIGH MYF of Abbeville Methodist Church recently held an unusual "Goodwill Scavenger Hunt." As they went out they sought articles of used clothing which were being collected to help care for a needy family which the young people had taken as a project. Their pastor is the Rev. Trocey Arnold.

THE OFFICERS AND TEACHERS of the Church School at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, participated in a service of dedication on Oct. 6 at the morning worship hour. On Promotion Day this Church School reported a record attendance of 317 at Sunday School and 67 at the Sunday Evening Fellowship. Their pastor is the Rev. George Peorce, Jr.

A SUB-DISTRICT RECREATION Workshop was held at the Bethel Methodist Church on Monday evening, Oct. 8. The program was in charge of the young people of the Shiloh Methodist Churches. Churches participating in this sub-district are Monsfield, Logansport, Longstreet, Keithville, Stonewall and Bethel. The sub-district reporter is Lila Runnels.

THE REV. W.E. NOLAN, enrollment counselor for Centenary College and a former associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker for the evening worship service of that church on Sept. 29. He illustrated his message on Centenary College with slides taken on the campus. The pastor of this church is the Rev. George W. Horbuck.

THE REV. BOB POTTER, pastor of St. Andrew's Methodist Church, New Orleans, spoke on "The Primary Authority of the Bible," at Parker Memorial Methodist Church in that city on Oct. 6. This was the second in the Sunday evening series, "Foundations of Our Protestant Faith." The pastor is the Rev. Reuel Allen.

AT NOEL MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, a Sunday evening fellowship series is being held during the month of October. The course, "A Christian Family and Its Money," is being taught by Dr. Fagon Thompson, and a study of "The Prophets" is being led by the pastor, the Rev. Sam Noder. A children's study of "Bible Times" is also being held for the duration of the series.

RECENTLY PRESENTED PERFECT attendance pins at Oak Grove Methodist Church were Kerry Spruill, Oron Spruill, Benny Spruill, Sherry Spruill and their father, Mr. Dwain Spruill, Miss Billy Ann Graff, Donald Groff and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Groff. This church, located at Effie, La., is on the Morksville Charge, of which the Rev. John D. Bell is the pastor.

NEW ORLEANS PASTORS participating in recent radio and television programs of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches included the Rev. John T. Redmon, pastor of Algiers Methodist Church, who appeared on "Foundations For Life," WWL Radio, Sept. 29, and the Rev. Clyde C. Frozier, pastor of Lake Vista Methodist Church, who appeared on "Chapel of the Air" on WWL-TV on that same Sunday.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 20, 1963:

"CHRISTIANS ARE CONCERNED"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 8 Through 11:1. Printed Lesson Text, 1 Corinthians 10:25 through 11:1.

MEMORY SELECTION: Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 1 Corinthians 10:24 (RSV).

AIM OF LESSON: To stress the fact that Christian liberty does not mean license and that love and consideration for others should be a motivating factor in life.

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This is our third lesson in 1st Corinthians. In the first lesson Paul pleads for spiritual harmony; in the second for moral purity and today Paul is saying that Christians should have a sense of Christian responsibility and concern for others.

Today, as in last Sunday's lesson, Paul again gives us standards by which we can measure Christian conduct. Last Sunday Paul was discussing the hurt of immorality. Today the question with which he is concerned is the propriety of eating of meats that had been offered as a sacrifice to idols.

The question of eating such meats, as discussed here by Paul, is a very unreal question for people of today. Nevertheless, for Paul and for the church at Corinth it was a very real and a very troublesome problem. In heathen Corinth animals were offered as sacrifices to idol gods. After the priest took part of the offering for his services the rest was often sold to meat markets to be resold to customers for consumption. (The word shambles, as found in verse 25, is more meaningfully translated meat market in RSV.)

The propriety of eating such meats was a live question in the Corinthian church. Some members would not buy such meat in the market place if they knew it and they would not eat it in the home if they knew it. These very likely were people who had come from former worship in the heathen temples and they feared that the eating of these meats would appear to be approving of the worship of idols.

Some members had no decided views on the matter while others were pronounced in the view that the fact that such meats had been offered to idols made no difference whatsoever, since the idols themselves meant nothing.

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Freedom Has Its Limitations

In today's lesson the age-old question, in substance, is pressing again for an answer, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is found in our lesson subject, "Christians Are Concerned." It is inherent in Christian living that we be concerned about and accept responsibility for others.

I was talking to a friend one day as a minister passed by. My friend said, "Do you know how that man impresses me? He gives me the impression that he just doesn't give a darn." It should be said that any minister or layman who makes that impression on those who know him should change his attitude or, if necessary, his spirit. Freedom for the Christian has its limitations. No Christian is free to live within himself and disregard others, however circumspect his life may be otherwise.

In the opening verse of our lesson text Paul says that he limits his freedom when the welfare of others is involved. Verse 24 in the King James translation, is somewhat misleading considering our common use of the word "wealth."

This verse reads, "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." Too many people are now getting into trouble seeking the wealth that belongs to another.

The word "wealth" as used here, originally meant weal or welfare of another. In fact the first definition Webster gives of the word wealth is "Weal; welfare." However he marks this use of the word as obsolete, which it is. Hence it is that we find the following translation of the verse in RSV, "Let no man seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

Our concern for others should determine our conduct where no moral question is involved. A Christian has the right to do anything that is not sinful. However, his obligations to others is more important than the exercise of certain rights.

I recently heard an excellent sermon on the subject, "From the Vertical to the Horizontal." The central thought in the sermon was that a Christian's obligations are vertical and horizontal. First they are vertical as one reaches up to God. Next they are horizontal as one reaches out in service to others.

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Raising Unnecessary Questions

In verses 25-30 in our lesson text, Paul tells the Corinthian Christians to eat any meats sold in a market place without raising the question about whether or not they had been offered to idols. Also, if they accepted invitations to homes of unbelievers, Paul told them to eat whatever was set before them without raising questions for conscience sake.

In these verses, however, Paul again states the necessity of considering others in our actions. If, while eating in such homes, someone reminds us that the meats had been offered to idols Paul says that, for the sake of the conscience of the man who raises the question, "do not eat it." For the sake of others, we should not do some things, which they think is wrong, even if we are convinced that such action would have no moral content.

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A Proper Attitude Toward Liquor

Since today's lesson is our quarterly temperance lesson, this seems to be a good time to discuss the question of the Christian's attitude toward the use of intoxicating liquors.

It is my firm conviction that the word "temperance" is a very inapt word to use in our fight against the liquor traffic. The liquor forces themselves profess to be in favor of temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages. They advocate temperance in an effort to deceive some people. However, their real concern for temperance, if they have any, is in an effort to keep people from getting so drunk that they make such slobbering, incoherent, asinine fools of themselves that they discredit the use of liquor. The sooner we find a better word than temperance to describe the attitude Christians should have toward liquor the better it will be.

Some take the position that the Bible teaches temperance. It might also be said that the Bible seems to condone, if not approve, slavery. However, it should be said that the Bible distinctly teaches the principle that anything which hurts human personality is sin. In the face of that principal, slavery had to go in civilized countries. Knowing what we now do about the hurt of

liquor, that principal applies just as directly to the use of alcoholic drinks as it does to slavery. In fact liquor can not only destroy character and personality but it can make slaves of the worst kind of its victims.

Some declare that they drink without physical hurt to themselves. While that statement may be open to question, it is certainly true that a principal declared by Paul definitely applies to the use of alcoholic drinks, by a professed Christian. Paul says, in 1 Corinthians 8:13, "Wherefore if meat make by brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth." When Christian people remember that the United States has almost twice the number of hopeless alcoholics per 1,000 of any nation in the world we should be very humble. We should blush in shame and repent in tears if we are not doing what we can to cure this alcoholic malignancy in our midst.

Whatever may be the feeling of a professed Christian regarding the moral content of drinking alcoholic beverages, for the sake of those who might take the place of the 6,000,000 alcoholics in our nation today, Christians should abstain.

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Personal Responsibilities Today

It is my feeling that the personal responsibility of Christian people is greater today than at any time in the Christian era. This is especially true in Protestantism because the Protestant church today makes little attempt to discipline its members. After they join the church they are largely left to determine their own course of conduct.

I am saying that our personal responsibility today is greater than ever before because:

1. A member of the church must decide for himself whether or not he will support the church financially. Most members do. Some do not but still are accounted members in good standing.
2. He must decide for himself whether or not he will attend the church services. Many do, some do not.
3. He must decide for himself whether he will drink alcoholic beverages or not. Most church members do not, some do.
4. He can be brotherly and friendly or he can be a plain snob. Some church members are.
5. He can be clean morally or not. He can decide for himself since most members are morally clean but some are not.
6. If one chooses, he can be a liar and still retain his church membership. Some do. Ananias and Sapphira, members of the early church were struck dead by the Lord before the apostle Peter for lying. The Record says, "Great fear came upon all the church." If God began striking church members dead for lying today, it is possible that "great fear" would come over many church members today.

So it might be said of practically every other sin in the catalogue of sins. It is the church member himself, not the church, that decides whether or not he is to engage in any particular activity or not. It is for the member to decide what influence his life is to have on others. He makes his own decision.

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Love The Determining Factor

After all it is love for God and people, not the insistent exercise of personal rights or liberty that is important in Christian living. The person in whose life the spirit of love predominates is not so concerned about the exercising of his rights as he is about the effect his actions will have on those about him.

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Following A Follower of Christ

Paul's exhortation in verse 11 to follow him as he follows Christ is not an egotistical proposition. There were no written Gospels of Christ when this letter was written.

In this verse Paul was simply challenging the Corinthian Christians to follow him as he followed the Christ of the gospel he preached. We too should be able to make this challenge to others.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Pope Paul V called for reform and modernization of the Roman Curia, the Catholic Church's central administration, as the new session of the Second Vatican Council got under way in Rome. He termed the body, with which he was associated for a great number of years, "an old and complex body in today's ecumenical age. Three major reforms asked by the pontiff include greater authority to diocesan bishops; greater collaboration of bishops with the Pope in church government; internationalization of the Curia personnel, now predominantly Italian; and education of Curia members along "more ecumenical" lines.

It is gratifying to know from these suggestions that the new pope will definitely be continuing the liberalizing reforms suggested by Pope John. There can be no question that these recommendations are positive evidence of such a spirit.

Christians and other non-Jews were urged in Jerusalem not to drive their cars on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. This advice was given by Christian leaders and foreign diplomats as Israelis prepared to mark the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. In recent weeks there have been disturbances in which ultra-Orthodox Jewish demonstrators have protested against buses carrying Christian pilgrims on the Jewish Sabbath.

We have heard advice to keep off American highways on some of our holidays, but for different reasons. It looks to us like the orthodox of Israel are doing serious damage to the image of the Jew, who has gained a fine reputation for tolerance.

The placement of a Nativity scene on a public school lawn does not violate the U. S. Constitution, a state Supreme Court justice has ruled in White Plains, N. Y. Justice Hugh S. Coyle said the creche placed on the lawn of a Hartsdale, N. Y. school was a "passive accommodation of religion," and pointed out that no one is forced to look at it.

This will not be the last case of this sort that we will be hearing about, and we have a strong feeling that the language of this decision will not be upheld by the Federal courts to which it will undoubtedly go.

The principal of Central High School, Schoharie, N. Y., has branded as "religious discrimination" the American Legion's withdrawal of an award made earlier to a Jehovah's Witness student who said he could not salute the flag because of religious principles. Henry Jenner, 19, was presented the award at last spring's graduation exercises for "outstanding honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service." Later when the Legion post learned of his religious beliefs, the youth was requested to return the medal on orders from the group's national office.

How little can an organization get! Either this student had "outstanding honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service," or he did not. No wonder the local school board is giving serious consideration to eliminating Legion awards to its students.

A Lutheran leader has warned against using the

church to promote causes, however noble, other than the "Kingdom of God." Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America, told a conference of the denomination's top executives and its 14 Negro clergymen that the church exists specifically "to raise frail men up to the stature of sons of God." "When I see the church used as a means even for law and order, which is a noble purpose, I cringe," he said. "This is a distortion and misuse of the Word of God."

This pronouncement by an outstanding American churchman disturbs us very much. In a fine theological sense, he may be speaking as he must, but we shudder at such language as warning "against using the church to promote causes, however noble," and "When I see the church used as a means even for law and order, I cringe."



THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY of "The Living Bible," believed to be the oldest continuing quiz program on radio, was celebrated in New York by Station WNEW and the American Bible Society, co-producers of the Sunday morning program. A large plastic key symbolizing the station's effort to help "unlock the door to the Scriptures" was presented to Varner Paulson, WNEW program director, right, by Dr. James Z. Nettinga of the ABS. Miss Kay Reed of WNEW, producer, holds the key.

Children in Roman Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans no longer will be permitted to sell magazines, Christmas cards, candy, tickets and other items in fund drives. Archbishop John P. Cody, in a directive ordering schools to refrain from using children as salesmen, said there have been abuses in such sales which "brought justifiable criticisms on our schools."

Classification by the New York State Board of Regents of movies for children under 18 has been advocated by a spokesman for the Committee on Motion Pictures and Television of Religious Leaders of the City of New York. Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of Temple Israel, speaking before a state legislative committee, urged that the board be given authority of label films which are unsuitable for viewing by children.

A consultation on "Man Amidst Change" sponsored by the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches became the

first seminar program to be held in the newly-opened Church Center for the United Nations in New York. The consultation featured reports by chairmen of five study commissions which are preparing documents on international affairs for the General Assembly of the NCC on Dec. 1-7 in Philadelphia.

Charles Jordan of Geneva, director general of the American Joint Distribution Committee, was elected president of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies at its first general conference in Geneva. Named to a two-year term, he succeeds Duncan Woods of the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Religious and racial controversy is a healthy and necessary part of democratic society, three panelists recently agreed at a meeting of the Twin City Chapter of the Religious Public Relations Council, meeting in Minneapolis. Dr. Ayers Bagley, chairman of the Church-State Committee of the Minnesota Branch, American Civil Liberties Union, said a lack of controversy may indicate that somebody's freedom is being suppressed.

Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl, pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, was given a distinguished community service award by the Minnesota Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America at a luncheon on Oct. 7.

Major voluntary relief agencies should aid similar organizations in underdeveloped countries to become independent and self-sufficient, a top official of the American Roman Catholic bishops' overseas relief agency asserted recently in Geneva. "We must not be guilty of cultural imperialism in relief work," declared Auxiliary Bishop Edward Swannstrom of New York, executive director of Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

All Roman Catholic prelate in the Soviet Zone of Germany were granted exit visas to attend the second session of the Second Vatican Council. Headed by Archbishop Alfred Bengsch, Bishop of Berlin, who lives in East Berlin, a 16-man delegation of bishops from East Germany is present at the council.

A new parish and campus youth work division in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America will be headed by Peter S. Stamas, immediate past national chairman of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America.

The Rev. George Nishimoto, vice-president of the Church Federation of Chicago, has been named secretary of church vocations for the United Church of Christ.

Plans were recently announced in Mequon, Wis. for a "Lutheran Free Conference" next July to discuss ways to "curb liberalism" in the church. An inter-Lutheran planning committee said the meeting would bring together individuals as "free agents, not representing their church bodies as such, but who are committed to the basis of the conference." It was reported that the conference will concentrate its studies on the inerrancy and verbal inspiration of the Scriptures.

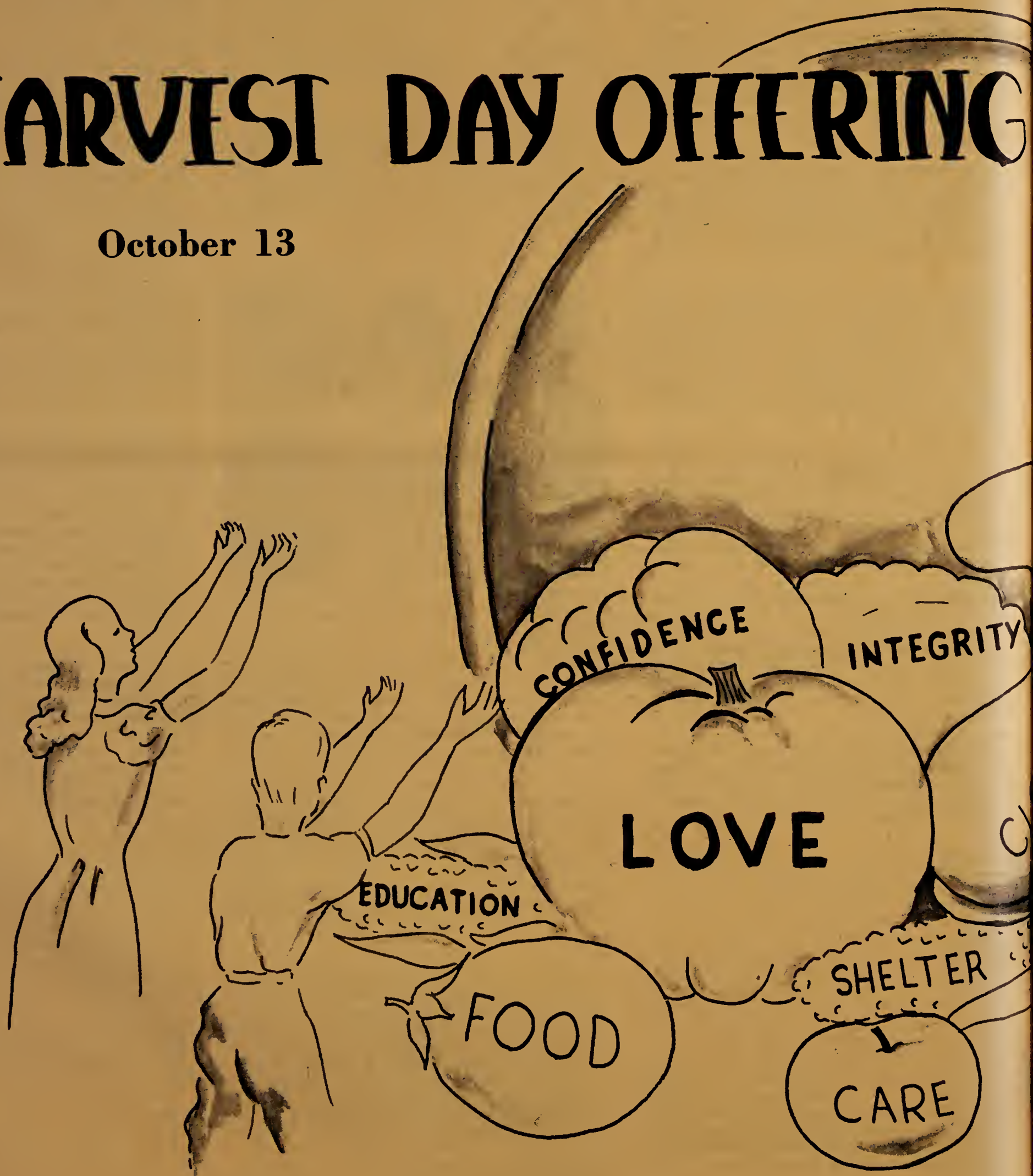
Clergy and lay members of the Protestant Episcopal Church have been urged by their Presiding Bishop to study the manifesto of the recent World Anglican Congress on "Mutual Responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ." The document proposes radical changes in the structure of the worldwide communion to strengthen relations among member bodies, and a pooling of human and material resources in a global way never before envisioned.

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A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stock/Lay Evangelist

COLUMBUS DAY, 1963

On October 12th, four hundred seventy-one years ago, Christopher Columbus and his men set foot on a new and strange land. He was not especially interested in discovering it, though. What he was really looking for was a short sea route to China and Japan. But his discoveries changed the course of world history. He discovered North America.

The years between then and now have witnessed the development of the western hemisphere from a wild, unknown land to a family of nations that have a large hand in the affairs of the world. Valuable minerals have been found in abundance. Timber has produced billions in wealth. The rich earth has yielded food for our own people and for the hungry of the world. Twenty-five countries have been carved out of the vast areas that once were not even known to man. The United States, our own particular country, is the largest and wealthiest.

Because God has blessed us far be-

yond what He has done to many other nations, we have become rather self-centered in our achievements. While almost on our doorstep there are millions of people who have a hard time existing. Our forefathers wasted our natural resources with an almost complete unconcern, but we are doing very little better with the bounty that God laid in our laps.

Aside from the material wealth that has been showered upon our land, there is a physical beauty of mountain and forest; of placid lake and murmuring brook. Katherine Lee Bates, a New England school teacher wrote a beautiful poem a number of years ago while on a vacation in the Rocky Mountains.

"O Beautiful for spacious skies, for
amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brother-
hood from sea to shining sea."
Truly this is a beautiful land. It is

populated by a warm heated people most of whom love and cherish it. But very few of us are willing to pay the price that will assure its continued greatness. We pledge allegiance to our flag and our country, affirming that there shall be "liberty and justice for all." But how can we square that oath with our treatment of the Indian, the Japanese, the Negro, or the Latin-American? They are all Americans; some of them have ancestors who lived on these shores centuries before our forefathers came over.

As we ask for God to shed His grace on us, are we doing very much to make our hearts fit places for the dwelling of that wonderful grace? We ask for a blessing of brotherhood, but how are we treating our own white brothers, to say nothing of our colored brothers? As we pay a tribute of solemn respect this week to Columbus for discovering our good land, let us also make a solemn vow to God that we shall try a little harder to bring our hearts into line with His plans for us and for this country.

Contempt Of The World

The other day I read a "newspaper prayer" in which the author petitioned God: "Fill my heart with tender affection for thy goodness, hatred of my faults, love of my neighbor, and contempt of the world." (Underscoring mine.) And then, on Sunday, we said "We confess that we have often turned our back upon life, treated it with disdain, disregarded its warning, and doubted its benedictions."

"The dictionary-makers define world (in the sense we use it in this prayer) as 'the customs, practices, and interests of men as social beings' (Webster); 'the things of this life and the people devoted to them' (Thorndyke-Barnhart). Life, Thorndyke defines as, 'Way of living,' 'existence in the world of affairs and society.' The thesaurus gives world and life as synonymous.

We seem, in the first prayer, to be asking for ability to hold in contempt the reality around us—the world of which we are and cannot avoid being a physical part. In the second, are we not confessing (with regret) that we have turned our back upon "life" ("the world," reality). If in our church prayers we seem confused, what can we expect those "outside the church" to think or believe?

Many church leaders today are finding centuries-old man-developed concepts of the world and of life no

longer adequate to express Christian approaches to the changing activities of man, and the relationship of man with man, and of man with God. No-where do we find Jesus teaching "contempt of the world," nor advocating nor implying that as followers of his we withdrew from active participation in the common life of mankind. He does imply that his followers enter into the affairs and society of their fellowmen—as leaven, as light, as a healing and reconciling force. The church—and churchmen—say these modern disciples must go into the world, live the life of mankind to the fullest, and be a correcting, healing, teaching power within. They are to so live in the midst of affairs and society that "the customs, practices, and inter-

ests of men as social beings" will be reshaped to the will and purposes of God. Such transformation can never be made by men, no matter how good, shouting their message from behind the walls of compounds, of secluded and walled religious communities, of churches that draw holier-than-thou vestments about them and speak in outworn words and through ancient symbols. Rather the church must go out—lose itself as a distinguishable entity if necessary—and know and confront the everyday needs, the wider needs, and the deeper needs of the world, of life.

If it should become possible for all the "truly Christian people" on earth (and who dare select them?) to go to some far-off planet, and there live as a colony of heaven, renouncing "the world," they would be far from meeting their Master's requirement that they

"make disciples of all nations." Segregating themselves into a colony in central Africa would be no more obedient to Jesus' purpose; nor is withdrawing from man's rugged struggle outside the church edifice and the church family to be thought of as God's will for his children. When one attempts to "escape" from bearing witness to his faith out in the world one joins the ranks of the AWOL.

St. Paul's admonition to Christians was to keep themselves "unspotted from the world." This is not keeping out of, or away from, the stresses and strains, the strivings and the problems of people; it is rather getting involved in them, but mastering them instead of letting them become masters. And isn't that the outline of Paul's own ministry and witness? Even in prison he did not permit himself to be isolated from men's needs and anxieties.

Both "home" and "foreign" missionaries agree today that they themselves, alone and from professional towers, can never win "the world" to Christ and his Way of Life. They must go out among the people, walking beside them in every avenue of their need and aspirations; and the people of the church must go along those same avenues, witnessing to the faith they profess. "Every professing Christian a witness out in the world" is the missionary program. Christians may "gather," as in the Upper Room, to receive power; but they must "scatter" everywhere to fulfill their Master's mission—and their mission.

tion Nov. 5-10 at the Conrad Hilton hotel, Chicago.

It will be the 15th biennial meeting of the conference, an organization which includes leaders of all aspects of The Methodist Church's educational program.

Theme of the conference is "His Word/Our World." Educational theory, philosophy, methods and trends will be discussed.

Plans for the meeting were announced by the Rev. Dr. Harry G. Balthis, Arlington, Va., conference president, and the Rev. Dr. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, secretary.

SPONSOR 77 STUDENTS

The Methodist Church will sponsor the study programs of 77 students from 22 countries in American colleges and universities during the 1963-64 academic year through its international Crusade Scholarship program.

The program, which enters its eighteenth consecutive year this September, has trained about 1,400 persons from almost 60 countries around the world for top-level leadership in the church, business, the professions, the arts and other fields.

During the year, the Crusade Scholars will study in 33 colleges, universities, seminaries and hospitals in 21 states and Puerto Rico.

ON LATIN AMERICAN MISSION

Thirty-two Methodist ministers and one minister's wife from the U. S. will visit Latin America Oct. 16 to Nov. 14 to take part in a Methodist evangelistic mission and observe Methodist work there.

The evangelistic mission will be conducted in Bolivia and Peru Oct. 25 to Nov. 10 with about half of the U. S. participants working in one country and half in the other.

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

CHURCHMEN GO OVERSEAS

Two bishops and a general secretary are among official overseas visitors to the church's mission centers.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, head of the Missouri Area, left July 15 on a two-month visitation of mission work in South America, Africa and Europe. While in Europe, he will also attend a meeting of the World Methodist Council Executive Committee in Stuttgart, Germany.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte (N.C.) Area was accompanied

by Mrs. Harmon as he left July 15 for a two-month tour of Methodist church work in Europe.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald Clapsaddle of New York, general secretary of the Board of Missions' Joint Session of Education and Cultivation, is on a 53-day tour of four countries in South America and two in Africa.

EDUCATORS TO MEET

More than 1,000 Christian educators are expected to attend a national Methodist Conference on Christian Educa-



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

God Is A Good Samaritan

By The Rev. James L. Stovall
Pastor, University Methodist Church
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Read Luke 10:25-37:

Many of us think of the Parables of Jesus as being simple stories with an obvious moral. It is true that the parables are simple. They portray everyday scenes from everyday life in Palestine. But, it is not their purpose to present a simple moral. Jesus in his parables was saying something about the nature of God and about His own mission.

A lawyer asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus turned the question back to the lawyer who gave the obvious answers concerning keeping the Commandments which included loving one's neighbor.

Jesus agreed wholeheartedly and said, "Do this and you will live."

Jesus was saying—"The truth must get beyond questions and answers and statements of faith. It must be transformed into life and action."

It was the "Do this" which created embarrassment and created a crisis in the lawyer's life. So, he tries to find an escape hatch; he tries to justify himself and ease his own conscience by asking another question, "Who is my neighbor?"

It was then that Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan. "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." Jesus begins the parable by showing a neighbor in a real life situation. The lawyer thought that he lived in a world where one could just sit and argue about who one's neighbor is. Jesus took him out of the bull session, away from TV, and sat him down, and made him face a world of murderous strife and ugly reality and a world where men's souls and bodies have been hurt and left with no one to bind up their wounds.

Jesus is saying that any man in need is the neighbor whom God commands us to love. The neighbor is usually not a pleasant looking man. He is often dirty, smelly, diseased, unworthy, and often times of a different race and color. He cannot do anything in return for us. But, all of this is irrelevant. The Commandment stands, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Priest and Levite passed by on the other side. This is a picture of you and me. This is what we really do. The Good Samaritan saw him, had compassion, went to him, "and bound up his wounds." It was stated earlier that Jesus' parables speak to us about the nature of God and about his own

mission. Jesus in this parable is saying that God identifies himself with the victims of injustice to the extent of going down into the depths of human misery and suffering and taking their burden upon his heart. This is the picture of God that our Lord gives to us. He is the one who identifies himself with the wounded, half dead man on the road to Jericho.

This parable speaks to us today concerning God. The helpless, mutilated man by the side of the road is humanity—lost in sin and often times the victim of injustice. The act of the Good Samaritan can be compared with that of God stooping in Christ to raise us up once more to health and freedom. The parable is also a description of our Lord's saving work for mankind as God's representative. He was truly a Good Samaritan in his life here upon earth. He never passed by on the other side. He went where there was suffering and need. He identified himself with the outcast, the segregated, and the sinful, and became involved in finding positive answers to their needs. As Mark said, "He could not be hid."

Is it necessary to make the obvious application of this parable to our lives? Can we possibly miss the point? It is not a parable about neighborliness as such. Our Lord is saying to us that if we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength that we will have a radical love for our fellowman, and that the love of God in our hearts will make a difference in terms of our relation to our fellow human beings. We who have received life and love from God should go forth to live a life of gratitude in this world by acting as a neighbor to all men.

Build a Devotional

"BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN"

The Second of Four Devotional Articles Based on The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12, by the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, Pastor First Methodist Church, Osceola, Arkansas.

In this series of devotionals, we are considering certain attitudes of the

mind and heart which, to Jesus, were particularly essential. In the Beatitudes he blessed those who possess them.

"Blessed are they that mourn," reads the second Beatitude, "for they shall be comforted."

Here is a startling word, in sharp contrast with the attitude of the world. The world says, "Eat, drink, be merry, enjoy yourself!" Jesus says, "Blessed are they that mourn."

Of course, Jesus knew that grief in itself is never blessed. Its effects are too terrible. Look on any face of sorrow, and you know the truth of that. Yet, this Beatitude stands. Dr. Ralph Sockman explains its durability in his book, *THE HIGHER HAPPINESS*. He writes:

"However hard it is to believe, 'Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted,' we cannot jump to the opposite and say, 'Blessed are they who never mourn.' The eye that never knows tears would lack essential tenderness. The mind that never mourns would not possess the mellow-ness needed for friendship and love. The heart that never felt a break would not be quite whole." (Page 41)

Yes, if we were always untroubled, if we never knew a dark night of the soul when we tossed sleeplessly on our beds trying to see the light of day; if our world contained no difficulties to conquer, no suffering to endure; if our days were all sunshine, our lives would become a desert, the streams of sympathy would dry up, and our souls would wither away in selfishness.

Does your conscience hurt when you commit a wrong? If it does, thank God! It would be a terrible condition for the conscience to be past feeling. A person is never hopeless so long as his sins "bother" him.

"Blessed are they that mourn." Jesus is referring here to people who are not too swelled up with pride to cry. He is talking about people who grieve over their spiritual and moral failures. He is blessing those who care to the point that their hearts are broken and they make a deep repentance.

"Blessed are they that mourn." The assurance of immortality is theirs. Heaven is a reality because they have

Let the Children Come

(This is the last in a series of six articles designed to help parents and teachers to prepare for the use of the new curriculum in the children's division.)

For six weeks we have been thinking about the new Curriculum for the Children's Division of the Methodist Church. These will be ready for use on Sept. 6, 1964.

The word "curriculum" includes all of the teaching-learning experiences we plan for our children: church school materials, vacation school materials (new in 1965) extra sessions on weekdays, better child care whenever children are at the church, helps for parents, etc., etc. Everything that is related to the experiences of each child is included, for religion must be related to every day life.

The new curriculum will be called "Christian Studies for Methodist Children." It will be attractive, easy to use and will include all the materials needed to study any given unit.

The new materials will relate the full message of the gospel as witnessed to in the Scriptures and church history to the alert, early-maturing children of the 1960's. They will combine the Christian heritage of the Bible and history with the needs and interests of today's children.

These materials are designed to help children explore life's Big questions and problems, to acquire understandings and to have experiences through which they may enter knowingly into a redemptive relationship with God.

These four purposes summarize what we wish for our today's children: That they may understand—who they are; That they may grow—as sons of God in a Christian Community; That they may live—as Christian disciples and That they may abide—in the Christian Hope.

All of this may be summed up in the hope that they may respond in Faith, Love and Discipleship to the world in which they live.

Have you read carefully the free booklet, "Are You Ready?" It will answer any question you may have about the new materials and their purposes.

loved ones who have taken up residence there. They are comforted, not because their sorrow has been explained, but because faith has been undegirded.

"Blessed are they that mourn." They know the secret of a "higher happiness". They have bathed their souls in that Living Water, which, the Bible says, shall become "a well of water, springing up into everlasting life."

(John's Gospel 4:14)

"BE STILL AND KNOW!"

All nature glows with redolence
And trees are glory towers
The rose, the loveliest thing that grows
Is perfect beauty sublime.
Life surges forth from unseen source
The great handiwork is seen
We, in our daily course grow still
In praise of power divine!

Sybil Nash Abrams

NEWS

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Education....

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It was my privilege to meet with the directors of religious education at Alexandria on the twenty-fourth of September. I am wondering if all the churches are making available to these directors the hospital insurance program of the conference. Every director is entitled to this coverage and I do hope that every church who employs one will co-operate in making this hospital insurance available. The directors of Christian education are a vital factor in the program of Christian education in this conference and we ought to do everything we can to give them the standing in the local church to which they are entitled.

We have the reservations and registrations of quite a number who are going to the Methodist Conference on Christian Education in Chicago on November 5-10, 1963, but we have not received the application for registration of quite a few who ought to be going to this conference. Will you please get the applications of registration to us just as soon as you can? The registration fee is ten dollars.

To clear up a slight misunderstanding concerning the new Children's Division literature order blanks, let me say that no firm order for Children's Curriculum will be made in January, 1964. Some churches, districts and conferences have assumed that the submitting of a firm order in January, 1964 is a part of the "C" Day plan. This is not the purpose of "C" Day which is scheduled the week of January 5, 1964. The purpose of "C" Day is to provide a time when the local churches can formally announce details of the new curriculum to their membership. The "C" Day Preparation Kit for use in projecting the new curriculum during the week of "C" Day will be sent to the pastor in charge of each Methodist Church. A new curriculum order blank for the September-October-November, 1964 quarter will be distributed in June, 1964. First shipment of the new literature in response to these orders will be made in late July and early August, 1964. On January 5, 1964, we will just make an estimate of what we shall need so the Publishing House will have a real idea of the need over the whole church. **SEND IN YOUR RALLY DAY OFFERING JUST AS SOON AS YOU CAN. WE NEED IT.**



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



The Monroe District Retreat was a great success. Laymen just about filled Chemin-A-Haut State Park. I enjoyed being over that way again and seeing so many good friends. Bob Lay did his usual fine job as the main speaker. The reports given indicate that things are progressing nicely throughout the district. One very impressive report was given by William Baker of Winnsboro on the Monroe District Layman's Scholarship Fund. This project was begun back in 1958 to provide scholarship assistance to young men who are ministerial students. Bill had flown his airplane over into Texas and picked up the Rev. George Sherman and brought him to the retreat to take part in presenting his report. George grew up in the Bastrop area and has been one of our scholarship recipients for the past two years. He gave a good report Saturday afternoon and then Bill flew him back to Texas where he is serving as pastor to a four-point charge while he is attending Perkins School of Theology.

One of the highlights of the retreat was when Pete Medak, the Monroe District Lay Leader, presented a beautiful plaque to Norman Rushing of West Monroe as the "Distinguished Layman's Award" winner for this year in the Monroe District. Norman was a fine choice for this high honor. He has served the church well for a long time in many positions, one of which was eleven years as district lay leader.

We are getting into another busy month, so let me remind you of some important dates:

October 10 we will be at Rayville for a Monroe District Workshop for Church Lay Leaders and ministers.

October 18 & 19 is the National Workshop on Lay Speaking at Evanston,

Illinois.

October 20 is Layman's Day.

October 28 we put on the workshop for church lay leaders and ministers for the Alexandria District at First Church in Alexandria.

October 29 we go to New Orleans to hold the workshop for lay leaders and ministers at Rayne Memorial Church.

All of these dates are important so mark them on your calendar.

I am grateful for the wonderful way in which more and more of our laymen are responding to the opportunities for service in the church. It is only through maximum participation that each of us will find the true joy and satisfaction that is ours when we "give of our best to the Master".



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



Carl and Julia Williams, our missionaries to Bolivia, are on furlough and in Louisiana. They are available to churches desiring their services. In order to minimize their travel, it would be good for them to remain in one district for several days rather than criss-crossing our state. Their schedule of dates and places is being handled by the Rev. Jack Cooke, Conference Missionary Secretary, 921 S. Carrollton, New Orleans. A letter to Brother Cooke will bring you every possible consideration in obtaining this wonderful missionary couple for a time in your church or area.

No honorarium is required, but each church will be asked to take care of their expenses while at the church and travel expense to the next appointment.

One of the most challenging opportunities for a mission emphasis in the local church comes with the personal visit of our missionaries. Their sacrifice and dedication should be a high point of inspiration for each of us.

On another subject, "Meals for Millions" offers a Trick-or-Treat community program for us on Halloween. For pastors and church leaders looking for something new to emphasize with children on this date, this program comes as near to meeting a perfect need as one could find. "Meals for Millions" provides for family relief by providing high-protein multi-purpose-foods for distribution by missionaries in the Philippines, Africa, Bolivia, Chile, Brazil, Korea, India—in fact, for all our missionaries on foreign soil. Under this program an investment of 3c will buy a meal for a hungry child somewhere in our world, and be distributed at the point of most critical need under the direction of our own missionaries.

What is multi-purpose-food? It is a high-protein, soy-based fortified food developed at Caltech, which looks a little like cornmeal but tastes much better. Two ounces of it contains protein, vitamins and minerals in amounts approximately equal to those in 1/4 pound of beef, a dish of peas, a glass of milk and a potato. Best of all, this two ounces only costs 3c, one of the best food bargains in the country. It can be eaten alone, cooked or uncooked, or it can be combined with other foods.

The "Meals for Millions" Foundation has worked persistently since 1946 without endowment or governmental support. It is an independent organization, but works in cooperation with MCOR, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Contributions for "Meals for Millions" may be so designated and sent through our conference treasurer, with Advance Special credit given to the local church.

"Meals for Millions" is also a highly desirable special project for use in Sunday Schools, youth groups and during Vacation Church Schools. A church or group looking for a special interest would do well to carefully consider what multi-purpose-foods can do for the world's hungry millions. The address is Meals for Millions, 215 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, 14, California.

Remember!

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LAYMEN'S DAY



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Milestone for Methodist Deaconesses



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

The 75th anniversary of the deaconess movement in The Methodist Church is being observed this year throughout the U.S. Typical of the some 400 deaconesses serving the Church are: (top row, left to right) the Misses Dona Ferguson, Courtland, Kan.; Patricia A. Yetter, Bangor, Pa.; Mary L. Hutchinson, Forrence, Cal., and Rita Mae Elliott, Bethalto, Ill.

Photos in middle row, (left to right) show Miss Christian Brewer, a trained social worker at Houchen Community Center, El Paso, Texas; Miss Dorothy Wilbur, a church and community worker assisting young people at the West Carlisle Methodist church in Rolling Hills, Ohio; and Miss Bessie Estep, a registered nurse who serves at a mission station in Malaya.

COMMENT

----- report as given at the spring Annual WSCS Conference and printed in the ANNUAL REPORT

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

William M. Stokes, Jr., Director

"You know the first thing I got from Wesley Foundation was a friendly handshake, and that really felt good to a freshman. That handshake has made me come back time after time. Wesley Foundation makes it possible to meet new friends in a Christian environment," said a freshman boy who spoke at vespers. Each student receives a "Welcome to Wesley."

The vesper services, held on Thursday and Sunday, are the most important aspect of our program. A freshman girl said, "The thing that has impressed me most has been the worship service. Some of the devotions have been very inspiring because they have been simple lessons we can work into our everyday lives. I am sure we all enjoyed the special speakers, but I personally believe that we gain more from hearing a person our own age tell about his experiences in Christianity and to hear him witness for Christ." The vesper services, planned and conducted by the students, are an expression of their own Christian faith. Prayer Time, a devotion with altar prayer and meditation, is held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Communion Service is held before the students begin their Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. The Pre-Easter Vespers, with laymen as speakers, were centered around the events of Passion Week.

A deputation team is a group of college students who go to the churches of our District to present morning or evening services of worship, speak to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men's Club, Methodist Youth Fellowship, or be of service any way they can to the churches. A boy said of a deputation team he heard while in high school, "I was surprised to learn that the students on the team were not all pre-theology majors. They were engineers, Pre-Med students, English majors, and others. I soon realized that a person can witness for Christ in any profession." The deputation teams are a witness of our students for Jesus Christ.

Each person on the Council, the student governing body, is responsible for some phase of the program and activities. Weekly Council meetings are held to carry out the plans made at the annual Fall Planning Retreat held at Caney Lake, Minden. Thirteen of our students, along with the director, attended the Regional Leadership Training Conference, Camp Canyon, Oklahoma.

Our students participated in campus activities: homecoming display—"We've Got the Lion by the Tail"—winning first place in the religious division; intra-mural sports—winning first place in the boys' track division; Campus Carnival—"Wesley County Jail"—winning first place in the independent division. Open House was held after the football games, and a reception for Mothers' Week End and Fathers' Week End.

With the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund our students selected Ewha University, Seoul, Korea, and Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska, as their projects. Their individual pledges help support these projects. A campus wide project was held to raise money for MCOR providing food for hungry children. Our students collected money at Christmas to purchase groceries for a needy family.

The pastors of our churches, Reverend Douglas McGuire and Reverend George Ross, and their members are to be commended for the splendid manner in which they help students to become a part of their membership, offering them affiliate or regular membership. We are indeed grateful to Reverend Luman Douglas, our District Superintendent, for his outstanding leadership and interest as he has presented our program and activities to the churches of our District. To the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—District, Conference, and National level—we are grateful for your support and interest.

Another student said, "Anyone that wants to stand up and witness for Christ is welcomed at Wesley. It doesn't matter his profession. I would like to ask each of you to remember there is a place here for you if you want to tell people about your God." And so we see the importance of our students' witness, their sharing, and their faith as they seek to bring others to know of Jesus as their Lord.

To become a deaconess, a young woman must have a bachelor's degree and at least one year of specialized training. She chooses the profession which can best use her talents, training and experience. These women serve the church in numerous ways. Many are directors of Christian education, pastor's assistants, church secretaries, nurses, missionaries and social workers.

Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, (bottom left) executive secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work, Board of Missions, said, "thousands of women have been trained to serve the church as deaconesses during the past 75 years." In earlier days deaconesses were distinguished by their "garb," but in recent years no special wear has been prescribed.

Dr. Richard H. Bauer (Bottom center), executive secretary of the Methodist Church's Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, said, "these women have transformed the lives of countless numbers of people in their care of humanity and have borne a Christian witness in all conditions of society."

Miss Allen Ford (bottom right), secretary of Missionary Personnel, describes a Methodist deaconess as "a woman led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christlike service and who having met the requirements prescribed...has been licensed, consecrated, and commissioned by a bishop." She added that "the Church hopes to enlist 75 new deaconesses during this, the 75th anniversary year."

Methodist Aid Algerians To

Rebuild A Village

By Emil Paul John

(Editor's Note: This article is by a former Methodist missionary and journalist who has been serving as a special representative of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in Algeria. Mr. John's American home is Providence, R. I.)

A helping hand by Christian churchmen in the United States is giving some Moslems in Algeria an unexpected boost during a critical period of their lives. The assistance, \$6,250 from The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, is "peanuts" in comparison with the need. But to the people living in the mountains of Kabylia in north central Algeria, it seems more like an oasis in the desert.

The emergency relief organization of The Methodist Church, MCOR, has spent much larger sums to help the new nation recover from the blow of a

seven-year war for independence. The \$6,250 represents only the amount given to build houses. With it, 12 dwellings will be completed for war widows and their children, which really is "peanuts" when you consider that in one section of these mountains, 82,000 houses were totally destroyed, 40,000 almost totally destroyed, and 25,000 partially destroyed.

The Kabyles are mountaineers who build their villages on the peaks and crests of hills. They formed the backbone of Algeria's army in fighting against the French, and because of this they suffered. Their villages were caught between two fires. If they gave shelter to Algerian guerrillas, they were punished by the French, and if they refused shelter, they faced the wrath of the guerrillas. When the smoke from these "fires" cleared, the Algerians found entire villages razed and their inhabitants gathered in regroupment centers, usually located in valleys where the French could control and protect them.



The Rev. Lester E. Griffith, Jr. gives a blanket (sent by relief agencies) to a Kabyle woman at Il Maten.

The area where the MCOR gift is being used is in the hills overlooking the fertile Soummam Valley. Such was the intensity of fighting here that the



Reilly Hook, a 3-year special-term missionary to Algeria, walks past the 12 stone houses which MCOR money will help complete at Il Maten.

Soummam became known as the "Valley of Blood." When the cease-fire was announced and Algerians voted for independence, two mass movements started. The Algerians in regroupment centers and those who had fled to Tunisia and Morocco began to return to their villages, and the Europeans who had controlled almost the entire economy of the region began to leave North Africa. Nor did the groups tip their hats as they passed each other.

The value of the MCOR gift was that it came at a time when the Kabyles had the feeling everyone was deserting them. It came when their joy over independence was changing to discouragement over their economic plight. Moreover the aid came with the return of Methodist missionaries to a station that had been closed because of the war.

The Rev. Lester E. Griffith, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, a missionary who had spent 40 days as a captive of Algerian rebels, led the reopening of the mission at Il Maten on January 7. Until it was abandoned in 1955, the mission had operated a school for girls, a home for girls, a small dispensary and an evangelistic program. The French army occupied it during the war, and the village on the hill overlooking the mission was partially destroyed.

In recent years, the French began a large program of redevelopment for Arabs and Kabyles, but with independence these projects were halted abruptly. At Il Maten, about 300 yards from the mission, the French had started to build a housing project for Kabyles. It was to consist of 24 stone houses attached in four groups of six each. They got as far as putting the roofs on 12 of these houses and laying a foundation for six others. With the coming of independence, the French evacuated the mission. The 12 stone houses were left in a state for children to play in and animals to wander through.

The MCOR gift now is being used for doors, windows, plumbing, chimneys and ceiling paint, so the 12 houses can be livable. This aid even gave the returning missionaries a psychological lift.

"I would have felt uneasy," one missionary said, "if we had returned to fix up our mission houses, while all the people around us stand in the rubble of their houses with no means to rebuild them."

The mission station at Il Maten will

concentrate on medical work for the immediate future because much sickness and war injuries have fallen upon the Algerians. The former school at the mission is being converted into a large dispensary. On March 1, under financial support from MCOR, the station received Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Die-wechter, Storm Lake, Iowa. He is the first medical doctor ever to serve The Methodist Church's 54-year-old mission in Algeria.

The Methodist relief group also has provided a Volkswagen bus which missionaries have used to bring furnishings and supplies to their mountain station and to carry sick Kabyles to the nearest hospital in Bougie, 24 miles away. A representative of MCOR is living at the Il Maten station with his family, along with two nurses—Miss Laura Chevrin, a French-Methodist with 30 years' experience in Kabylia, and Miss Rosemarie Nausner, an Austrian-Methodist who was graduated from nursing school last year.

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Methodist Briefs

A Methodist minister from Georgia was the first guest chaplain in the U. S. House of Representatives under a new plan which limits guest chaplains to one a week. He was Dr. William Harry Moore of Americus, Ga., executive secretary of the South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging. He was sponsored by Rep. Carl Vinson (D. Ga.), dean of the House, and members of the Georgia delegation.



Exposed olive press is seen in this mill which was destroyed in village above Il Maten mission. Olives are the backbone of Kabyle economy. Hundreds of mills were exposed like this to rust into uselessness.

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In Memoriam



Mrs. Grace Mechlin

Mrs. Grace Mechlin, member of the Mountain Pine Methodist Church, was born in Vernon, Texas, August 7, 1894 and died September 24, 1963 in Hot Springs. She was the daughter of a Methodist minister. She devoted her life as a teacher to deaf children in Texas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Arizona, and Louisiana. Upon retirement she came with her husband to Mountain Pine, Arkansas and in the five years of her residence here she became very active in church and community affairs. The Mountain Pine Methodist church was a very important part in the last five years of her life. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Church School, and the music program felt her influence and guiding hand.

Mrs. Mechlin is survived by her husband, Lt. Col Fred Mechlin; a daughter, Mrs. L. L. Kilgore of Monroe, Louisiana; two step daughters, Mrs. Van Mechlin Flett of Shreveport, Louisiana; Mrs. J. Mechlin Steetle of Portland, Oregon; a brother, Sam S. Wiseman of Columbus, Ohio; ten grandchildren and one niece and two nephews.

I wish to include a tribute that her son-in-law, Dr. L. L. Kilgore, who is director of Teacher Education in the State Teacher's College at Monroe, Louisiana, paid her:

"Mrs. Mechlin's deep appreciation of nature, her love for her fellow man, and sympathy for all living things enabled her to live closely attuned to our Creator. She possessed an abiding love of family and friends and her kindness and generosity exceeded her actual means on many occasions. She understood the feelings of children particularly those who were crippled, and wished for each of them something of the more abundant life. An esthetic sense of beauty made her actually aware of nature and a sense of humor overcame many trying and difficult days. She used her poetic ability to enrich the lives of all who knew her. She renewed her strength in the Mountains of Mountain Pine. She gave deeply, sincerely, without reservation to all who came her way."

And from Mrs. Mechlin's own pen we have:

"Suppose each one whom God has blessed,

In gratitude would gladly turn
And follow Him devotedly;
Soon all the world would learn
That He is love."

H. W. Jinske, Pastor
†

Mrs. Golder Lawrence

Mrs. Susan Tucker Hammond Lawrence, wife of Dr. Golder Lawrence, retired member of the North Arkansas

Conference, died on Sept. 22 in Newton, Miss., following a brief critical illness.

Funeral services were held in the Newton Methodist Church, Sept. 24. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Marshall E. Burnett, pastor of the Newton Church, and the Rev. W. R. Dement, a former pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence had made their home in Newton since 1959, when he retired. They made their home on a farm between Newton and Hickory. She has been active in assisting her husband, who has served as executive vice-president of the Newton Chamber of Commerce since his retirement.

Mrs. Lawrence was born in McCrory, Ark., Nov. 16, 1889, but was reared by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hopkins, following the death of her parents, Priscilla and Warren D. Tucker. Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence were married in Nov., 1946. She served with him in pastorates at Helena, Harrison, Tuckerman and McCrory.

Dr. James David Thornton

Dr. James David Thornton, member of the Mountain Pine Methodist Church, was born October 21, 1887 at Pitkin, Louisiana and died August 29, 1963 at Hot Springs, Ark. For many years he lived at Mountain Pine and was the doctor for Dierks Forests, Inc. He was active in church and community life and was a member of Masonic Lodge IOOF.

Dr. Thornton is survived by his wife, Inex Phillips Thornton, three sons—Dr. James D. Thornton, Jr. of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. William D. Thornton of Texarkana, Texas; Bowman Von Thorn-

ton of Mid-West City, Oklahoma and six sisters: Mrs. Amy Hoglan, Mrs. Zandie Richman, Mrs. Etta Cain, Mrs. Bertie Howard, Mrs. Nell Goetzman all of Pitkin, Louisiana and Mrs. Lola Mitchell of Leesville, Louisiana. Four grand children also survive him.

It can be said of Dr. Thornton that he was truly a fine rural doctor with a fine Christian spirit. He not only knew medicine; he also knew people and loved them.

In the healing ministry of medicine Dr. Thornton will be long remembered and loved by all who knew him. As a faithful layman in his church he will not be easily replaced. He loved God and his church.

H. W. Jinske, Pastor
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Mrs. Minns S. Robertson

Dorothy Galloway Robertson, beloved wife of Minns S. Robertson, pastor of our church at Columbia, La., died in a local hospital at Columbia on September 10 after a long and painful illness. She is survived by her husband, three sons: Minns, Jr., and James of Port Sulphur, La. and Paul of Columbia; three daughters: Mrs. James G. Brown of Metairie, La., Mrs. Paul B. Stewart of Starkville, Miss., and Miss Mary Katherine Robertson of Colum-

bia; her mother Mrs. Nettie W. Galloway of Metairie, La.; a sister, Mrs. James J. Nerney of Metairie, La., and two brothers: Rev. Benedict A. Galloway, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans and Dr. James H. Galloway of Raleigh, North Carolina, and two granddaughters.

Dorothy observed her 49th birthday in the hospital on August 29, only a few days before her death. She had joined the Methodist Church at an early age and had been a faithful member all her life. She and Rev. Robertson were married on May 20, 1934 while both were students at Louisiana State University. As a minister's wife, she was a gracious hostess and mother in the parsonage and effective as a helpmate in all the work and activities of the church.

The beauty of her faith and character were continually reflected during her illness, during which she constantly insisted that her pastor husband be completely faithful to his duties and responsibilities. Her gracious bearing of great pain was an inspiration to all.

In the assurances of our faith "More homelike seems the great unknown since she has entered there; To follow her were not so hard. Wherever she may fare. She cannot be where God is not On any sea or shore." And in this faith those who mourn her passing are also sustained.

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Methodist Student Movement REPORT

Large Louisiana Delegation At Student Conference

Seventy-six Louisiana students and student leaders attended the Methodist Student Movement's Regional Leadership Training Conference at Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Palestine, Texas, on August 24-31. In attendance were 375 students and student workers from six states. The Louisiana delegation was second in size only to that of the Texas MSM.

Focusing on the theme "Agony and Renewal: A Call to Mission in the Church, on the Campus, in the World," the students participated in a full schedule including Bible study and study paper covenant groups, workshops, seminars, platform addresses, informal fireside discussions and worship.

Platform speaker for the week was Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Littell, an ordained Methodist minister, formerly taught at Southern Methodist and Emory Universities.

Members of the Louisiana campus ministry serving on the Conference staff included: the Rev. Bill Stokes and the Rev. Bob Tatum, Bible-study leaders; the Revs. Howard Daughenbaugh, Jr., Lamar Davis, and George Duerson, study paper leaders; and the Rev. Delton Pickering, who taught the workshop on religion and contemporary literature.

Mrs. John Howe of Houma was one of the several Conference W.S.C.S. secretaries of student work who attended the conference.

The LSU Wesley Foundation was represented by the largest delegation of all 65 colleges which had representatives at the conference.

Students and adult workers in attendance from Louisiana included:

Centenary College: Helen M. Giessen, Ralph W. Harker, Jesse L. Means, Jr;

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute: Bill Arnett, Patricia Humble, Margie Murry, Darien McKenzie, Kerry Peterson, Everett Plummer, John Stephens, Wilmer Stowe, Rowland Vernon, Beth Young, the Rev. Bill Stokes;

Louisiana State University: Edwin Augustat, Philip B. Bandel, John Bradshaw, John Chadwick, Betsy Dienken, Merry Fife, Bryan Kornegay, Bunny Newland, Jeune Pipes, James Watts, the Rev. Douglas McLean, the Rev. Delton Pickering, (also attending with the LSU delegation were Nina Beth Wardlaw, North Texas State University, and Fred Crary, the University of Delaware);

Northeast Louisiana State College: Vernon Alford, Nan Cheek, Helen Jackson, Jenny Keller, Rosalie Leatherbury, Milas Medlin, Grover Stanton, Linda Trinkle, Louis Whitworth, the Rev. and Mrs. George Duerson;

Northwestern State College: Mary Blackmon, Evelyn Davis, Sylvia Durham, Patsy Gaspard, Edwin Kelly, Carolyn Martin, Carolann Bingham, the

Louisiana MSM Officers Are Named For Current School Year

The State Council of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement has named its executive officers for 1963-64. They are: president, Ronald W. Lewis, Tulane University; vice president, William N. Perry, Northwestern State College; secretary, Miss Terry Rose Wilkins, Southern University; treasurer, Miss Merry Fife, LSU; and regional representative, Rowland Vernon, Louisiana Tech.

Lewis Named To National MSM Conference

Ronald Lewis, president of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement, was one of four students from throughout the United States to be elected to the National Council of the Methodist Student Movement at that body's national conference on June 16-22 at Ohio Wesleyan University. The National Conference of the MSM is composed of all MSM state presidents and other special delegates and is the policy-making body for the Methodist Student Movement in the United States.

Mr. Lewis is the first Louisianian to serve as a national MSM officer since Mr. Larry Pleimann, then a student at LSU, was elected national MSM president in 1955.

Methodists In Student Ecumenical Conference

Methodist students in Louisiana colleges and universities are preparing for the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission by participating in ecumenical campus study groups. The quadrennial conference, which will be attended by 3000 students, will be held at the University of Ohio in Athens on December 27, 1963 to January 2, 1964.

Ecumenical campus study groups have already been formed at LSU and Tu-

laine. Other campuses are expected to develop such groups in the near future.

Participation in an ecumenical campus group is a prerequisite for attending the quadrennial conference.

In addition to the local campus groups, a special weekend study conference for Louisiana students is scheduled on November 30 - December 1. Resource leader for the conference will be Mr. Anwar Barkat, who is serving as the 1963-64 International Travel Associate for the National Student Christian Federation's Commission on World Mission. Mr. Barkat is a native of Pakistan.

Students interested in these ecumenical activities should contact the Methodist chaplain on their campus.

Rev. Bob Tatum;
McNeese State College: Joe Black, Ed Sizemore, the Rev. and Mrs. Lamar Davis;

Southeastern Louisiana College: Linda Bourgeois, Judy Brignac, Donnie Carter, Sam Emanuel, Bobby Funderburk, Mary Amy Hood, Libby McCaa, Brenda Moorman, Ellen Scates, Diane Wahl;

Tulane University: Sandra Baker, Melanie Byrd, Perry Desai, Jerianne Heimendinger, Ron Lewis, Robert Williams, the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Daughenbaugh, Jr.;

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA: Tommy Avant, Frank Graves, Sidney Hartiens, Maurice Leatherbury, Ronald Sarver, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Barefield;

Conference W.S.C.S Secretary of Student Work: Mrs. John Howe and Mr. Howe.

Pickering Associate Dean of Regional

The Rev. Delton Pickering, Director of the LSU Wesley Foundation and State Director of the Methodist Student Movement, was selected recently to serve as associate dean of the 1964 Southwest Regional Leadership Training Conference of the Methodist Student Movement. In this capacity, Mr. Pickering will work closely with the dean, the Rev. Robert Shelton, director of the Kansas MSM, and a steering committee composed of students and state directors from six southwestern states.

Normally the individual who serves as associate dean is regarded as dean-designate for the following year.

Louisiana students and the steering committee which will plan the 1964 Conference are: Ronald Lewis of Tulane, Louisiana MSM President and Rowland Vernon of Louisiana Tech, Louisiana MSM regional representative.

is a member of the Istrouma Methodist Church.

Mr. Vernon is from Tioga, Louisiana, and a member of the Palestine Methodist Church. He is a sophomore at Louisiana Tech. with a pre-med major.

These executive officers, along with a representative from each MSM unit in the state, will plan and coordinate all MSM state activities in Louisiana during the current year.

Dr. Richard K. Spears, Jr., chairman of Centenary's committee for commencement and public occasions, said that all members of the senior class, as well as faculty and staff members, will be in full academic regalia for the occasion. This will be the second year in which Centenary has held a formal opening.

Dr. James T. Harris, pastor at Broadmoor Methodist Church, will deliver the invocation at the ceremony, and there will be a special number by the Centenary Choir, "God's Own Time."

Dean Wharton, born in Handsboro, Miss., is a well-known teacher and writer in the field of history. He took his B.A. degree at Millsaps College in 1928, the M.A. at the University of North Carolina in 1931 and the Ph.D. at the same institution in 1940.

He entered the field of full-time college teaching at Millsaps, was a research assistant for the Institute for Research in Social Science and Dean of the College at Texas Women's University before joining the USL administration in 1956.

Dean Wharton has authored two books, "The Negro in Mississippi" and "The Negro in Mississippi Politics," as well as numerous articles in historical journals.

An active Methodist layman, he has served as a member of the official board of the First Methodist Church in Lafayette.

Formal Opening

Dr. Vernon L. Wharton, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, will deliver the principal address Oct. 3 at the formal opening of the academic year at Centenary College.

Dean Wharton's address will be the main event of a program scheduled to begin at 10:40 a.m., in the Brown Memorial Chapel.



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METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

At the request of the Louisiana Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Council, I am declaring that Sunday, October 27, 1963, be known as Methodist Youth Fellowship Sunday, and I am asking that it be observed as such in the local churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Aubrey G. Walton

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Epistle From Liberia

Monrovia, Liberia
October 7, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Dr. Trice and I arrived in Liberia on last Wednesday morning. We are enjoying our visit to this country and we have learned a great deal during these days about this land and, specially about the work of the Methodist Church in Liberia.

The Republic of Liberia resulted from an undertaking on the part of a group of philanthropic societies in the United States, in the early part of the nineteenth century to provide a home in Africa for freed American slaves. The first settlement was in 1822. In 1847 the Republic of Liberia was established with a constitution very much like that of the United States. Liberia has been a free and independent republic since that date—and was one of the original members of the United Nations.

Liberia was the first African Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but it was also the first foreign mission to be established anywhere by the denomination. Melville Cox, who came to Liberia in 1833, was the first Methodist missionary. The mission was organized in 1834, became a mission conference in 1836, and an annual conference in 1848.

In these recent days Dr. Trice and I have seen much of the Methodist work in Monrovia, the capitol of the Republic, and we have traveled 185 miles across Liberia to the Guinea border. On this journey we visited our mission station at Ganta and at Gbornga (pronounced bang-a). In between we have seen a number of villages and much open country. Today we are to visit the Firestone rubber plantation which comprises, approximately 80,000 acres with millions of rubber trees. In the morning we are to fly to Accra, Ghana, and on the next day we will go on to Leopoldville in the Congo.

Space will not permit our telling you much about Methodist work here in this letter.

In Monrovia we have the College of West Africa, which is really a high school. This school was established in 1839 and has been in continuous operation. There is also a very fine elementary school in Monrovia where twelve nationalities are represented in the faculty and student body. The enrollment in this school is 231. There are eleven teachers, three with the Master's degree.

At Ganta, 185 miles from Monrovia, there is the Methodist Mission consisting of 500 acres. Here is located the Leprosy Colony which we visited on Saturday. The support for this work comes from our Board of Missions in the United States, the American Leprosy Mission, Inc., and the Liberian government. There about 1,000 persons being treated at this time, 350 of whom are in residence at the colony. The Ganta mission also maintains a hospital where hundreds of people are treated each week. A Nursing School is operated in connection with the hospital. An industrial and mechanical program is carried on by means of a brick and tile yard, saw mill and shops. All building materials are provided here and numbers of Liberians are trained in this program for work throughout the country. A beautiful church has been erected here. An elementary school was established in 1928. Hostels are provided for both boys and girls. The house mother at the girl's hostel is Miss Doretha Brown from Franklin, Louisiana.

On Saturday afternoon we drove fifty miles toward Monrovia to Gbanga. I preached there on yesterday morning to a large congregation and we observed World-Wide Communion Sunday. There are about 200 acres in this mission. Here too, is a beautiful church building, an elementary school, an agricultural program and a center for evangelistic expansion.

We are greatly indebted to Bishop Prince A. Taylor and his people for all their kindness to us. Bishop Taylor has been the resident bishop since 1956. There are 11 districts in the conference, 208 churches and preaching places, 76 ministers in full connection, 6 on trial and about 15,000 church members. Wish we could tell you more.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

October 27 Will Be Observed As Youth Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, October 27, has been declared Methodist Youth Fellowship Sunday in an official proclamation by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton. Many Methodist churches throughout Louisiana will take this opportunity to recognize the importance of youth in the life of the church. In many churches youth will appear before the congregations as they sing in choirs, lead in prayers, serve as ushers and tell the congregation about the M.Y.F. in the local church.

The Conference M.Y.F. Council planned the event as an opportunity for local churches:

1. To recognize the youth in each church and their contribution to the life of the church.
2. To recognize the adult workers with youth who faithfully give of their time and service to God and His church.
3. To recognize the significance of the MYFund.

The MYFund is one of the three ways that Methodist Youth give to the missionary program of The Methodist Church. It plays an important role in helping people around the world.

The first atom bomb destroyed the Hiroshima Girl's School (Japan) on August 6, 1945. Three months after the bomb fell, the school rented quarters and began teaching girls again. Today, the school enrolls approximately one thousand students in high school and over three hundred and fifty in college. The MYFund is at work where once the atom bomb destroyed.

The Navajo Indian tribe, the largest in the United States, is the challenge of the Navajo Methodist Mission School and Bisti Community Center, for seventy per cent are illiterate and less than ten per cent are Christian. The MYFund is giving new life to Navajo Indians through education and the proclamation of the Gospel.

The MYFund dollar goes around the

world. It goes to a Friendship Center in Bombay, India. The dollar helps needy Spanish-speaking families in El Paso, Texas. It reaches out to the Sannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. It helps support deaconesses in Argentina as they witness to Christ there. The MYFund dollar helps heal lepers at Teles Leprosarium, Combine, Mozambique, Africa. In over forty annual conferences overseas and in five national mission conferences, we find leaders in Christian education whose ministry is made possible by the MYFund.

The MYFund dollar helps support many different types of ministry, such as Christian education, community centers, educational work, medical work, rural work, social-evangelistic work and youth work in the United States. Part on the MYFund dollar is at work now in youth work in Louisiana through the Conference M.Y.F.

The Conference M.Y.F. has set a goal of \$8,378.40 for MYFund giving in Louisiana, 1963-64.

Money given to the MYFund should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, the Rev. J. E. Hearn, 1418 Brewster, Ruston, Louisiana. Be sure to mark it clearly: "MYFund."

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THESE PICTURES, taken at the recent workshop conducted by Thomas A. Pitt, associate Area Director for lay leaders, members of official boards and pastors of the Baton Rouge District show: (left) Tom Ma-

theny, Baton Rouge District Lay Leader, speaking, with Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, at his right; and a picture of the group engaged in a discussion period.

Editorials

A Disservice To Methodism

ONE of the general secretaries of The Methodist Church has rendered a great disservice to an honored position of our denomination by furnishing material which has been widely interpreted to mean that Methodists are about to change their traditional position against the use of alcohol beverages. Roger Burgess, of the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, has written material in the October 1 issue of *Concern*, which has been widely quoted in a syndicated column of United Press International to make the case that we are about to change our Methodist position on abstinence. Mr. Burgess will likely say that this is not what he intended to do, but there is no doubt that it has been done and this is regrettable.

The article, which appears on page 10 of the October issue of *Concern* begins with the words, "Many Methodists drink. This is a fact of life which must be faced realistically." Certainly none of us would question that, but there is a difference in our points of view concerning how to face these "facts of life realistically."

There are at least three ways in which this material faces the question "unrealistically" and we think the division which Mr. Burgess works for should do something immediately to clear "these muddy waters." In the first place, a great deal of weight is given to a survey taken in a church in Kansas that reported 85% of the men in that congregation between the ages of 23 and 49 indicated that they used alcoholic beverages. Then after referring to this survey, Mr. Burgess says "There are many churches like this one," which seems to be expressing his conviction that 85% of the men in many Methodist churches are drinking. A recent Gallup Poll indicated that 61% of all the people in the country were using alcoholic

beverages and we have a feeling that Methodists are nearer the national average than the single Methodist survey would indicate.

Secondly, we cannot approve the manner in which this division secretary, whose major responsibility is to implement the Methodist position on abstinence stated at previous General Conferences, seems to deal lightly with the historic position of his church. He indicates in the article that Mr. Wesley did not "preach abstinence" and that Methodism's first positions on "temperance" interpreted the word to mean "moderation" in the use of these beverages. The Methodist Church has had a proud image of standing firmly against the inroads of the alcoholic traffic for a great many years and this should not be dealt with lightly by one whose responsibility is to undergird that position.

In the third place, the article in question devotes about 80% of its content to lifting up reasons why the present Methodist position ought to be changed, and only in the closing 20% does it indicate a conviction that our church has stronger grounds than the traditional and the historic for reaffirming its position on abstinence. We agree that the sanctions for this position must be found in what alcohol is doing to people today. Actually the "draft statement which is printed along with the articles does not seem to be in such "sharp contrast" with the position now officially held. It calls for Christian love for neighbors and an understanding of the alcoholic (these elements are also in the current position.) The new statement calls on all Methodists to abstain as a matter of "conscience and Christian responsibility." It is certainly being realistic when it affirms that "abstinence is not enough," and that there must also be "education, rehabilitation for alcoholics and strong legal controls."

The "draft statement" is a good one and will likely be adopted by the General Conference unless the "static" that has been raised reacts against it. There can be no question that the release of this material through *Concern* and the syndicated press have seriously damaged the position which The Methodist Church holds as an advocate of abstinence. The "image" of the church has been tarnished and we call upon the Division of Temperance and General Welfare to do something to straighten this whole thing out.

Surely this general secretary, as all others in the connection, should be reminded that his major responsibility is to implement the positions of the General Conference and not to indicate in advance that these positions are going to be changed. The delegates to the 1964 session of General Conference will decide that.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

AN ECUMENICAL FIRST

It was our privilege to share last week in the sessions of the South Central Region of the Catholic Press Association. This was another in that series of "ecumenical firsts" that have opened up under the impetus of the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. The meeting was at Lafayette, La. and for the first time the Protestant press was invited to sit in on their meetings.

We were invited primarily to attend the Thursday evening session which was to deal with the Vatican Council—called by the Catholic journalists, "Vatican Two." However, we enjoyed a bonus since the main speaker for that evening's session was a Catholic layman, Robert G. Hoyt, editor of the Catholic Reporter of Kansas City, Mo., who spoke on "Freedom in the Catholic Press." Mr. Hoyt illustrated the fact that he is an outstanding journalist, and sounded a real challenge to his colleagues to work for freedom in their editorial tasks.

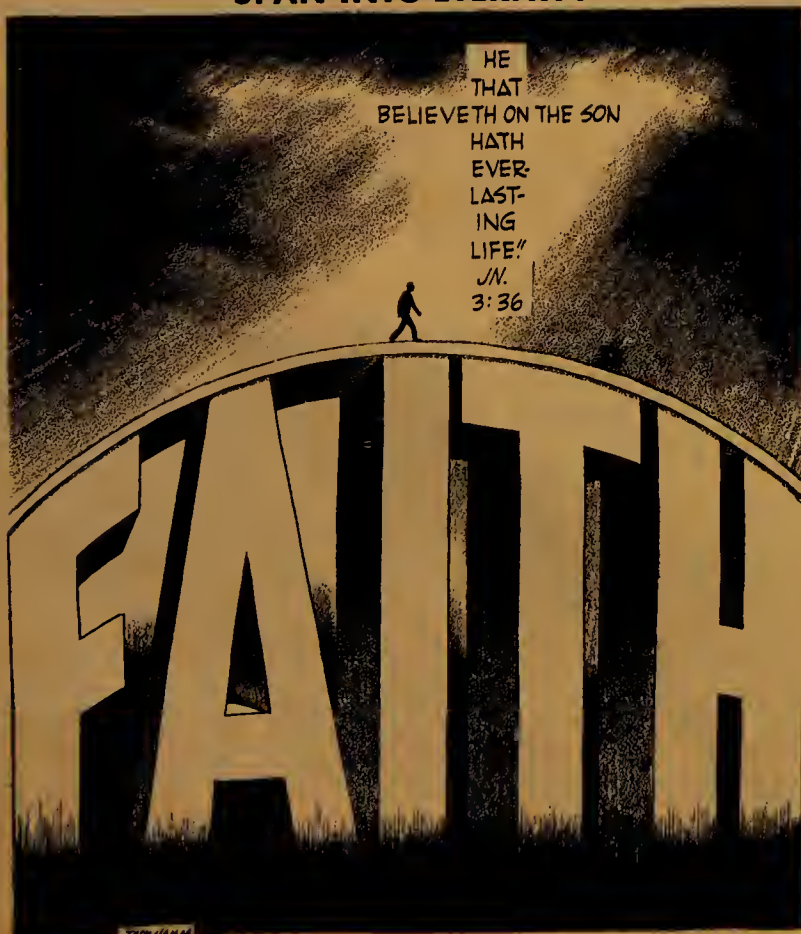
It was a rather unique experience to hear the same kind of discussion concerning freedom, that one might hear at a meeting of the Protestant editors. We have a feeling that fresh air is blowing here as in many other areas as a direct result of the spirit of the Vatican Council.

There were two speakers who dealt with the Second Vatican Council. The first was Father Richard Mouton of New Orleans, who was identified on the program as "peritus," which someone explained to me was Latin for "expert," who dealt with the meaning and philosophy of the Council. Then we heard from Father Elmo Romagosa, executive editor of The Clarion Herald, publication of the New Orleans Archdiocese, who told us of the press arrangements, or the lack of same, made for the first session of the Council.

We have read many news dispatches concerning the Vatican Council and its significances, but it was an entirely new experience to be hearing the interpretations of these persons who are responsible for Catholic newspapers in five south central states.

We are truly grateful for this opportunity and hope the Protestant press will have an early opportunity to reciprocate.

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Dean of America's Church PR Men To Retire from Methodist Info.

NASHVILLE, TENN.— The Rev. Dr. Ralph Stoody New York City, general secretary of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information of The Methodist Church, will retire April 19, 1964. His successor will be the Rev. Dr. Arthur West, Evanston, Ill., now director of the Chicago office of the commisison.

This was announced Monday, Sept. 30, by Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, Mo., president of the commission following the annual meeting of the organization Sept. 27 in New York City.

Bishop Frank said the commission granted Dr. Stoody's request to retire on his sixty-eighth birthday, April 19, and elected his successor.

A few weeks after Dr. Stoody's retirement, Dr. West will move to New York, headquarters city of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information (often called Methodist Information for short).

No successor to Dr. West has yet been chosen to head the Chicago Methodist Information office.

Methodist Information is the official news agency of The Methodist Church and has several public relations responsibilities.

Dr. Stoody has directed the work of the commission for over 23 years, ever since it was established in 1940 soon after the unification of three branches of Methodism.

Dr. West, 53 has been in charge of the Chicago office 15 years. He is an associate secretary of the commission.

A native of Missouri, Dr. West is a member of the Missouri East Methodist Conference, and he has served as pastor of churches in Missouri, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maine.

His work as a journalist includes three years as a reporter on Missouri newspapers, two years as religious editor of the Providence (R.I.), Journal and Evening Bulletin and two years as church editor of the Bangor (Maine) Daily News.

He has a bachelor of arts degree and honorary doctor of divinity from Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., and master of arts and bachelor of sacred theology degrees from Boston University. He also has taken numerous courses in journalism and public relations at Northwestern University.

His public relations duties have included press staff work at four World Methodist Conferences, two of them abroad, and the second assembly of the World Council of Churches, held in 1959 at Evanston, Ill.

He is a past president of the Chicago Chapter of the National Religious Publicity Council (now Religious Public Relations Council) and a member of the Publicity Club of Chicago.

While a pastor in Maine, he was for three years publicity director of the Boston Area of The Methodist Church.

Dr. and Mrs. West have two sons, Paul, a senior in Chicago Theological Seminary, and David, a student at Kendall College in Evanston.

Dr. Stoody, a pioneer in church public relations, is often referred to as the dean of denominational public relations men in America. He is the author of a book, A Handbook of



Dr. Stoody

Church Public Relations.

He is a past president of the National Religious Publicity Council and has given leadership in many other interdenominational organizations.

Under Dr. Stoody's guidance, The Methodist Church has developed a network of public relations offices. Four (New York, Chicago, Nashville, and Washington) are offices of the national commission. In addition, there are 31 serving Methodist episcopal areas.

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When Jesus accepted his crucifixion it meant that he really believed the things he had been teaching.

World Service Presented With 1964-68 Askings

Miami Beach, Fla.—Representatives of 26 Methodist boards and commissions and four interdenominational agencies presented their 1964-68 askings to the annual meeting of the Council on World Service and Finance here Oct. 1-3.

Headed by Bishop Paul E. Martin of Houston, Texas, the 33 member Council, following its constitution, began "a diligent and detailed study of the needs of these general causes." Basing its judgment of needs upon the programs of the several agencies, the Council will recommend to the General Conference for its determination the amount to be apportioned . . . for each authorized agency.

The General Conference, the denomination's top legislative body, meets in Pittsburg, April 26, 1964.

Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council, reported aggregate receipts of \$30,313,140 for the general benevolent and administrative funds of the church. This was an advance of 6.03 percent over the previous year. World Service was paid in full.

The denomination's eight general funds, handled by the Central treasury in Evanston, Illinois, are World Service, including Advance Specials, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief Fund, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing and the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry. Promotional costs for these funds

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 20 - Sunday	Romans 8:1-11
Oct. 21	Romans 8:12-25
Oct. 22	Romans 8:26-39
Oct. 23	1 Cor. 2:1-16
Oct. 24	2 Cor. 5:11-21
Oct. 25	Ephes. 1:1-14
Oct. 26	Ephes. 1:15-23
Oct. 27 - Sunday	Ephes. 2:1-10

average approximately six percent.

Giving for all purposes by the denominations 38,990 U. S. Churches was reported as \$598,980,812 for the year ended May 31.

The Council also conducted its annual examination of treasurers' reports and audits of the several agencies under its financial control.

While the Council's primary duties have to do with receiving and disbursing the several general funds, there are a number of auxiliary services which it operates at its Evanston headquarters. Eleven special committees administer these interests. They include Research and Statistics, the preparation of the General Minutes and the Methodist Fact Book, maintenance of the constantly changing official file of pastors and officials the transportation and convention bureaus, the making of apportionments and the direction of several continued studies. One of these studies concerns the need for a full-time secretary of the General Conference.

The highest per capita World Service giving was registered by Chicago Temple (\$10.49) and Trinity, Berkeley, California (\$10.48).



GETS UPPER ROOM AWARD

Washington, D.C. - Dr. Helen Kim, president emeritus of Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, receives the 1963 Upper Room Citation for distinguished contributions to world Christian Fellowship. The award was presented by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of the Upper Room, interdenominational daily devotional guide published by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn.



HONORED BY AIR FORCE

Colorado Springs, Colo. - The Rev. Philip L. Green, center, assistant pastor of First Methodist church of Colorado Springs, Colo., was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in recognition of his contributions to welfare, youth and religious programs while he was chaplain at Kinchele (Mich.) Air Force Base. Air Defense Command Chaplain (Col.) Palmer P. Pierce reads the citation for the award.

the Inner City Parish in New Orleans

On Saturday, September 14, New Orleans Methodism's Inner-City Parish held a Parish-Wide Planning Retreat. The retreat was a set-up meeting for the program of the parish through May, 1964. Members of the Official Boards, the officers and members of the Commissions, from all four of the churches in the parish,

along with their families were in attendance. The retreat was an all day affair, beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and concluding at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Through the courtesy of St. Mark's Community Center, the retreat was held at beautiful Camp St. Mark's, just three miles out of Covington, Louisiana. Miss Fae Daves, Director of the Community Center, along with two of her staff members, Miss Laura Smith and Miss Wilma Snare, were on hand to assist with the arrangements.

In addition to the two ministers of the parish, Rev. Lloyd A. Foreman and Rev. Lars L. Broadus, Dr. Carl Lueg, Dist. Supt., the Rev. James Skinner of St. Bernard Methodist Church,

and Mr. Ernest Arnold, a fine layman from Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, acted as resource leaders. Mrs. Lueg and Mrs. Skinner, along with her children, were also present.

The program opened at 10:00 a.m. with a devotional and statement of purpose by Rev. Broadus. Rev. Foreman then gave instructions for the group meetings. Then the members of the various commissions from the four churches met together with a resource leader: Education with Rev. Broadus, Evangelism with Mr. Arnold, Finance with Dr. Lueg, Missions with Rev. Skinner, and Social Concerns with Rev. Foreman.

Following the morning sessions an old-fashioned type "dinner on the

grounds" was enjoyed by everyone. A period of rest and recreation, with small groups in a get-acquainted fellowship followed the lunch hour.

The afternoon sessions opened with a period of sharing from the various groups which met in the morning, with a report of their work and recommendations. The program for the afternoon was concluded with the viewing of the film "Conversion Plus."

By most standards of measurement the retreat was a real success. The attendance was good; there were some 50 people present. The fellowship was enriching; it brought the leadership of the parish together in a more closely knit sense of purpose. The sessions were informative and inspiring; some real planning was done and goals were set.

Some of the highlights of the retreat included the following:

In the area of Missions, a Parish-wide School of Missions for all age groups on four successive Sunday evenings is planned for January. In addition there is to be greater emphasis placed on the fourth Sunday, World Service Sunday, of each month, with a "minute missions" lay speaker as a part of the worship services in the churches, and full participation in the conference and district missionary purpose.

In the area of evangelism, a goal of one person on profession of faith, for each twelve persons in two of the churches was set. In addition, a Parish-wide School of Evangelistic Teaching, in cooperation with the Commissions on Education, an intensive and ambitious program of "membership conservation" and special evangelistic emphasis during Lent is planned.

In the area of education, all possible

preparation for the new Church School literature and re-organization for Methodist Children has been planned, including teacher training, best use of space and material resources, emphasis on evangelism, missions and stewardship as a practical outgrowth of Christian education. Progress already made in the area of youth work will receive added emphasis especially in the development of Christian social concerns and vocations.

Stewardship and finance presents a real challenge in the inner-city situation, but we are learning that help comes to those who help themselves. St. Mark's church members are making special efforts to subscribe their church budget, and Felicity and John Wesley expect to at least under-write a minimum budget that will represent perhaps a greater per-capita giving than most large churches. However, the churches will need mission assistance for some time to come if they are to fulfill their role in the changing city.

Christian social concerns was recognized as a program for maturing Christian faith and witness, and must have ever-increasing emphasis and the support of the adults of the church, if the churches in the parish are to serve with a Christian ministry. Study, prayer, and courageous action regarding the economic and social issues that confront the churches must be undertaken.

In all of these areas there was a growing realization among the laymen at the retreat that there must be closer cooperation and more coordinating of programming, possibly even a coming together of the various groups on the same meeting dates, if the program is to move forward and the churches are to more effectively serve the primary parish.

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The entire group at the retreat, taken in front of the main building at Camp St. Mark's.



Members of the inner city staff, St. Mark's Community Center, staff, and other resource leaders.



The general assembly at the retreat with the Rev. James Skinner leading the group in singing.



Members of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance from the churches with Charles Tackaberry of St. Mark's as chairman.



Members of the Commission on Missions from the churches with Mr. Skinner as their resource leader.



Members of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, foreground, and Commission on Education, background.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

AN EARLY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE has been resumed by the congregation of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, whose pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

THE PASTOR, THE REV. B.A. GALLOWAY is leading the Bible study of the WSCS of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans. The studies will be held Oct. 1-Nov. 19.

THE XYZ CLUB OF FIRST Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, enjoyed a picnic at Camp Istrouma at their Oct. 9 meeting. Dr. Dano Dawson, Jr. is their pastor.

TOM MATHENY, BATON ROUGE District Lay Leader, will be the Laymen's Day speaker on Oct. 20 at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, where the Rev. Earl B. Emmerich is the pastor.

HOWARD DAUGHENBAUGH, SR., Conference Lay Leader, will be the Laymen's Day speaker, Oct. 20, at Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid is the pastor.

THE LAST SESSION OF THE Shreveport District Lay Speakers' School was held at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Oct. 8, with Mr. Kenneth Rigby leading in the study of "Public Speaking."

THE REV. DOUGLAS McGuire, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, will be the guest preacher for revival services at Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, Oct. 27-30. The pastor is the Rev. John B. Koelemay.

THE MID-WEEK STUDY GROUP of the Springhill Methodist Church was host to the ladies of the Springhill Business and Professional Women's Club on Oct. 9. The pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, was the guest preacher for the evening worship service at Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, Oct. 6. The pastor is the Rev. Don Alverson.

THE REV. A.M. MARTIN, retired minister who makes his home at Westlake, was the guest preacher at the Moss Bluff Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sept. 29, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Sam Holliday.

MR. LESTER STOEHR, manager of New Orleans Goodwill Industries, was the speaker for the Oct. 7 meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans. The pastor is the Rev. Albert S. Hurley.

THOMAS A. PITT, associate director of the Area Council, was the Laymen's Day speaker at First Methodist Church, Minden, on Oct. 13. The service was planned by W.S. Hicks, the charge lay leader. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

ONE OF THE LEADERS for the Oct. 3 session of the study "The Christian Family and Its Money" at

Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, was Dr. W.W. Pate, whose subject was "Budgeting and Buying." The pastor is Dr. James T. Harris.

THE REV. RAY HOLT, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Crowley, has been the leader for the study, "The Christian Issues in Southern Asia," presented by the WSCS of that church recently. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, SR., director of the Louisiana Methodist Area Council, was the guest preacher for the morning worship service at Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sept. 22. The pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

THE FIRST MEETING OF the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, was held Oct. 16, with a steak supper being the feature. H.H. "Hoppy" Smith is the president of the organization, and the Rev. Jock H. Midyett is the pastor.

THE REV. ROBERT BAREFIELD, Mr. H.L. Stagg and Mr. Culver Jones have filled the pulpit of Centenary Methodist Church, Royne, during the recent illness of the pastor, the Rev. Karl D. Wood, who was back in his pulpit on Oct. 6.

THE REV. JOE H. ROBINSON is teaching the "Church Membership Manual for Adults," by Dr. Karl Quimby, to the mid-week prayer meeting group at Claiborne Methodist Church, West Monroe. He is also preaching a series of sermons on "The Church."

SPEAKER FOR THE OCT. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men of Arcadia Methodist Church was Mr. L.V. Noles, principal of the Ringgold High School for 25 years and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The pastor is the Rev. Beverly Bond.

WILLIAM TEAGUE, organist and choirmaster of St. Mark Episcopal Church, Shreveport, presented an organ recital at First Methodist Church, Pineville, on Monday, Oct. 7. The recital was sponsored by the Central Louisiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

RECENTLY-ELECTED OFFICERS of the Jubilee Class at Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, are: Jerry Price, president; Jon Moss, vice-president; Harold Moss, treasurer; Howard Pelton, membership and Jane Sanders, secretary. Their pastor is the Rev. John Kilpatrick.

DR. JOHN CHISHOLM of LSU led the first session of the study, "The Christian Family and Its Money," at Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge. The study is being held in this church on Sunday afternoons so that husbands and wives may attend together. The pastor is Dr. William E. Trice.

THE CIRCLES OF THE WSCS of the Blockwater, Magnolia and Bethel Churches are joining together for the study, "An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics." The sessions will be held: Oct. 16-Blockwater; Oct. 23-Magnolia; and Oct. 30-Bethel. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

THE NEW DRAMATIC PRODUCTION, "Romans by St. Paul," written and produced by Orlin Corey, and presented by the Centenary Players, will have its first performance outside of Shreveport at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sunday evening, Oct. 27. The Rev. Barry Boiley is the pastor.

THE SENIOR MYF of the Algiers Methodist Church recently elected the following officers: Brian De Meier, president; Sharon Galloway, vice-president; Bonnie Galloway, secretary; Judy Bozelle, treasurer. These new officers were recently installed during a morning worship service by the pastor, the Rev.

John T. Redmon.

MR. HOWARD L. DAUGHENBAUGH, SR., Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker for the Oct. 10 meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Houma. Mr. James L. Groy, director of Men's Clubs for the Lafayette District, was also present for the meeting. The pastor is the Rev. Luman Douglas.

THE TANGIPAHOA-GREENSBURG Area is holding a leadership school, Oct. 14-16, with the following instructors: the Rev. Percy Emmonuel, "Rediscovering the Old Testament;" the Rev. Charles Humphreys, "The Work of the MYF;" the Rev. Dick Waggoner, "Music in Worship;" and Mrs. Robert Collie, "Guiding Children in the Christian Faith."

NEW OFFICERS OF THE JUNIOR HIGH MYF of DeQuincy Methodist Church were installed at the evening worship service on Oct. 6. They are: Poul Carlson, president; Jean Ellis, vice-president; Potricio Smith, secretary; Cothy Joneson, program; Mork Cooley, refreshments; and Bobby Penton, recreation. The pastor is the Rev. Jock Winegeort.

AT THE SECOND MORNING WORSHIP Service of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Oct. 6, "Lonnie Muthersbaugh Day" was observed in honor of the man who has served as secretary of the Church School for 30 years. He continues to serve in this capacity and this was on occasion of deep appreciation by the entire congregation. The pastor is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

MRS. DANA DAWSON, led a discussion on "Christian Perfection" at the Oct. 7 general meeting of the WSCS of First Methodist Church, Shreveport. Mrs. E.E. Dilworth presented the Spiritual Life study, "An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics." Mrs. B.C. Taylor led the prayertime which began the day's program. Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr. is the pastor.

DR. B.M. WOODARD, Lake Charles physician and member of the State Board of Education, was the speaker for the Oct. 10 meeting of the Methodist Men of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles. He spoke on the topic, "Education in Louisiana." Mr. Poul Verduzco presided and Dr. J.S. Weitz was in charge of the program. The pastor is the Rev. James L. Stovall.

APPROXIMATELY 120 MEMBERS of First Methodist Church, Franklin, enjoyed a fellowship supper at the church on Sept. 29, followed by a MYF devotion led by Rae Ann Shackelford. A film "Worship, a Family Heritage," concluded the service. Members of the McLain Circle were hostesses and Mike McGraw was organist for the meeting. The Rev. James E. Christie is the pastor.

MRS. LAMAR DAVIS, vice-president of the WSCS of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, led the discussion following the showing of the film entitled "Morcy Center, the Inner City Parish of Chicago - A New Concept of Ministry," at the Oct. 3 meeting of that society. Mrs. B.C. Kittner, spiritual life chairman of Mary Davies Circle, had charge of the worship service. The pastor is the Rev. James Stovall.

CARROLLTON METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, recently introduced a new program for university students and visitors after the morning worship service, Sept. 22, by having "dinner on the ground" for everyone. Freshman students at Tulane and Newcomb, and married couples who live in the area of the church, were given a special invitation to attend. There was a fine response and the church plans to continue the program several times during the year. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 27, 1963:

"THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1st Corinthians 11:2 through 13:13. Printed Lesson Text, 1st Corinthians 12:31b Through 13:13.

MEMORY SELECTION: Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.

AIM OF LESSON: To stress the pre-eminence of love in all of our dealings with God and with our fellow man.

Through the first chapters of 1 Corinthians Paul has been primarily concerned with special problems existing in the Corinthian church.

There were divisions in the church because different groups held loyalty to different leaders who had come their way. There were evidences of immoral living among some of the church members. Members of the church had been going into civil courts to settle their differences. There were disputes over the propriety of eating meats offered to idols. There had been some hurtful mistakes made in administering of the communion service. Furthermore some members of the church had assumed undue authority in the activities of the church because they felt that they had special talents lacking in others.

Paul gave answers and instructions for all of these situations as clearly as possible. After he had dealt specifically with all of these problems, he sums up the answer to these and all other questions in Christian living with one word—love. With love as a subject Paul gives us, in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians one of the most beautiful chapters in the Bible. While the King James Translation uses the word charity throughout the chapter, practically all modern translations give love as the proper translation.

Paul introduces this compact answer with the opening clause of our lesson text, "And yet I show you a more excellent way. Phillips translates it "But I shall show you a way which surpasses them all." Paul indicates that love is the superlative answer to all personal religious questions.

We all understand that the original manuscripts from which our Bible was translated had no division into chapters and verses. That was done later for the convenience of Bible readers. It is quite evident that the last clause of chapter 12 of 1st Corinthians is but an introduction to Paul's discussion in chapter 13 of the pre-eminence of love and is properly a part of our lesson today.

We know, of course, that Paul was but following Jesus in giving this important place to love in Christian living. When the lawyer asked Jesus "What is the great commandment?" the answer of Jesus was immediate and very clear. He said, "Thou shalt LOVE the Lord thy God . . . thou shalt LOVE thy neighbor as thyself." Paul, like Jesus is saying that the most important quality of life anyone may possess is the power of love.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN LOVE?

Since love, as "The More Excellent Way," is the heart of our lesson today, perhaps it would be well to ask, "What is Christian Love?"

Let us keep in mind that the love, of which Jesus and Paul are speaking is not the affection member of a family or kinsmen feel for each other. The Greeks had many words of love with various shades of meaning. The word Jesus and

Paul used here to denote love is the same word Jesus used when he said, "Love your enemies." The feeling we would have for an enemy, in exercising Christian love, would hardly be the same as the feeling we would have for a mother we love. The character of love which the Bible teaches us we should cultivate for others is not based on mutual affection or even friendly relationships. It is a benevolent feeling for others and for their welfare which Jesus says should be exercised even in our relation to enemies.

In attempting to follow "The Christian Way Of Love" some stumble over the commandment to love others as we love ourselves. They ask, "How can I love people in general as I love my own family or relatives." That confusion comes, of course, by misreading the commandment itself. It does not say to love all people as we love our immediate family. The commandment is to love others as we love OURSELVES. We are simply to be as much concerned for the welfare of others as we are about our own welfare. By the grace of God, and possessed of the character of love of which Jesus and Paul speaks, that we can do.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LOVE

Paul had discussed many of the problems facing the Corinthian church and had made some suggestions for their solution but in our lesson text he is saying, "There is no substitute for love."

1. **Words are not enough.** In verse One Paul tells us that beautiful words, eloquence of tongue or profusion of professions are worthless unless they are accompanied by a genuine concern for the welfare of others. Our colored friends sing a beautiful spiritual which expresses quite pointedly the truth found in this verse. They sing, "Ev'ry body talking 'bout heav'n ain't goin' there."

There is a story in the old McGuffey's reader which in substance is that a poor man's horse had died. Neighbors gathered in to console him. Sympathetic words were plentiful. Finally one neighbor said, "I am sorry so many dollars worth. How sorry are you?" That kind of concern soon replaced the horse. That we think is what Paul means. Words are no substitute where people need our ministry of love. Words without deeds leave people unmoved and unconvinced. Paul explains the power of his ministry when he says, "For the LOVE of Christ constraineth us."

2. **Special gifts no substitute for love.** Some of the Corinthian Christians were claiming special recognition because they felt that they had special gifts that set them apart from others. These special gifts, Paul indicates are no cause for pride or egotism. Paul declares that special gifts of knowledge, prophecy or even mountain-moving faith are "nothing" unless the exercise of these powers is motivated by love and a sincere concern to minister helpfully to people. Paul makes all of this quite clear in verse 2 of our lesson text.

3. **Things are no substitute for love.** In verse 2 Paul declares that one could give all of his possessions to the poor and give his body to be burned for a cause and yet, unless his actions were motivated by love his sacrifices would be in vain.

We use the adjective "mighty" to modify only two words; we say almighty God and almighty

dollar. A neighbor once said to us, "The only sin is to be poor." In other words our neighbor felt that an abundance of money could make anything right. There are some people who seem to believe that things especially money, can be substituted for character, service, love or any other of the finer qualities of Christian living. Paul did not think so.

Whatever he may think about it, no man can pay the debt of love he owes his wife and children with money. He may furnish them a dream house, meet every need for clothes, food and educational requirements, but he has left his family poor indeed if, with it all, he withholds himself and his sincere love. Nothing else he can do will atone for a lack of love.

So it is in our relation to the church and to God. We may give of our means without reserve; we may give unstintedly of a perfunctory service, we may stand at the altar of the church and solemnly assume the vows of church membership, but without a sincerity of love which leads to an unconditional gift of ourselves, all else that we do is meaningless in our relation to God and of very limited value, if any, to the church we profess to love.

THE NATURE OF LOVE.

It is not so easy for us to describe Christian love; it is not difficult, however, for us to feel that we know what Christian love does. One cannot tell simply by looking at a man or by listening to him talk whether or not he has this Christian love. When we watch him a while in his everyday life, we are not long in doubt.

Christian love has qualities that are consistently and persistently practiced when it really abides in human life. The most comprehensive, expressive definition of the nature of love to be found in all literature is found in the 4th to 7th verses of our lesson text as it appears in RSV.

In these verses Paul tells that love is PATIENT, KIND, NOT JEALOUS or BOASTFUL, not ARROGANT, or RUDE, does insist on ITS OWN WAY, is not IRRITABLE or RESENTFUL, does not REJOICE AT WRONG, REJOICES in the RIGHT, BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.

A volume could be written on each of these qualities of Christian love without exhausting the subject. It would be futile, in the space we have for this discussion, to attempt to say anything meaningful about these qualities of Christian character.

LOVE NEVER ENDS

In verses 8 through 11, Paul mentions several things in life that pass with the passing years. The Revised Standard Version gives us the translation of the opening clause of verse 8, "Love never ends." There are many qualities of life that serve their day and pass away. Paul tells us that love it eternal.

Love seems to be the one quality of human life that does not end. We have known fathers and mothers, with a deathless love, who have followed their wayward children to the brink of a lost world. Even though such a love did not save their child from the pit, while they watched it sink into the darkness love did not end. Love continued to cherish even the memory of the child who had broken their hearts, "Love never ends."

We are taught also that God's love never ends. John tells us that "God is love." God is eternal. Our wayward world may well be thankful that God's love is eternal. So repeatedly have we rejected, neglected and at times even despised God's love, that only a love that is eternal would have kept God from blotting out human life here and beginning all over again. "LOVE NEVER ENDS."

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE

Without faith and hope life would be a continuous nightmare here. Without love, life in the eternities would be even worse. We need faith and hope to give meaning to life here and we need love to give meaning to life for all eternity.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In an address marking another major milestone in the new age of the Catholic Church Pope Paul VI opened the second session of the Vatican Council. In a sense the progress made since the beginning of the first session was indicated by the fact that the working press of Rome was less stirred by the address of the pope than they had been by the remarks of his predecessor when he opened the Council last October.

By an overwhelming vote, the Council approved in principle the "schema De Ecclesia" (On the Church,) which is regarded as of key importance both to the Council and the Church. The vote was 2,321 in favor and 43 against, with 24 ballots declared void.

A medical research team of George Washington University has reported that the cholesterol levels of Trappist monks, who lead a quiet, contemplative life are not significantly different from those of busy laymen of the same age. Some observers said the project in which 39 Roman Catholic monks cooperated may explode some long-held theories as to the cause of heart disease which strikes down many middle-aged American men in their prime.

It just could be that the monks have their problems, too.

Publications throughout the Soviet Union are indicating their displeasure with the Communist program of atheistic indoctrination. A survey of recent-issued periodicals reveals a variety of ideas to improve the effectiveness of the program. The journal "Soviet Russia" suggested that effective speakers over 50 years of age are required to present the message of atheism before middle-aged Christians.

It sounds to us like the communists are having just as much trouble feeding the minds of their people as they are feeding their bodies. The suggestion that atheism needs speakers over 50 years of age seems to indicate that young communists are not as enthusiastic about a "faith vacuum" as we have previously been led to believe.

Some 900 parishioners of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Philadelphia recently watched as their pastor and city officials burned magazines regarded as obscene in a portable barbecue pit on the church steps. According to the pastor, the Rev. W. Carter Merbreier, the magazines burned to dramatize the parishioner's opposition to their availability in drug stores, notion shops and newsstands throughout their city.

In the face of all of the court decisions which tell us we cannot keep these publications from being printed and sold maybe what we will have to do is turn all our barbecue pits into incinerators for this trash.

An unusual religious publishing problem has put two editors in an "ecumenical doghouse." In Atlanta the Georgia Bulletin, Roman Catholic paper, and The Diocese, Protestant Episcopal periodical, are printed in the same plant. Their printer recently used a picture of the Rev. J. M. Dressell in the Episcopal paper where it belonged. Then he unwittingly used the same picture in the Catholic, identifying it as Msgr. E. H. Behrmann. The Episcopal minister's picture got the best play

in the Catholic paper—page one.

Fellow editors get some kind of sadistic glee out of reading about such printer's errors. It happens to all of us, but not all of our goofs are as ecumenical as this one.

An Anglican minister in Cambridge, Eng., who comes from a Jewish family has criticized Article 13 of the Church of England's Thirty-Nine Articles on the grounds that it is objectionable to some Jewish people. The article says in part, "Works done before the inspiration of Christ are not pleasant to God as they spring not of faith in Jesus Christ."



RHODES, Greece - An historic picture of an historic moment: the meeting of representatives of Eastern Orthodox Churches as they agreed, unanimously, to enter into "dialogue" with the Roman Catholic Church. The split of Orthodoxy with Roman Catholicism dates from 1054. Only major Orthodox body not represented was the Orthodox Church in Greece which had refused to send delegates and had opposed talks with the Catholic Church.

Brooks Hays, special assistant to President Kennedy, former congressman and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently challenged delegates to the Evangelical United Brethren Men to work toward easing world tensions by "matching the gestures of good will from Catholic sources." He called the world a "Christian workshop" and said the Christian's conscience must drive him into struggles to make this a better world."

Roman Catholic laymen of ten parishes will conduct an open house program for Protestant, Orthodox and Jewish residents of the New Orleans area on Dec. 29. Archbishop John P. Cody of New Orleans said the open house will be held in memory of Pope John XXIII and the ecumenical spirit he initiated during his reign.

The Detroit Council of Churches' annual Reformation Day rally has been designated a "Festival of Faith" to further the cause of Christian unity. In announcing the elimination of the word "Reformation" from observance, the Rev. Harold F. Koch, director of the council's Division of Public Services, explained: "We think that by calling it a "Festival of Faith" it will be more meaningful to members of all denominations."

A 500-year-old holy ikon of the "Virgin of Kazan," considered one of the finest examples of old Byzantine art, will be displayed at the New York World's Fair pavilion of the Greek Orthodox Church of America. The picture measures 10 by 13 inches and is encrusted with some 1,000 gems. It has been valued at \$500,000 and is owned by a private collector.

Anglican Archbishop Joost de Blank of Capetown, South Africa, who announced recently he would resign soon because of ill health, has been named a canon of Westminster Abbey in England.

Former Rep. Walter H. Judd (R.-Minn.), once a Congressional medical missionary in China, has announced his willingness to become the "favorite son" nominee of Minnesota Republicans for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964. "I am not seeking it and I am not going to seek it," Dr. Judd said, "but if responsible party leaders in the state believe it is a good idea, I will consider it."

The Rev. Leonard G. Clough, pastor of the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College since 1958, has been named general secretary of the National Student Christian Foundation, a related movement of the National Council of Churches.

A nationwide study of the menstrual cycles of 5,000 Catholic women has been launched by the Center for Population Research at Georgetown University. According to Dr. Benedict J. Duffy, director of the center, the project is aimed at perfecting the Catholic-approved rhythm system of birth control.

Roman Catholic leaders in Madrid have protested Government confiscation on an issue of "Juventud Obrera" ("Working Youth") the Spanish-language publication of the international Young Catholic Worker movement. No official explanation was given for the seizure of the plates of the latest issue, which is reported to have contained criticism of the Franco regime's handling of recent strikes by miners and other workers.

A woman who devoted most of her adult life to helping leprosy victims in Brazil is the 1963 winner of the Damien Dutton Award, given by a Roman Catholic-sponsored society which promotes research, relief and other aid projects for leprosy patients. The award was presented to Mrs. Eunice Weaver, the widow of a Methodist missionary to Brazil. She is a native of Brazil and for many years has spearheaded efforts to eradicate leprosy in that country.

Fordham University officials have instructed a student to withdraw his verbal invitation to Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace to speak on the school's campus this fall. Father Vincent T. O'Keefe, president and rector of the Jesuit-conducted institution, asserted the governor had never received a formal invitation from the school.

New Jersey's public schools close on Christmas Day and Good Friday because they are state-directed public holidays, not for religious observances. This was the explanation of the State Department of Education to the Braille Board of Education, which has asked for a definitive ruling.

A lawsuit, supported by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) has been instituted at Fort Recovery, O. to bar Roman Catholic nuns from teaching in a public school, a practice which has been going on for some time in that Mercer County community.

NEWS

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Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We have just returned from Camp Brewer where we attended the Annual Retreat for the preachers of the Louisiana Conference which is sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism. We were thrilled by both the attendance and the messages we were privileged to hear. We do not feel that there was a single weak message. Many people who were there will never be the same again. Any preacher who missed this retreat will always remain the loser.

Quite a number of years ago, a preacher in the Louisiana Conference became interested in homes for retired preachers. By the strength of his own personality and persistence he has made headway in this terrific program. We feel that the Reverend James B. Grambling has done as fine a piece of work as could be done in bringing us to where we are. We have visited nearly all the homes we now have, and we know that they are making a real contribution to the happiness of several preachers and their wives. Louisiana Annual Conference has given its endorsement to this program again and again. It has set aside the month of November as Retired Preachers' Homes Month, and has asked that each church take an offering at some time during that month for this cause. Let us hope that every church in the entire conference will carry out this request. The support of this cause has not been a credit to this great conference; and it is our hope that every preacher will take to heart this cause and give his people a real chance to give adequately to the erection of another home this year. We ought to give sufficiently to erect two homes per year at least. This would be no great financial burden for a conference the size of ours.

Soon after this article is printed, we leave for a twelve-day series of conferences in Chicago. The first will be a conference for new Conference Executive Secretaries. Then we go into a conference for Area Directors, and during the last five days of our stay there, we will be attending the National Conference of Christian Education of The Methodist Church. These will be very helpful conferences, and we are looking forward to them.



Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



Another one of our fine district retreats is coming up. This one will be held for the laymen of the Lake Charles District on October 19th at beautiful Kingwood which is on the bluff overlooking Prien Lake, six miles south of Lake Charles on Big Lake Highway. Allan Collette, the Lake Charles District Lay Leader, has announced the theme of the retreat to be "The Art of Discipleship." Those who plan to attend should send their reservation request along with \$2.00 registration fee to Bill Ford, 3707 Brentwood, Lake Charles, as soon as possible so they can plan for the proper amount of food for the event. Mr. Charles A. Stuck, one of our most outstanding Lay Evangelists, will be the featured speaker. A number of discussion groups, singing, and good fellowship round out the program. This promises to be a fine time of inspiration and I urge every layman who possibly can to attend.

We had a wonderful time at Hammond on the night of September 30th when we held a workshop for the church lay leaders, official board chairmen and the ministers of the Baton Rouge District. Tom Matheny, the Baton Rouge District Lay Leader, and Dr. Bentley Sloane, the district superintendent, cooperated to the fullest on this project and some 77 men turned out to spend an evening discussing these important relationships and their effect on the program of the local church. These workshops, which will be offered to each district in the conference, are proving to be a real help as we work toward building a more vital participation in local activities.

There is an interesting project being planned for the laymen of the Shreveport District. The District Board of Lay Activities will sponsor a Lay School of Theology which will be offered by Centenary College next semester. This will be an eight-weeks course conducted by a member of the Centenary faculty. It will meet for one night per week for two hours per night. This will be the

first project of this kind to be held in this part of the country and will be an excellent opportunity for laymen to participate in a study at the college level. We should feel complimented that the General Board of Lay Activities has chosen the Shreveport District and Centenary College to be a pilot project for this area. Anyone interested in enrolling in this school should contact Mr. Kenneth Rigby, the District Director of Lay Speaking at P. O. Box 779, Shreveport, Louisiana.

We enjoyed attending the Evangelistic Retreat at Camp Brewer on October 3 and 4. An overflow crowd was inspired by the messages of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the great evangelistic figures of our time. The retreat had many high moments that will live in our memories for a long time. We also heard unusually good devotional messages by two fine young ministers of our conference—the Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., and the Rev. Lonnie Sibley. We were privileged to lead one of the discussion groups along with C. E. Arnold and the Rev. Beverly Bond. The Rev. A. A. McKnight and Dr. J. T. Harris should be complimented on a fine retreat.

We are looking forward to the district workshops for church lay leaders and ministers at Alexandria on October 28, New Orleans on October 29, and Lafayette on November 5. See you there!



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The Conference Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Brewer for the Louisiana Area was a tremendous success. Sometimes we measure success by attendance, sometimes by cash receipts and pledges, sometimes by impact. Here was a time of tremendous spiritual impact, but also of success in other ways. It had the largest attendance of any year of the retreat and it was such a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship with so many of our great laymen who were present. Many wives also came. It was not a very convenient time for them as they had to find accommodations elsewhere, but it is to the credit of the retreat that so many came for both days.

Dr. Stanley Jones needed no proving in our minds, but he did prove to those who heard him why today he is recognized in all lands as one of the great Christian leaders of our day. Time and again he challenged minds and hearts and brought us to our knees in renewed dedication to a following of God's Holy Will and a seeking of His Holy Spirit.

We are grateful for the vision of the Board of Evangelism and its leaders in planning the Spiritual Life Retreat. We have seen it grow in program and interest with each succeeding year. Dr. J. T. Harris, Conference Secretary of Evangelism and Rev. A. A. McKnight, Conference Board Chairman, have performed a great service for our Louisiana Conference during these four years. Among the retreats they have promoted, the one of 1963 seems to have been their crowning achievement.

How is your local church work with evangelism progressing? We are all interested in persons and the methods of evangelism are but a way of translating this interest from one individual to another. Are you interested in new members? This is October, and the Conference Board of Evangelism suggests that churches begin now a survey of their church and church school membership rolls and endeavor to enlist all prospective church members in training classes next spring.

The Conference Senior-Hi MYF Council met at Camp Istrouma recently and planned their emphases for the next year. One of these is to encourage each local church Senior-Hi MYF group to increase its concern for evangelism and to assist the pastor in recruiting and training of prospective members, with a special responsibility for those of their own age and group who may not have yet joined The Methodist Church. We ought to all be very pleased with the growing concern of our youth for the really important business of the church—the winning of persons to Christ's Way.

Remember!

October 20 is

LAYMEN'S DAY



WOMAN'S PAGE



A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

OCTOBER 1963

Special Projects Designated for Prayer and Self-Denial Gifts

UNITED STATES

Expansion and Improvement of Programs in Urban and Community Centers, including:

- Campbell House, Gary, Indiana
Remodeling and Major Repairs
- Wesley Community House, Fort Worth, Texas
New Building
- Susannah Wesley Community Center,
Honolulu, Hawaii
New Building

INDIA

- Medical Colleges and Training Schools for Nurses
- Retirement Fund for National Women in Charge of Work
- Educational Fund for the Upgrading of Institutions
- Educational Subsidy Fund for National Women on Sabbatical Leave within Asia
- Development of Christian Literature Program

Did You Renew?



ALICE ORR'S latest reminder to renew those METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK subscriptions comes in the timely poster above.

**PRAY
WITHOUT CEASING**
I Thessalonians 5:17

If you would
never cease to pray
never cease to long
for it.

The continuance
of your longing
is the continuance
of your prayer.

Augustine



THE LADIES above are modeling hats of a very special nature. They are the officers and committee chairmen of the Springhill Woman's Society and the hats depict responsibilities of each. They are, back row, from left: Mrs. Johnny Haynes, president; Mrs. J.E. Rutledge, vice president; Mrs. Wm. Owen, publicity; Mrs. Wesley Young, church activities; Mrs. Ray Morgan, finance; Mrs. A.E. Spence, literature; Mrs. R.C. Smith, youth; front row, from left: Mrs. Wilburn Slack, Christian social relations; Mrs. Syvett Burke, church activities; Mrs. Frank Brinkman, promotion; Mrs. Howard Pfost, nominating; and Mrs. Dee Murph, Jr., treasurer.

Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS LILLIAN DAY

THE DEACONESS SPOTLIGHT in the ARKANSAS METHODIST last week was on Lillian Day. We reprint it in the LOUISIANA METHODIST since many of you knew her when she served at St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans.

"An Adventure in Faith" is what I term these years of study and work under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. My Sunday School teacher, Mrs. J. C. Reeves at First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, first aroused my interest in religious work as a full time job. The late W. F. Woodard, retired Cotton Belt Official and Mrs. Woodard (now living in Shreveport, Louisiana) gave me further encouragement. Without Mrs. Woodard I could never have made the grade.



"The first step occurred when the Young People's Department at First Church sent me to the summer assembly at Mount Sequoyah in the Arkansas Ozarks. Here my interest in religious work gave way to inspiration. However, I saw no way then to acquire the necessary training for full time service. Here is where Mrs. Ethel Woodard played such a vital part. Her faith, influence, encouragement and prayers made opportunities possible. I enrolled for a two-year course at Henderson State Teachers' College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. To help out with my expenses I did practical nursing in the dormitory.

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"Equipped with the requisite credits by 'State Teachers' my next move in this faith adventure was a two-year course at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. Here I emerged with an A.B. degree in Christian Education. Then came the exciting trip to Philadelphia for commissioning. This happened to be the first meeting of the United Board of Missions and Church Extension. Bishop Arthur J. Moore did the commissioning service. Need I say more of the impressiveness of the occasion?

"From then on I really did some running around in a big way—speaking strictly 'religiously' of course. My first appointment was as club supervisor of the Wesley Community House at Fort Worth, Texas. Next I was pastor's assistant of Epworth Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. Then I was transferred to St. Mark Community Center at New Orleans, Louisiana for four years.

"By this time I was due a sabbatical leave. Having always been interested in drama, I now had a keen interest in religious plays and their possibilities for spreading God's word. With the permission of the Woman's Division, I took a year of acting, writing, collaborating, and directing plays at the Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena, California. Because of past experience I was allowed to enter the second year thereby getting a degree in one year. I literally 'ate up' the show business. However, when we were lined up waiting to rehearse for graduation, one of the girls said, 'Lillian, after being here you don't want to go back to the church, do you?' To which I replied, 'Although I love this, I love the church more. I feel that I can find satisfaction in using what I have learned here anywhere I go to serve Christ'."

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Miss Day has served as director of Christian education in churches and mission schools in the South and East, and in Puerto Rico. Following service as a staff worker for the Mary Elizabeth Inn in San Francisco, she transferred this past June to the First Methodist Church of Modesto, California, as director of Christian education.

METHODIST WOMAN MAGAZINE ADOPTS NEW FORMAT

With the September issue, The Methodist Woman, official program magazine of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, has adopted a new format designed to make the magazine more modern in its make-up, more attractive and more readable.

While the size of the magazine remains the same, the type face used for copy and headings give the magazine a less cluttered appearance. More im-

portance is given to white space and to the use of color and pictures, many of which run for the first time, to the edge of the page. Headings for regular features and departmental pages have been redesigned, giving more space to material contributed to those pages.

The Methodist Woman is edited by Mrs. John R. Kenney and has a nationwide circulation of more than 250,000. It is published in New York by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

A Program for Peace-

By W. W. Reid

Clyde N. Rogers, a Methodist clergyman and an acknowledged agricultural-rural authority, has long been associated with the Food for Peace and related programs of overseas relief. (This is under U. S. Public Law 480). He has been a proponent of "the use of American surplus food to build a background for peace"—working especially through the Ohio Council of Churches. We quote Mr. Rogers in his appraisal of this humanitarian-goodwill effort:

"We are utilizing United States wheat, corn, soybeans, dairy products, and other selected foods in the Food for Peace program in 85 countries of the world. We are contributing to the health and nutrition of some 38 million children through feeding programs and school lunches. In cooperation with host countries that pay local costs and provide locally available supplies, we provide as little as a glass of milk daily or as much as one or more hot meals—most likely in the latter case, the only substantial foods the children eat . . .

"Dramatic 'food for wages' programs are now underway in a dozen different countries, reaching almost five million people. If you were to visit Tunisia today, for example, you would find more than 200,000 men building roads, water systems, markets and schools. Others would be planting trees and improving the land. These formerly unemployed workers are paid a sizeable portion of their wages in semolina—a cereal made from United States donated wheat.

"For the first time, we are instituting programs with the double thrust of development and upgraded nutrition — donating our surplus grains to feed cattle or chickens for the purpose of creating animal protein in diet-poor regions. Thus we are feeding pigs in Hong Kong, giving an economic boost to small marginal farmers and helping to feed refugees. And in Ecuador, feed grains are being traded to a dairy for pasteurized whole milk which is fed to mothers and children at a maternal health center. These programs are designed to be independent of outside assistance within five years, thus providing development incentives.

"Relief of famine due to crop failure, floods and other disasters is a vital emergency function of Food for Peace. Brazil, Tanganyika, Kenya, Hong Kong, and Algeria are a few of the countries where starvation of extreme hunger following disaster were averted in recent months through prompt United States food assistance. One of the most striking examples was the Iranian earthquake where more than 17 million pounds of United States commodities were immediately made available to disaster victims. These are just a few examples of the donation phases of Food for Peace. Far more sizeable are the sales programs which account for 72 per cent of all Food for Peace shipments.

"There have been notable successes in these programs. Japan is a good example. Our assistance to Japan has resulted in the classical progression that Congress envisaged for Public Law 480; from donations and sales for local currency following World War II, to commercial cash transactions. Today, Japan is America's number one dollar



THE PENITENT SINNER

Usually when we use the word "Sinner," we refer to some special type. The hardened criminal, or the fallen woman, or the confirmed atheist. We are far removed from them, we think. It is pretty easy to compare ourselves with any one of these and say with a comforting tone in our voice that we don't do like they do. We forget the words of the Bible that "all have sinned."

Fortunately many of those people realize their sins. They often come with contrite hearts to ask forgiveness of God and sometimes of man. When they repent their penitence is genuine. They actually want to make a new start with God's help. What happens to them as far as we are concerned? Or do we know what it means to be redeemed? Have we changed our the-

A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

ology to the point that we think that "nice people" don't need redemption? Unfortunately many have.

This reminds one of the Bible story of the Penitent Son and the Loving Father. We usually call it the Story of the Prodigal Son. It makes a pretty tale as we read it in the 15th chapter of Luke. But it seems like some faraway incident in a faraway land in the years of long ago. Nothing modern about it at all. And since so few of us have come to a realization of our own sinful natures, it is a story that seldom finds a parallel in modern times.

The story should be read beyond the 25th verse. The older brother who had not left home had the attitude that a lot of us have. He was so self-righteous that he did not want to receive his brother back into the fellowship of the family. In fact, if the father had felt the same way, the younger brother

would never have been forgiven. This older brother was so impressed with his own goodness that he was not even willing to accept the penitence of the younger one. As far as he was concerned, his brother could have gone back to the hog pen and the swill that he had been forced to eat.

One of the chief reasons why the Church is not a stronger influence in the world today is that we want to measure our virtue by the other fellow's sins. The world waits to hear the Gospel. And the instructions of Jesus still ring in our ears. "Go into the world and convert all kinds of people." But we wrap the shabby little robes of self-goodness around us and go to sleep. Meanwhile the fires of sin and hate burn higher and higher. Some day we will wonder why they are sweeping us up in a great world destruction. But it will be too late then.

Statesmen Participate in Dedication of UN Church Center Built by Methodists

NEW YORK — In the crisp afternoon sunlight of early fall, some 2,000 persons watched here Sept. 22 as the new Church Center for the United Nations was dedicated by Dean Rusk, U Thant, Adlai Stevenson, Methodist Bishop Gerald Ensley, National Council of Churches President J. Irwin Miller, and a host of other dignitaries and churchmen.

In one of three main addresses in the Sunday ceremony consecrating this newest cooperative venture of the nation's Protestant and Orthodox churches, U.S. Secretary of State Rusk called the Cen-

ter a "concrete symbol of aroused and intelligent interest in world affairs." Speaking from the Center's second floor terrace overlooking the United Nations, Mr. Rusk told churchmen and diplomats gathered in the street below: "What you do in this new center — and all that radiates from it — is quite literally an essential part of the foreign policy of the American people."

Mr. Rusk praised the National Council of Churches for giving support "over the years" to foreign aid programs, disarmament, and the United Nations. He pointed out that "representatives of our churches made significant contributions to drafting the (UN) charter itself and were effectively on hand at the organization meeting in San Francisco eighteen years ago."

In another address, UN Secretary General U Thant reminded churchmen and statesmen attending the service that the United Nations "was intended to be not only an organization of governments but . . . also an association of the peoples of the world." Through the new center, church people of the world can work to give mankind "a life of ethical fulfillment as well as of material well-being," he said.

"To sacrifice one or the other is to mutilate the essence of man."

Bringing greetings from the U.S. Mission to the UN, Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson said: "The churches have been both clear-sighted and foresighted — never expecting miracles and never, to put it another way, confusing this meeting place of the kingdoms of the world with the Kingdom of Heaven." Mr. Stevenson joined Mr. Rusk in signaling the churches' role in drafting the UN Charter.

Speaking on behalf of the churches, Methodist Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., said the new center could help to create "that confidence in one another which must precede inter-

national covenants."

As a policy for peace, good will is "better than either revenge or non-resistance," he said. Construction of the Church Center was initiated and arranged by The Methodist Church, of whose General Board of Christian Social Concerns Bishop Ensley is chairman.

J. Irwin Miller, Columbus, Ind., industrialist and first lay president of the National Council of Churches, presided at the consecration service. Rev. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the World Council of Churches' Commission of the Churches on International Affairs — with quarters in the new Center — and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., opened the ceremony with prayers.

Bringing greetings from the National Catholic Welfare Council, Bishop James H. Griffiths quoted Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris*: "There can be no peace between men unless there is peace in each one of them." Only Christian brotherhood "guarantees the gift of true liberty," he said.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, chairman of the Synagogue Council of America's International Affairs Commission, extended "greetings to the Protestant religious community of America from the Jewish religious community of America."

The Hon. Ernest A. Gross, former U.S. delegate to the UN and chairman of the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs (which programs the Church Center) and Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions and a vice president of the National Council, read passages from the Bible.

The "Litany of Consecration" for the new building — a responsive prayer joined by the 2,000 spectators seated in UN Plaza — was led by Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, chairman of the Methodist Church's Division of Peace and World Order.

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Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

God Loves Every Person

By The Rev. James L. Stovall
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Read Luke 15:1-10

Our Lord was eating and associating with sinners, unacceptable, low class people from "across the tracks." The elite, the leaders, the "better people of the community" did not like this. They criticized Him, and asked, "Why this concern for these unworthy people? Why associate with them?" The Parables

of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Lost Son were his answer. Consider these first two parables. They are about lost things—a sheep strayed from the flock to become lost in the wilderness, a coin rolled into a dark corner of the house under furniture where it could not be seen or reached. Jesus asked the pointed questions: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the 90 and 9, and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?" Or, what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she find it?"

In our affluent society, we have difficulty appreciating the deep meaning of the parables. A more meaningful approach for us might be: "Which of you, if your child fails to come home at night, would not contact the police, organize search parties and hunt until the child is found?" The intensity with which a parent, will search for his lost child and the joy that he will experience in finding him, illustrate the thrust of these parables: Namely that it is the nature of God to seek us when we are lost, and to rejoice when we are found. Jesus' life illustrated this deep concern of God for every human being. In these parables he was saying to his critics, "The reason I eat and associate with sinners and identify myself with the separated and unacceptable is to let them know of God's love and concern for them."

The Pharisees got the point that Jesus was making. They understood him saying that as God's representatives they should go to the low, the needy, the sinner, the outcast. This was too much for them. They pulled their cloak of self-righteousness about them and made plans to get rid of him. This is still the course of action that we follow. In doing so, we crucify our Lord again.

The sheep and the coin were separated from the other sheep and coins, from their owner, and from being able to fulfill their useful purpose. This is our human situation today. We are lost when we are separated from God, from our fellow human beings, and from the self that God would have us

be. However, the sheep and coin still belonged to the owner. These parables speak to us of the love that God has for us even though we are separated from Him.

These parables also speak to us of the evangelistic zeal, missionary concern and social passion that individual Christians and the Church should have toward every person.

Most of us are like the Pharisees and Charlie Weaver. We are interested in "our kind of people." We do not have the out-going love and concern for others that our Lord expressed in his life and that God has for us.

In our churches, we prefer receiving families who have a good background in the Church. In our M.Y.F. groups, our young people are glad to receive the attractive girl or the handsome boy. In our schools, we have little time for the "bad" boy or girl. In our nation we call it politics or federal control if someone shows an interest in the needy or the discriminated or the disenfranchized. In the world, we Christians have let the Communists become the champions of the oppressed.

These parables say to us in unmistakable language that to be a Christian means more than being kind to granny and the cat. To be a Christian means that we must love the unlovable and accept the unacceptable, because this is what God has done and is doing for us. The cross is the chief expression of God's love for us, and is the measure of the love we should have for all God's love for us, and is the measure of the love we should have for all God's children.

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Build a Devotional

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"

The Third of Four Devotional Articles Based on The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12) by the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor, First Methodist Church, Osceola, Arkansas.

The Beatitudes are nothing more or less than attitudes of the mind and heart which, to Jesus, were particularly essential. He blesses those who possess these attitudes.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they

shall obtain mercy." (Matthew 5:7)

Here is an attitude quite in contrast to the spirit of our day. The way of this twentieth century world is still an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." We move in a vicious circle. Hate only creates more hate. Wrong brings on more revenge. "The problem of the world today," said Martin Niemoller, "is how to find a merciful neighbor."

Jesus told a story one day about a king who forgave his servant a large debt which the man could not pay. That same servant met a fellow servant who owed him a trifling sum. He demanded payment, and because the poor fellow could not pay he was thrown into prison by the unmerciful servant. The king heard about the incident. He called back the servant whom he had forgiven, cancelled his forgiveness, and had him cast into prison.

Jesus concluded the story with these words: "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." (Matthew 18:23-35)

One day Andy came to Amos with a pressing problem. There was a big man who would slap Andy across the chest every time they met. Finally, Andy got enough of it. He said to Amos, "I'm gonna fix him. I put a stick of dynamite in my vest pocket and the next time he slaps me across the chest, he's gonna get his hand blown off!"

Andy had not realized that at the same time his own heart would be blown out.

The dynamite of hate may inflict some injury on someone else, but it will blow your own heart out at the same time.

"Blessed are the merciful." They are not tormented by the memory of those they have hurt. They have no regrets because they have been merciful. How fortunate the merciful are! They fear no man's vengeance. How happy they must be! Their spirits are free.

"Blessed are the merciful." We re-

Let the Children Come

I have asked some of my special friends to share with us the ideas they have had about their experiences this summer and fall. Here is a letter you will enjoy.

Dear Aunt Feather,

We have been out of school for a full summer. We've had time to think about our first year at school. Our second year of school has started now.

Many people gave lots of their time, thought, money and work that this first year in school might be such a happy one for us.

We used what we had learned at school to help enjoy the summertime. We are able to read some of the easy books from the public library; we write notes and play games requiring easy reading and spelling; we read some of the poems and stories in our Sunday School literature; and, we read a few verses in our Bible.

Our teacher taught us many things about plants and seeds by keeping an interesting and fascinating science table.

These are some of the Bible verses we love to read: "He has made everything beautiful in its time." (Ecclesiastes 3:11a)

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." (Psalm 126:3)

We have written this prayer litany about our school experiences:

For Mrs. Jones, our kind and helpful teacher who works so patiently and lovingly with us each day,

We give thee thanks, Our Father.

For Mr. Brown, our friendly and careful bus driver, who comes promptly in rain or sunshine,

We give thee thanks, Our Father

For Mr. Bush, our janitor who keeps our school clean and comfortable all the year,

We give thee thanks, Our Father

For the ladies who work in the cafeteria to serve us delicious meals each day,

We give thee thanks, Our Father

For our many new friends and playmates that we make at school

We give thee thanks Our Father.

For the many unseen friends who have built our school and written our many good books,

We give thee thanks Our Father.

Your little twin friends,

Rosiland and Robert Smith

member them with kindness.

Poem For The Week

WORLD FRIENDSHIP

Today we ask friendship of men
We cannot join in prayer;
As they do not accept our God,
We have no faith to share.

But we can be a friend to all
And to our faith be true
Because we are God's children
And He would want us to.

—Anna Nash Yarbrough



Jonelle Kellogg

Miss Jonelle Kellogg, above, requested a subscription to The Louisiana Methodist as a gift for her 18th birthday, October 12. Her parents are having it sent to Louisiana Tech, Ruston, where she is a freshman. Jonelle was valedictorian of the Shongaloo senior class last spring.

Typical of many "p.k.s." the three Kellogg off-springs ordered senior rings from one high school and graduated from another. Fred graduated with the highest average at Elizabeth and from La. Tech *summa cum laude*. He is now at S.M.U. Dallas. George was co-valedictorian at Hall Summit and is now in his first year at L.S.U. Medical School in New Orleans. Their father is pastor of the Pine Grove-Montpelier-Independence Charge.

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SEVIER MYF HOLD CAR WASH, RUMMAGE

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Sevier Memorial Methodist church held a car wash and a rummage sale. The proceeds of this is for the mission tour that is being planned by the group for next summer. The Rev. Jerry Means and Mrs. James Greer are the counselors. The group is very active and have very interesting plans for the 55 members enrolled.

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THE LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT delegation to the Spiritual Life Retreat held at Camp Brewer, Oct. 3-4, is shown here. From left is the Rev. G.W. Pomeroy, M.C. Cady, and the Reverends Don Risinger, Cleburne Quaid, Jack Winegeart, district director of evangelism, Raymond Crowfoot, Rex Squares, Paul Carroll, Garland Dean, Leonard Cooke, Dan Tohline, Glenn Messer and R.W. Bengtson.

From Centenary College

By B. C. Taylor

Dr. Vernon Wharton, dean of the school of arts and sciences, Southwestern State University, Lafayette, La., was the convocation speaker October 3, formally opening the college year and honoring the senior class.

The Campus Chimes, a gift from the Board of Trustees Chairman, Paul M. Brown, gives the college community a tone of "Ivy League" quality. The chimes ring on the hour, and at eventide great hymns of the church are played. The students greatly appreciate this addition to academic life.

Miss Ruth Alexander, associate professor of speech and dramatics, has announced the Forensic Tournament for March 13-14. Last year 402 students participated in the event. Twenty-four schools were represented from three states.

The Centenary Choir, under the direction of Dr. A. C. Voran, is giving its annual "Rhapsody in View" program at Byrd High School auditorium Nov. 4-5. The local Lions Club sponsors the program.

Final tabulation shows that Centenary has 1638 students enrolled this fall. The day students had an increase of 63 over last year, making 803 for this semester. There are 297 freshmen enrolled this year. There are 25 more boys than girls, which the girls say,

is encouraging.

The "Book of Romans" gave its premiere performance Sunday evening, October 6, at the First Baptist Church. Mr. Corey had been commissioned to present this work in connection with the formal opening of their new church.

A new course on "Theology for laymen" is being planned for the Spring Semester. Mr. Tom Pitts, our director of laymen's work, is helping to promote the project.

The new boys dormitory will be formally opened on Sunday afternoon, October 27. At this time the public will be given a chance to see this new facility.

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LOUISIANA COUNCIL

The fall meeting of the Assembly of the Provisional Louisiana Council of Churches will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22 at University Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, according to an announcement from the Rev. Roland H. Pantermuehl, vice-president, who will preside at the meeting.

CARL WILLIAMS SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Thurs. 17—Rayville Methodist Church, Rayville, La.

Sun. A.M. 20—Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans
Sun. P.M. 20—St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans

Mon. 21—Kenner Methodist Church, Kenner, La.

Tues. 22—First Methodist Church, New Orleans

Wed. 23—The Methodist Church, Dubach, La.—
Dist Workshop on Missions

Thurs. 24—First Methodist Church, Columbia, La.

Sun. A.M. 27—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La.
Sun. P.M. 27—First Methodist Church, Pineville, La.

Mon. 28—The Methodist Church, Vidalia, La.

Tues. 29—The Methodist Church, St. Joseph, La.

Wed. 30—First Methodist Church, Arcadia, La.



CHATHAM'S First Methodist Church held a family night supper Oct. 3 at the church with the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Children's Home, Ruston, as the speaker. Shown here, from left, are Bobby Green, local Hospital and Home Steward; Mr. Ezell; J.E. McDade and Leon Wilder. The Rev. Leon C. Scott is pastor.



NOLLEY MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Jena, young people held a successful Youth Activities Week recently. Shown above the Rev. Bob Tatum, Wesley Foundation director at Northwestern College, speaking to them group. The theme was "Preparing For Life". Other speakers were Dr. I.C. Turnley, the Rev. E.J. Barksdale, the pastor, and Coach Clyde Thompson.

RALLY DAY, POUNDING HELD AT LAKE ARTHUR

Sunday, September 29, was a busy one in Lake Arthur Methodist Church. It was Rally Day and the Sunday School Teachers were honored at the evening service. The Rev. Leonard Cooke, district superintendent, delivered the morning message and conducted the Quarterly Conference.

Family night was observed in the evening with a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. At this time the congregation gave the Rev. Glendon Messer an old-fashioned pounding. To climax the evening Mrs. Marjorie Martin of Welsh showed films on her trip to the Holy Land and gave a most interesting explanation of them. This was sponsored by the M.Y.F. of the church. Miss Doris Lockwood is the leader of the M.Y.F. group.

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It is amazing how easy it is for a stingy man to convince himself that he is giving more than his share.

The Church must convince the world that the righteous are also smart.

If "calling a meeting" would save the world, the Methodists would have done it single-handed years ago.

Measure Progress, Project Plans For Heart Of Self-Study, SCCS Exec. Tells Centenary

"The very heart of an institutional self-study is a determination of what kind of college you aim to have, because only in the light of such a determination can you measure your progress to date and project your plans for the future," Dr. Gordon W. Sweet, executive secretary of the Southern Conference of Colleges and Schools, told the Centenary College faculty recently.

Dr. Sweet delivered his remarks in a discussion of the objectives and benefits of the institutional self-study during Centenary's annual pre-registration faculty conference. Centenary now has a self-study in progress as a requirement of membership in the Southern Association.

"In an era when both college enrollment and costs are rising," Dr. Sweet said, "colleges have been competing with each other in various ways. Some have chosen to compete strictly in matters of brick and mortar. But many of them have come to see that they must get over this 'edifice complex' and take a long, hard look at whether they are doing the best possible job of education in the light of their expressed aims."

"That is where the institutional self-study has served a purpose. It was inaugurated as a purely voluntary means by which colleges might examine themselves. I am happy to say that so many have now volunteered that the self-study has become a condition of membership in our association."

Dr. Sweet compared the educational policies of some modern colleges to "super-markets," in which the student customers purchase "packages" of education and receive stamps which may later be redeemed in the form of diplomas.

"If your expressed aims is an educational 'super-market,' which wishes to be all things to all people, that is your own affair," he declared. "If, on the other hand, you wish to have a great liberal arts college, the self-study is a means of getting your program in line with your aims. Centenary appears to me to possess better-than-average means of attaining such a status."

President Joe J. Mickle, opening the conference program, told the staff that he had no intention of being a "lame-duck" president until his retirement next May 31.

"On the contrary," Mickle said, "I have every hope that this will be the finest of all the 19 years I will have spent as president of Centenary, and I have every intention of helping it to become so. The institutional self-study and our statewide financial campaign next spring will demand the greatest efforts of us all."

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MUNHOLLAND MEN ELECT 1963-64 YEAR OFFICERS

Officers for the 1963-64 year were elected by the Munholland Methodist Men's Club at their meeting on September 25.

Newly elected officers are: Russell Field, President; Don Rowland, Vice President; Jack Moore, Secretary and Harlie Beagle, Treasurer.

As a major project for the new year, the club adopted a plan for visiting inactive church members with the view

of encouraging a more active participation in Church affairs.

The Pastor at Munholland is the Rev. A. W. Townsend.

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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER HELD AT BLACKWATER

A family night supper was held at the Blackwater Methodist Church on October 1st. Following supper the film, "Conversion Plus" was shown to the group. This activity was in preparation for the evangelistic emphasis for October, "Sunday Nights for God".

The program is under the direction of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Mr. H. C. Carter, chairman. The Pew Captain Plan is being used to stimulate attendance at the Sunday evening services. Mrs. Ray Pearce, Mr. H. C. Carter, Mr. Harold Ballard and Mr. Henry Bliss are in charge of enlisting pew captains. Special groups are also being invited.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. T. N. Retif has prepared additional special music for the services. Mrs. Leland Stockwell is organist and Mrs. Charles Morgan is pianist.

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BATON ROUGE CHURCH NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

Ingleside Methodist Church of Baton Rouge announces the appointment of Miss Carole Tyler to the church staff as director of youth activities.

In addition to overseeing the total youth program of the church, she will also direct two youth choirs.

Miss Tyler comes to Baton Rouge from the First Methodist Church in Yazoo City, Mississippi, where she was responsible for the musical program of that church. She has been a staff member at Camp Merr-Mac in Black Mountain, North Carolina, for the past four summers and has been an active participant in youth work of the Methodist Church for some time.

A native of Mississippi, Miss Tyler received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mississippi State College in 1961 and is presently pursuing her work toward a Master of Music Education degree at LSU.



FAMILY NIGHT was held Sept. 29 at McGowen Memorial Methodist Church, Jeanerette, and was attended by over 65 members and guest. Shown here is a scene during the pot-luck dinner. Standing is the minister, the Rev. Harold P. Cansler.



THE COMMITTEE for the Christian Workers Dinner held recently at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, is shown here. From left are Mrs. Alton Burkett, Miss Elaine Primm, Earl Hamm, Miss Mildred Smith, Mrs. Willis Ward, Victor Johnson and Mrs. J.E. Whitaker, chairman. The guest speaker was the Rev. Cecil Benoit, minister of Christian Education, First Methodist Church, Alexandria. The pastor is the Rev. Earl B. Emmerich.



MYF MEMBERS of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Youth Fellowship of Bunkie pose here following a showing of their play, "The Delinquent, The Hipster and The Square", which has been presented to over 250 people. From left are Sue Couvellion, Ronnie Dupree, Geraldine Cochran, Sherry! Thayer, Donna Tebow, Randol Hynson, Monty Townsend and Steve Mayer.

Methodist Leader Addresses Catholics

"In the world of 1960s, it may well be that one of the most effective elements in the witness of Roman Catholics and Protestants to our common Lord will be the eager exploration of every possible avenue of courtesy, trust and personal affection." So said the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, the chief overseas missions executive of The Methodist Church, in addressing 1,000 Catholic priests, brothers, nuns and members of the laity September 24 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Smith, who is the general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, was one of three major platform speakers at the 14th annual meeting of the American mission-sending societies of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the first non-Catholic to address the mission-sending societies at their annual meeting. The invitation to Dr. Smith is considered a significant missionary dimension of the current and growing ecumenical dialogue between Roman Catholics and Protestants in America.

Dr. Smith told the meeting of the mission-sending societies: "The world has seen too much in the relationship between Protestants and Catholics, who both bear Christ's name, of mutual indifference, distrust and sometimes hostility. This picture has weakened our witness and multiplied the doubts to mankind. For some on both sides, it would require perhaps a minor earthquake to practice even that degree of respect and affection which our sharpest theological differences still allow."

"The rewarding exploration by both Catholics and Protestants of every possible avenue of courtesy, trust and personal affection is part of the personal mission to which Christ calls us today. I join with you in deepened commitment to that part of our mission, as well as to the total and glorious task of exalting Christ before the world that He may, indeed, draw us and all men unto Himself."

Dr. Smith's address was related to the over-all theme of the meeting, "Christianity — A Personal Mission," which emphasized the importance of making everyone aware of his own responsibility as a Christian. The title of his address was "A Minister's Concept of Personal Mission."

The meeting of the mission-sending societies is sponsored by the Mission Secretariat, a clearing-house for information and services to aid American Catholic mission work. With a membership of more than 200 U. S. religious orders which maintain personnel on overseas missions, the Mission Secretariat provides for an exchange of ideas and practical help. Founded in 1950, the Secretariat has offices in the National Catholic Welfare Building in Washington. Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York is the national director, and Father Frederick A. McGuire, C.M., is executive secretary.

Commenting further on Protestant-Catholic relationships, Dr. Smith said: "As a Protestant, I thank God for

you and for the countless sign of the working of His Holy Spirit among you and throughout your church. I thank God for the amazing fruitfulness of Pope John's short but historic years as Holy Father; for the Second Vatican Council—its achievements and continuing promises and for the extraordinary courtesies shown there to Protestant and Orthodox observers; and for the election of Cardinal Montini to the Papacy. God is today drawing all Christians closer to each other—Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant. I join with you in prayer that we may discover a deepening obedience to the express desire of our Lord regarding those who believe in Him, 'that they may all be one . . . so that the world may believe.'"

Of the mission of the Christian and of the church, Dr. Smith said: "This is a great hour for the Christian mission. The mission is Christ's. Our task is to make Him known. It is continually to be crossing the boundaries between belief and unbelief in order that persons may know that Jesus is the Christ. Our mission is to make Him known that in every walk of life devoted disciples, secure in the knowledge of Him as their Savior, shall labor to make known His triumphant lordship over all of life. The time for personal mission in Christ, indeed, is now!"

The two other major speakers were Martin H. Work, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men, and the Very Rev. Gerald Rooney, C.P., provincial superior, St. Paul of the Cross Province of the Passionists. The annual World Mission Award of the mission-sending societies was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Luhrs of Levittown, N.Y., for their work in sending clothing, books and magazines to missionaries throughout the world. The meeting included workshops and discussions on a wide range of subjects from public relations to the training of relief workers.

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Miss Brattain

Mission Board Announced New Executive; Promotes Another

The Methodist Board of Missions elected one new executive and promoted another at its executive committee meeting recently in New York City. The persons involved are:

Miss Miriam Brattain, Minneapolis, Minn., and New York City, who was promoted from associate secretary of missionary education in the Woman's Division of Christian Service to secretary of missionary education.

The Rev. John Victor Samuel, a Methodist minister and church executive from West Pakistan who was elected a staff member of the Board's Department of Field Cultivation for the 12 months from September 1, 1963 to August 31, 1964.

Miss Brattain, who has specialized in missionary education work since joining the Board's Staff in 1960, succeeds Miss Elizabeth Stinson, who retired in

August after 15 years as secretary of Missionary education of the Woman's Division. Miss Brattain will coordinate arrangements for summer schools of missions and Christian service of the Woman's Division, where leaders are trained, and will work in other phases of the Division's program of missionary education.

Mr. Samuel's election continues the policy introduced four years ago of having an outstanding national from an overseas mission field or a leader from a home mission field on the staff of the Department of Field Cultivation, which is in the Board's Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. The person who held the position just before Mr. Samuel was Bishop H. J. Lew of Korea. Mr. Samuel will spend the next year in interpreting the mission and work of The Methodist Church in Southern Asia to Methodists in America.

Missions Executive Committee Okays Board Structure Changes

The executive committee of the Methodist Board of Missions, which has international responsibilities and is the largest board of The Methodist Church, has given approval in principle to a sweeping reorganization of the Board's structure, the first such reorganization since the Board was formed in 1940.

The executive committee took action on a preliminary report on the proposed new structure at its meeting September 26 in New York City. Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indianapolis Area, Board of Missions, was in the chair.

Before any restructuring can take place, however, four steps must be completed: 1. The plan of reorganization, including many details yet to be worked out, must be put in final form. 2. The final plan must be approved by the whole Board of Missions at its annual meeting in January, 1964, at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. 3. The changes necessitated in the Methodist Discipline must be adopted by the General Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., beginning April 26, 1964. 4. The new structure must be implemented by the newly-elected Board of Missions for the 1964-68 quadrennium, which will hold its organizational meeting in September in Chicago, Ill.

Even though the executive committee approval was in principle only and even though the major steps remain, the broad outlines of the new Board of Missions structure have been drawn. They call for basic changes in the organizational pattern of the Board, which are intended to alleviate several problems of many years' standing related to mission work of The Methodist Church.

The plan is also designed to provide for a structure through which the worldwide missionary work of The Methodist Church can be conducted in a way which better meets the needs of a revolutionary world.

The major changes proposed in the new plan are:

1. Having one general secretary for the Board instead of the present four, one for each of four major units (three divisions and a joint section).

2. Unifying administration of Methodist mission fields at home and overseas by replacing the present administration by general divisions of the Board and by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Specifically, in relation to Methodism's 44 overseas fields, this means doing away with the present

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EUB Church of U.S. Joins World Council

STUTTGART, Germany (RNS) — Two Churches were admitted here to membership in the World Methodist Council, bringing the total number of denominations affiliated with the organization to 20.

Members of the Council's Executive Committee, holding a six-day annual meeting, also opened the way for membership of a third body.

Membership applications were accepted from the Evangelical United Brethren Church, headquartered in the U.S., and The Methodist Church of Nigeria. The United Church of Central Africa in Rhodesia was given assurance that it would be eligible for consideration when union movements now in progress are completed.

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Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division, each of which has an administrative officer for each field (two board secretaries for Africa, for example), and replacing them with a new overseas administrative division with only one secretary for each mission field. Similarly, the present Division of National Missions and the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division will cease to exist as such and will be merged into a new home missions division with only one administrator for each mission field or area of work (city, town-and-country, etc.).

3. Providing for fuller unity in missionary education and cultivation in Methodist churches in the United States through reducing drastically the number of approaches to the local church from the Board. Again speaking specifically, this means transferring the Advance Departments of the Divisions of National and World Missions into the present Joint Section of Education and Cultivation (the present name, though due to be changed) and thus making a united approach in promotion of Advance Specials instead of separate and sometimes competing approaches from two divisions. It also means unifying into one department the educational and promotional work in such fields as literature and audio-visuals, where there has been duplication heretofore (one department for the general church and for the Woman's Division).

4. Strengthening local Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds through more intensive leadership-training by the Woman's Division and providing more opportunities for participation of women in all phases of Board of Missions work. Though the administrative work of the Woman's Division in home and foreign missions will be integrated with that of the general church (as outlined in No. 2), the Woman's Division will be continued as one of three major divisions of the Board and will have expanded responsibilities in the fields of leadership-training and program development for Methodist women and of Christian social relations. The Woman's Division will continue to raise and receive funds from Woman's Societies and Guilds, as at present, and to support projects of the Division's own choosing in both home and overseas

mission fields.

5. Providing for increased participation and involvement of Board members (as contrasted with executive staff) in the policy-making operations of the Board. Under the proposed plan, smaller numbers of Board members would meet more often to take a more direct hand in determining the policies and directing the ongoing work of the Board.

6. Setting up within the new overseas administrative division of the Board a plan for channeling the techniques and skills of other national Methodist agencies in such fields as stewardship, evangelism, Christian education, etc., to Methodist and Methodist-related churches overseas. Thus the relationship of Methodist agencies other than the Board of Missions to overseas churches would continue to be coordinated through the Board of Missions, as at present.

In interpreting the proposed new structure, Bishop Raines said: "This new plan provides for fuller unity in the Board itself, for fuller unity in missionary service to churches in the United States and around the world, and for more effective missionary education and cultivation. These benefits will be derived through having one general secretary, doing away with dual administration and lodging in one part of the Board the responsibilities for education and cultivation."

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participated. The Structure Committee took note of suggested changes and will consult further with Board members and staff in preparing a final plan for submission to the whole Board in January.

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A PART OF THE group of more than 100 that attended homecoming at Siloam Springs Methodist Church, Wyatt, La.,



Sept. 29, and (right) the Lakeside quartet which sang during the day.



YOUNG PEOPLE from Kenner Methodist Church as they enjoyed an overnight camping trip which opened their recent Youth Activities Week.



THESE PRIMARY children were recently promoted to the Junior Department at Summer Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport.



THESE YOUNG PEOPLE of Crew Lake Methodist Church, Start, La. Shown during a recent trip to Destin, Fla.



OATHER ROGERS, Johnny Moody, Bob Bishir and the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr., all of Cotton Valley Methodist Church, shown as they attended the Ruston District Laymen's Dinner at Dubach.



THE REV. JAMES ADAMS, pastor of Luling Methodist Church, and Charles L. Mayfield, Church School superintendent, who recently taught a Church School Institute in their church. Mrs. Adams also was an instructor in the school.



THE MEN'S CLUB of Jonesboro Methodist Church, recently enjoyed a program of slides of the Holy Land, presented by the Rev. Lowell K. Reichardt (center) pastor of the Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Shown with him are David Stinson (left) president of the club, and the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum (right) pastor.



THE JUNIOR MYF of Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans, recently held a planning retreat at the Kiwanis Camp at Mandeville. Most of the 26 young people who attended are seen in this picture.



MR. BYRON H. RAINWATER receives citation as "Ruston District Layman of the Year" from Dr. Henry A. Rickey, District Superintendent.

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AREA CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1963

- Oct. 30-Nov. 10—Methodist Conference on Christian Education, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.
- Nov. 3—Lydia Patterson Sunday
- Nov. 5—Shreveport Sub-District Missions Workshop, Vivian, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5—Lafayette District Workshop—Church Lay Leaders and Ministers, New Iberia, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 6—Shreveport Sub-District Missions Workshop, Shreveport, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7—Shreveport Sub-District Missions Workshop, Mansfield, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7—Ruston District Workshop - Church Lay Leaders and Ministers, Arcadia, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12—Ruston District Curriculum Institute, Arcadia
- Nov. 13—Monroe District Curriculum Institute, Rayville
- Nov. 14—Alexandria District Curriculum Institute, Alexandria
- Nov. 18—New Orleans District Curriculum Institute, First Church, N. O.
- Nov. 19-22—National Conference on Evangelism, Louisville, Ky.
- Nov. 19—Lafayette District Curriculum Institute, Houma
- Nov. 20—Lafayette District Curriculum Institute, Lafayette
- Nov. 21—Baton Rouge District Curriculum Institute, First Church, B. R.

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The Bishop's Letter from Africa

From the Congo

Katubue, Central Congo
October 10, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

We have had an interesting trip from Liberia to the Central Congo—a distance of over 2,500 miles. We spent Monday and Monday night on the Firestone Plantation, and on Tuesday morning we left Roberts Field in Liberia for Accra, the capital city of Ghana. We were there until Wednesday noon.

On yesterday morning we had a good visit with Dr. F. C. F. Grant, the president of the Methodist Church of Ghana. Our Methodist Church in the United States does not have any work in Ghana. The British Methodists began work in that country early in the nineteenth century. In January, 1835, the first Methodist missionary from England arrived in Ghana, the Rev. Joseph R. Dunwell, who died the following June. But from the beginning the church has grown in that country.

In 1960 the British Conference, meeting in Liverpool, unanimously consented to the setting up of a new Methodist conference in Ghana. In July, 1961, the new autonomous Methodist Church in Ghana was organized and Dr. Grant elected the first president. Today the new church consists of one annual conference, five districts, 1,313 churches, 81 ministers and 59,018 members, with a constituency of 168,000 persons.

We left Accra at noon yesterday and arrived in Leopoldville at 6 p.m. We were met by the Rev. Pierre Shaumba, executive secretary of the Congo Protestant Council. We spent the night at the Presbyterian Mission Hostel in downtown Leopoldville and came on this morning to Luluabourg. Our Methodist Church does not have work in Leopoldville, but we lend certain of our people to the Protestant work there. Mr. Shaumba is a Methodist and a delegate to the General Conference at Pittsburgh next year.

At the hotel we found the Rev. John Wesley Shungu, one of our strong Congolese Methodist leaders from the Central Congo. He was en route to Nirobia to attend a Bible Conference. We had spent ten days together at the Latin American Consultation in Argentina in 1962, so I was meeting an old friend. Brother Shungu was our contact man in Lodja for the Central Congo, but he had not received my last letter telling of a change of one day in our schedule. Therefore he was worried because no one would be at the airport in Luluabourg to meet us. Burleigh Law was to meet us on Friday with the mission plane to take us to Katubue, but really Brother Shungu was not half as worried as W. E. and I were.

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Ruston District 'Layman of Year'

B. H. Rainwater, Sr., of Ruston, was honored at the recent District Methodist Layman's Dinner at Dubach by being named Ruston District Layman of the Year.

The award was presented at the dinner by Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent. In making the presentation, Dr. Rickey said:

"We have selected as Layman of the Year for 1963 in the Ruston District a man of unquestioned integrity, unwavering loyalty to The Methodist Church and many years of dedicated service.

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Expand Layman's Day Program

Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., New Iberia, conference lay leader of the Louisiana Conference, was the Layman's



Day speaker at Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Oct. 20, as a part of a most extensive Layman's Week observance in that church.

Mr. Daughenbaugh spoke at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Allen Collette, district lay leader, directed the first service, assisted by Roger Williams,

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SHOWN AT THE RECENT Sub-district Mission Workshop held for the southern part of the Lafayette District at First Methodist Church, Houma, were (l. to r.): the Rev. A. Jerome Cain, district superintendent; the Rev. K.G. Rorie, associate Area Director; the Rev. Harold Hine, pastor of Davidson Memorial and Ivanhoe churches, Lafayette; and the Rev. Luman Douglas, pastor of First Church, Houma.



PICTURED AT THE Ruston District Layman's Banquet at Dubach recently were (l. to r.): Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., Conference Lay Leader; Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent; Cecil Ramey, layman from Shreveport; and Thomas A. Pitt, associate Area Director.

Editorials

Remember we are Protestants

THE many things that may be said in appreciation of developments that are taking place in the Second Vatican Council should not make us forget that we are Protestants and that we have a great positive heritage to preserve and defend. There may be a great temptation on the part of many of us to play down the significant contributions of the Protestant Reformation. As we approach the anniversary of this great religious event let us throw our shoulders back and assert that we are glad we are Protestants.

We are appreciative for what is being done in the Vatican Council. Everywhere we turn there are evidences of "fresh air" blowing through doors that have been opened by these discussions. We are in a new day of discussion with our Catholic neighbors and good is bound to be the result of this. Never before have we known such an atmosphere in which our status as Protestant Christians has been so widely recognized by Roman Catholics.

However we should take care lest our enthusiasm for Pope John and Pope Paul and the monumental contributions their spirits have made on the total Christian horizon should cause us to minimize the contributions that Martin Luther and the other reformers made to religious freedom.

We notice that in some cities the designation of special services held on this anniversary is being changed from Reformation Day. In many instances we are sure there is good reason for this, but we have a feeling that we ought not to surrender this traditional designation or minimize the influence it has had on world Christianity and our own individual religious lives.

We grant that it is easy to overemphasize the negatives aspects of the Reformation and assume that a Protestant is one who is always against

something. But this event, which comes at the same time as the Catholic All Saints' Day—the occasion which prompted Martin Luther to dramatically make his break with Rome—reminds us of the tremendous debt we owe for the privilege of feeling we have wide open lines of communication with our Heavenly Father and that it is the exercise of our own faith that determines our status with Him.

Cheer as loudly as you like for the achievements of the Vatican Council but never let these cheers deafen you to the great declarations of the Protestant Reformation which are still so very vital to our spiritual wholeness.

Do we mean what we sing?

WE sometimes ask about a man "Does he really mean what he says?" We would like to raise another question concerning our regular worship habits. "Do we mean what we sing?" We have a feeling that many of us join enthusiastically in the great declarations of our hymns because they are written in poetic style. Many of the same truths we would not be caught repeating in the prose of our daily conversation because we know some one would hold us accountable for that.

The Psalmist said "Sing unto the Lord a new song." He was telling the people of his times that they needed to take a step forward—that some new experience was needed in their religious life. Sometimes we are asked about some statement made from the pulpit, "Was that true or were you just preaching?" The same kind of question might be addressed to both pulpit and pew concerning the participation in the singing, "Was that true or was it just singing?"

Several years ago Dr. Halford Luccock, who contributed a column to *The Christian Century* under the pen name Simeon Stylites, discussed the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," calling especial attention to the sentence, "like a mighty army moves the church of God." In his usual pointed style he reminded us of how ineffective an army would be if it put up with some of the practices that are followed by members in their attendance and participation.

Methodists will concern themselves at General Conference with the contents of a new hymnal. Great discussions will take place about the absence of some hymns and the presence of some others. In the midst of that discussion it might be well for every Methodist to raise the question we have asked here, "Do we mean what we sing?"



the EDITOR'S CORNER

BOOK REVIEWS

Thomas J. Shipp, *HELPING THE ALCOHOLIC AND HIS FAMILY*, Prentice Hall, \$2.95.

At the request of Dr. Russell L. Dicks, general editor, the pastor of Lovers Lane Methodist Church, Dallas, has become the author of one of the early volumes in a new series of books on "Successful Pastoral Counseling."

Dr. Shipp, who has established himself as one of the outstanding workers with alcoholics and their families, shares with us in this book some of the techniques which have helped him attain this reputation.

Every minister faces the same situation when he is faced with the problems of the alcoholic and his family. He will find great help here, just as we are sure he shall from the books to come subsequently in this series.

John D. Godsey, editor, *KARL BARTH'S TABLE TALK*, John Knox Press, \$1.75 (Paper).

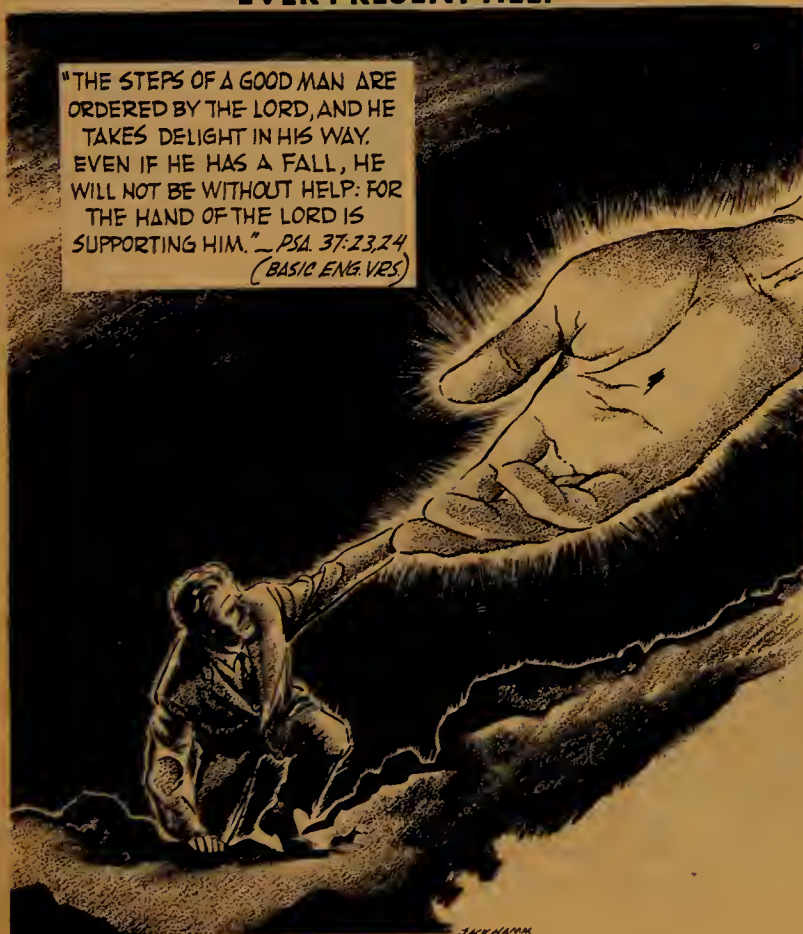
Here is a very unusual book which makes it possible for us to share in a unique fellowship of theological students who traveled from all over the world to Basel, Switzerland, to sit at the feet of Professor Karl Barth.

On Tuesday evenings those students who spoke English were invited to the professor's home (and later, when the group became too large, to a university seminar room) to discuss theology in an informal atmosphere. One student would present a paper on some aspect of Barth's theology and then the exchange between students and professor would follow. This book is the transcription of recordings made at some of these sessions and gives us a most interesting insight into this theological giant and his teaching methods as well as his theological points of view.

When Jesus accepted his crucifixion it meant that he really believed the things he had been teaching.

We never really realize the need for a hospital until we are taken sick in the night.

EVER PRESENT HELP



"THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD, AND HE TAKES DELIGHT IN HIS WAY. EVEN IF HE HAS A FALL, HE WILL NOT BE WITHOUT HELP: FOR THE HAND OF THE LORD IS SUPPORTING HIM." —PSA 37:23,24 (BASIC ENG. VER.)

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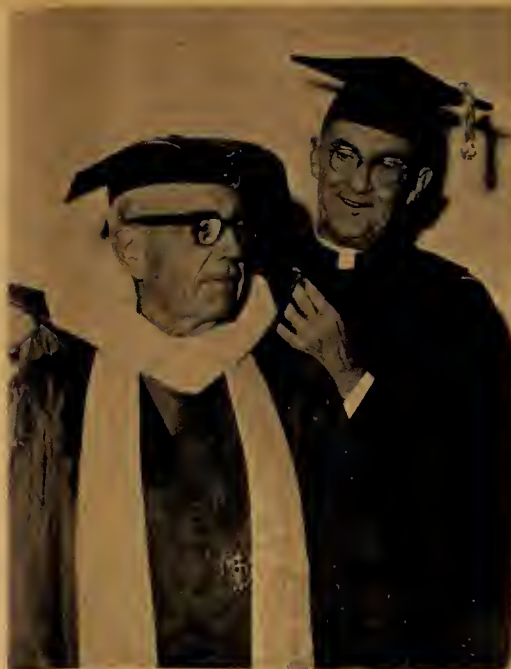
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Corson at St. Joseph's

Bishop Corson Outlines Bridges Of Unity to Catholic Audience

PHILADELPHIA.—"Because of the Godly example and admonition of two Johns—John Wesley and Pope John XXIII, I stand in this place," Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson told the commencement audience at St. Joseph's College here October 6.

He spoke from the platform of this Jesuit institution where in the same ceremonies he received an honorary Doctor of Letters Degree, the first Methodist bishop to be so honored by a Roman Catholic college.

Methodist-related Boston University in 1962 conferred an honorary Doctor of Humanities on His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston.

Referring to John Wesley and the late Pope John, Bishop Corson said, "I thank God that both of these saintly men have touched directly my life."

"My presence here," Bishop Corson explained, "is a symbol of the working anew of the leaven of unity among God's people."

About John Wesley

John Wesley, even though he lived in the 18th century, would have been completely at home here today and at the Second Vatican Council, said the bishop. "He was far ahead of his time in his concept of and dedication to Christian unity."

Bishop Corson cited Wesley's famous sermon on "The Catholic Spirit," preached in 1749.

"Is thy heart right as my heart is with thine?" he quoted, "If it be, give me thine hand."

"While it caused much disturbance then, this sermon has become the fundamental incentive for the beginnings of Methodist participation in our present ecumenical conversions and is required reading for all candidates for holy orders in The Methodist Church," the Methodist speaker stated.

About Pope John

In appraising Pope John, Bishop Corson who headed the official Methodist Observers at the Vatican Council, declared that if the late Pontiff had occupied the office in 1521, Martin Luther probably would never have left the church.

"Because of his temperament and Christlike spirit, his desire to win rather than to force, he would have sought

to understand Luther, recognize his indictment of errors and sins as a protest and not as rebellion and would have clung to him even though at times he was a very trying man."

The bishop, who heads the World Methodist Council, also expressed his belief that had there been a man of Pope John's spirit in Canterbury in 1740 he could have kept John Wesley and his movement within his church.

"There was room and need for the Wesleyan order within the Church of England but the hierarchy did not see it," Bishop Corson said.

Six Bridges Proposed

The commencement address of the Protestant bishop to the almost entirely Roman Catholic audience proposed six bridges to Christian unity across what has been assumed to be the great gulf fixed between Christian bodies.

"These bridges have already been started and offer ways either closing the gaps that separate us or they will unite us above these gaps," the bishop prophesied.

Bishop Corson's bridges:

- c) A memorial by a minister of The Methodist Church should give the Annual Conference where his membership is held, his relationship to it and his appointment.
- d) A memorial by a local preacher of The Methodist Church should give his classification and where his church membership is held.

4) SUGGESTED FORM.

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church to be convened April 26, 1964 in Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

I (or we) respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church, to (here follows your memorial).

5) ADDRESS YOUR MEMORIAL

to Dr. Leon T. Moore, Secretary, the General Conference, Room 301, 1701 Arch street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19013 as soon as ready. Memorials mailed to arrive later than April 18 should be addressed to Dr. Moore at Penn Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh. Remember—memorials must be in the secretary's hands not later than the first day of the General Conference (April 26).

What, When, How? Explained About Those 'Memorials'

Every four years the word "memorial" takes on a rather specialized meaning for Methodists. It's there in the big dictionary following its more common usages.

In these quadrennial years to Methodists a "memorial" is a petition to the General Conference for new enactments or for changes in the present legislation. A memorial is the Methodist way of getting a bill into the hopper of this great law and policy-making body.

The privilege of submitting memorials is not confined to the 900 lay and ministerial delegates. Any member or group of members of The Methodist Church or any Methodist organization on whatever level may "memorialize" this top law and policy making body.

Upon receipt by the General Conference secretary these memorials, often totaling several thousands, are numbered, titled and classified. When the 14 standing legislative committees meet the memorials are distributed each to the proper chairman. In due time action on each one is reported, first in the Daily Christian Advocate, then on the floor of the General Conference.

Formerly memorials were accepted as late as the third day of the Conference. In 1964 the deadline is the end of the first day, April 26.

Dr. Leon T. Moore of Philadelphia, secretary of the General Conference, states the rules governing submission of a memorial:

1) ONE SUBJECT only to a memorial. Send as many memorials as you have subjects.

2) THREE COPIES. Each memorial must be submitted in triplicate. This is most important.

3) METHODISTS ONLY. No memorial will be considered from other than Methodist sources. All memorials must be signed.

a) A memorial presented by an individual member of The Methodist Church should give his name and the name of the church where membership is held.

b) A memorial by an organization of The Methodist Church should have the name of the organization, the name of the church, the official or officials who sign it with the title of each.

Communication — We must seek a clarity in expressing religious ideas and develop a language which will express the theological meaning of words now used in the church, but which are no longer understood by either different church groups or by those outside the churches.

Fellowship — The church must be drawn together in trust, an accomplishment of Pope John who not only opened the windows of his church, but the doors as well. He loved people more than he loved power.

Education— Information is a great foe to criticism and in our ecumenical relations, the sparsity of our knowledge has proved a dangerous thing. Differences sometimes resolve themselves in understanding and while doctrines cannot be compromised, their meaning is classified by interpretation.

Communion—I refer to a sense of oneness, of rapport, beyond form and without the necessity of words. It commits us to one another in oneness of experience; it releases our outgiving impulses and unites them in a common allegiance and devotion to Our Lord.

Purpose—We must see clearly a point of objective, a point of reasonable achievement and unite to attain it. And we need to have such a clear purpose and strategy to gain it, not only for the sake of advance, but also because the world now looks to us for a demonstration of the unity we talk about.

Effort—No dream comes true without action. We must, therefore, all work for our dream of a time when all Christians shall be all one in Christ.



ABOARD U.S.S. ENTERPRISE — An American sailor hoists the traditional "Church Call" pennant to herald National Bible Week, being observed Oct. 21-27 for the 23rd consecutive year. Sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee, Inc., an interreligious non-profit group, the theme of this year's observance is "The Bible — Symbol of Unity."



THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF St. Luke's Church, Shreveport, held a retreat Sept. 28-29 at Lake Bistineau. Shown at the retreat are (l. to r.): Homer Flynn, chairman of the board; Neil Dixon, Thomas A. Pitt and Virgil Hilburn. Eight members attended the retreat along with the pastor, the Rev. Arthur M. Baker.

Methodist Hospital Campaign

Mr. Urban C. Wilkinson, campaign general chairman, Methodist Hospital, announced the acceptance by Fred H. Cathey, general manager of the Borden Company, as chairman of the industry and commerce division of the Hospital Building Fund Campaign.

Mr. Cathey was born in Dallas, Texas. He received his education in the Dallas School System and attended Southern Methodist University for two years studying pre-law and majoring in business administration. During the depression, Mr. Cathey joined the Borden Company in Dallas.

While working for the Borden Company, he continued his education and received his LL. B. degree and was admitted to the Texas State Bar Association.

The first thirteen years of Mr. Cathey's Borden career were spent in a variety of jobs that gave him a complete background of the Borden Company and its dairy business.

In World War II, Mr. Cathey served in the Navy as a communications officer in the Pacific area. He was discharged as a lieutenant. Part of his training in the navy was received at Harvard University.

On his return to the Borden Company, he was transferred to New Or-

leans in 1947. He was made retail sales manager in March, 1948. In 1951, Mr.

Cathey attended the Milk Industry Foundation School in Washington, D.C., where he was voted President of the graduating class. In 1959, he was appointed assistant general manager of the Borden's New Orleans plant and in June of 1962, made general manager.

Mr. Cathey is a member of the Rotary Club of New Orleans; the International House; Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans area and a member of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of New Orleans. Mr. Cathey is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Meaairie and lieutenant governor of Kiwanis District Four.

He is active in church work and serves as a member of the official board, member of the Finance Commission, class teacher and the 1963-64 Pledge Drive chairman at Munholland Methodist.

He is married to the former Ima Clardy. Mr. and Mrs. Cathey are the parents of three daughters; Coleen, who is now Mrs. John Green of Camp Wolthers, Mineral Wells, Texas; Vickie, who is a senior at the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette, and Gail, who attends Riverside High.

Bishop's Letter

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However, everything has worked out well. We had some interesting experiences in the airport at Luluabourg, but it would take too long to tell you about them now. We wound up at the American Presbyterian Congo Mission where the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Halverstadt from Atlanta, Ga. helped us with our problems. The Presbyterian Mission plane flew us to Katubue this afternoon where we have had a warm welcome. We will be here until Saturday when Mr. Law will come to fly us to Wembo Nyama.

This Katubue Mission is a beautiful spot located about 35 miles from Luluabourg. The high school here was started in 1953 by the Southern Presbyterians at Mutota. The Methodists joined in this enterprise and the school was moved to Katubue in 1959, where it remains a cooperative operation by the Presbyterians and the Methodists. There are 12 missionaries at the station now—seven Methodists and five Presbyterians. There are 200 students. The school does excellent work. Its graduates are accepted for college work in both the United States and Europe.

It is interesting to know that with all the trouble out here this mission station has never been disturbed. The missionaries were evacuated for a short time in the summer of 1960. The school was closed for about a month, but it has graduated a class every year.

Since we are a day ahead of schedule we plan to rest tomorrow morning. However, to this point the trip has not tired us. There is so much to see and so much to learn and we keep so busy that there are not enough hours in the day. The fact of the matter is that right now there is a difference of nine hours in time between here and Louisiana.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton

Miller Williams

Miller Williams, a member of the English faculty at LSU and the son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Williams, North Little Rock, Ark., and son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Day of Baton Rouge, is spending this year in Chile with his family as recipient of the Amy Lowell traveling scholarship in poetry.

Mrs. Williams is the former Lucille Fern Day and they have three children, Cindy, Robert and Karen.

During the year Mr. Williams will be doing some articles for U.S. magazines of life in Chile and will be teaching a course in American poetry at the University of Chile.

This award is given each year to an outstanding U.S. Poet, and is provided for by the will of Amy Lowell, major American poet who died in 1925. The grant stipulates that the winner spend the year of the grant outside North America, but he is free to choose the country to which he will go.

Williams has previously been awarded the Henry Bellaman Poetry Award (1957) and the Breadloaf Fellowship in Poetry (1961). He has published poetry and criticism in many literary journals, including Saturday Review, Poetry, Texas Quarterly, Paris Review and Chicago Review.



Mr. Williams

He has written a chapter called "Your Winters, or How to Measure the Wings of a Bumblebee," for the forthcoming book, Studies in Contemporary Literature. A book of his poems will appear this year in the U.S., and a collection of his poetry in parallel translation will appear in a bilingual edition in South America.

He was recently invited to record his poems for the Library of Congress collection of American poets. Two of his poems will appear this winter in Motive.

Area Calendar

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Nov. 21—National Workshop on Stewardship, Evanston, Ill.

Nov. 24—World Service Sunday —Retired Ministers' Homes Sunday

Nov. 25—Lake Charles District Curriculum Institute, University Church, Lake Charles

Nov. 25 — Shreveport District Conference, Noel Church, Shreveport, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 26—Ruston District Conference, Springhill, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving Day Worship Services

FIRST CALL OF 1000 CLUB CONTINUES

Layman of the Year

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"He came from a prominent Methodist family in Arkansas. He was married to Elizabeth James of Junction City, Ark. He joined the Methodist Church as a boy and has been a faithful member ever since.

"For 16 years he ran the commissary in Dubach, and for 35 years has lived in Ruston, where he has been active in civic affairs like the Chamber of Commerce and the hospital, but is known best as a loyal, devoted Methodist layman.

"He has served as chairman of the Official Board of Trinity Church, Ruston, and has been district treasurer since 1950."

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Every man is responsible for his own complexes.



IN ADDITION TO AN increased cash offering for the Methodist Children's Home the members of St. Joseph Methodist Church presented one ton of sugar to the home. Shown is the pastor, the Rev. Wallace P. Blackwood, who delivered the sugar to the storeroom of the home.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

MR. SYVELL BURKE of Springhill was the Layman's Day speaker at First Methodist Church, Cotton Valley, where the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr. is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN OF Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, had a Father-Son Banquet at their meeting on Oct. 23. Their pastor is the Rev. C. Robert McCammon.

SENATOR A.C. CLEMMONS of Jennings will be Layman's Day speaker at First Methodist Church, Welch, on Sunday, Oct. 27. The pastor is the Rev. Oakley Lee.

THE REV. ROBERT H. JAMIESON, pastor of First Methodist Church, DeRidder, spoke on "Christian Social Relations" at the Oct. 1 meeting of the WSCS of that church.

THE METHODIST MEN OF North Baton Rouge Methodist Church enjoyed a barbecue supper and fellowship meeting at the residence of Chester Harris. Their pastor is the Rev. Roy Mouser.

THE REV. JAMES P. WOODLAND, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the "Foundations for Life" radio program over radio station WWL, Oct. 13.

MRS. JAMES T. HARRIS, wife of the pastor is the teacher of the new "Upper Room Class" for young married couples, which was recently organized at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport.

DR. HENRY A. RICKEY, Ruston District Superintendent, dedicated the new classroom addition to the Mt. Nebo Church on Oct. 13, following the quarterly conference. The pastor is the Rev. Brady Forman.

ALBERT HUGH TEAGUE was the speaker for the Oct. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Bossier City. This was a steak supper meeting of this group. The pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

THE SPEAKER FOR the Monthly Family Night program at First Methodist Church, Chatham, recently was the Rev. Harry E. Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home. The pastor at Chatham is the Rev. Leon Scott.

THE WSCS OF THE ALGIERS Methodist Church recently honored Mrs. C.R. Gayaut with a life membership pin. She has served in the WSCS of that church for 17 years. The Rev. John T. Redmon is the pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, held a Ladies Night program Oct. 15. The program was furnished by the Crescent City Quartet and Chorus. The Carrollton pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

THE REV. LEA JOYNER, pastor of Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker for revival services at the Crew Lake Methodist Church, Start, recently. The music was directed by the pastor, the Rev. Rodger White.

A SILVER TEA WAS HELD at the parsonage of Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, for the benefit of Joe Ann and Don Small, missionaries from this

church who are now serving in Malaya. The pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

CHOIR DEDICATION SUNDAY was observed in both morning worship services at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Oct. 14. The minister of music, the Rev. Franklin Poole, presented the choirs for dedication by the pastor, Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

MR. T.A. JUDD, retired school principal from Mangham, was the speaker for the Oct. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Rayville. He spoke on "Bible History." The pastor is the Rev. R.E. Walton.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13, was observed at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, as "Student Joining Sunday" when a special opportunity was given to college students to become affiliate members of this church, whose pastor is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

CARL AND JULIA WILLIAMS, missionaries to Bolivia, were guests for family night programs at Mt. Mariah Methodist Church on Oct. 12 and will be at First Methodist Church, Arcadia on Oct. 30. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond is the pastor.

THE REV. BOB BAREFIELD, Wesley Foundation director at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, was the speaker for the Oct. 14 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Crowley, where the Rev. W.D. Boddie is the pastor.

THE REV. LLOYD A. FOREMAN, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the concluding session of the study, "These Cities Glorious" at First Methodist Church, Plaquemine, where the Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr. is the pastor.

THE REV. HARRY E. EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, was the speaker at a recent joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, where the Rev. Douglas McGuire is the pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR MYF group of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, held a week-end retreat at Camp Brewer, Oct. 12 and 13, for the purpose of planning their activities for the year. Mrs. Jo. Ann Lane is the counselor and the Rev. W. Spencer Wren is the pastor.

MISS JOE MARIE ELLETT has joined the staff of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, as director of Christian education. For the past two years she has served in this same capacity in First Methodist Church, West Monroe. The Lake Vista pastor is the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the speaker for a recent Sunday evening worship service at Broadmoor Methodist Church in that city. He showed color slides of his visit to Dr. Albert Schweitzer made sometime ago with his father, Bishop Dana Dawson.

THE REV. LAEL JONES, pastor of First Methodist Church, Baker, was guest evangelist for revival services at Little Creek Methodist Church, Alto, Oct. 13-20. For the evening service at Baker on Oct. 13 the guest speaker was the Rev. Wayne Perrott, who is now studying for a doctorate at LSU.

KENTWOOD METHODIST CHURCH, under the leadership of the chairman of the Commission on Missions, Miss Lucille Napier, recently completed a church-wide School of Missions. The theme of the study was "The Rim of Asia." The average attendance for the three sessions was 31. The pastor is the Rev. Robert Collie.

AT THE SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Oct. 13 the proposition "Resolved that Church Membership is Too Easy" was debated. The affirmative was defended by Mr. Charles Carwile and Dr. G.W. Pomeory; and the negative was taken by the Rev. Harold Price

and Mr. Paul Palmer.

A RECENT ISSUE OF "Church-o-gram," parish paper of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, carried the following announcement: "Miss Becky Stephenson, Jr., dedicated her life to full-time Christian service, at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 1." The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

HOUMA HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH sponsored a chicken and spaghetti supper Sept. 28 to raise funds for a new church building. Over eight hundred dollars was cleared as a result of the hard work of the members. The pastor is the Rev. W.W. Beville. The pastor gave the morning devotionals over radio station KCIL, Houma, the week of Oct. 7-11.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Ponchatoula, observed "Preacher Appreciation Day" on Sunday, Sept. 29, honoring the Rev. Eldred Blakely is his fifth year of service to this church. The occasion was sponsored by the Lottie B. Mitchell Sunday School class under the leadership of Mr. Cecil Hebert. A special musical program including the pastor's favorite hymn was presented by the choir.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, spoke at New Hope Methodist Church, Sept. 29 and held a joint quarterly conference for New Hope and Concord churches. Mrs. Daniel De Lee, chairman of the Official Board of Concord Church served as recording steward. Mr. T. E. Spillman is chairman of the Official Board of the New Hope Church. The Rev. Ellis Bankston is pastor of the two churches.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE METHODIST MEN'S Club of Munholland Memorial Church, Metairie are: Russell Feild, president; Don Rowland, vice-president; Jack Moore, secretary; and Harlie Beagle, treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr. This club recently decided that its major project for the year would be visiting inactive members with a view of encouraging more active participation in the program of the church.

CARL AND JULIA WILLIAMS were guest speakers at Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, Oct. 13 at the morning worship hour. The service was sponsored by the Commission on Missions, of which Mrs. Mae Goode is the chairman. The pastor is the Rev. Lea Joyner. Another recent event in this church was the chicken spaghetti supper, Oct. 5, under the sponsorship of the Wesleyan Service Guild, of which Mrs. Kathryn Holloway is the president.

THE MYF OF CLAIBORNE Methodist Church, West Monroe, has been organized into three age groups. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown are counselors for the Junior High group; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaston are counselors for the Senior Highs; and Mr. and Mrs. Van Westbrook are counselors for the Older Youth. Mr. James Duncan is sub-district counselor and keeps the group informed on the general program of the MYF. Mrs. Marie Wilbanks is the hostess. The pastor is the Rev. Joe H. Robinson.

COLLEGE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, Natchitoches, entertained the Methodist freshmen of Northwestern State College, Sept. 21, with a "Hootnanny" on the church lawn. The K.C. Trio from Shreveport furnished the music. After the program, the pastor, the Rev. Dell Durand, Jr., brought a brief devotional. The WSCS served refreshments to about 90 students. Louis Ray Bryant was the master of ceremonies. This church has organized a new class for college students with Douglas Westbrook as the teacher.

PINEGROVE METHODIST CHURCH observed Rally Day and Promotion Day at the evening service, Oct. 7. The children and young people of the Church School had charge of the service. The newly-formed Children's Choir directed by Mrs. Jerry Dunn sang the anthem. Following the message by the pastor, the Rev. John Lee, the teachers were recognized and certificates of promotion were given. Bibles were presented to those entering the Junior Class. The program was under the direction of Mrs. W.E. Adams, chairman of the Commission on Education.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 3, 1963:

"WHEN CHRISTIANS WORSHIP"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 14. Printed Lesson Text, 1 Corinthians 14:6-12, 26-33a, 40.

MEMORY SELECTION: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the necessity for Christian worship that is orderly, sensible, practical, helpful and edifying.

The further we go in the study of 1 Corinthians, the more clearly we see how necessary it was for Paul to write this letter to the Corinthian church. There were many things about which the Christians at Corinth needed instructions.

Paul had been troubled about the divisions in the church. He was concerned about the fact that there were examples of immorality among some of its members. The divisions over the propriety of eating meats offered to idols had disturbed him.

In today's lesson Paul wants to correct the disorder and confusion that seemed to disturb orderly worship in the church. Our subject for today's lesson is, "When Christians Worship." Paul knew how important it was for the Christians at Corinth to worship together. He knew also that in order for these periods of worship together to be helpful and edifying, they must be carried on "decently and in order."

WORSHIP IS INSTINCTIVE

As far back as history finds any records of human development, it finds evidence of the fact that man is a worshipful creature.

While the Jews worshiped the true Jehovah God, the tribes about them in Palestine, together with the Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians all had their forms and objects of worship. The Greeks and Romans had elaborate forms of worship, with many gods and magnificent temples. Back through these early centuries, among heathen savages, as well as in the more civilized nations, everybody worshiped a god or gods of some kind.

Except for the Jews in its membership, the Corinthian church was made up of people who had never before worshiped the true God. The religion they practiced had little or nothing to do with moral conduct or good character. They had followed their instinct to worship a god but this worship was largely to get their god to do something for them or to keep him from doing something to them. Training such people in Christian behavior was not easy and it could not be done quickly.

PIONEERING IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

The Christian church in Corinth, like all other churches organized by Paul, was pioneering in Christian worship.

It is practically impossible for us today to realize the difficulties that confronted the widely scattered churches Paul had organized in heathen cities.

We today have Bibles containing the Old and New testaments. Early Christians had only limited access to Old Testament writings and no New Testament at all. We have houses of worship, some of them elaborately built, they had

no church houses at all and met in homes, rented buildings, caves, woodlands or open fields. It was necessary often for their meetings to be secret. We have the benefit of twenty centuries of Christian growth. They were pioneers in Christian worship. We have trained leadership in pulpit and pew. They were almost devoid of adequate, local leadership. The church today has the world's best literature and music. They had no literature and used Jewish hymns. We have a planned Christian program developed across the centuries. The Corinthian church, as other early Christian churches, had to improvise a program apparently for each worship service. We have a Christian Sabbath recognized in many lands as a day of rest in which to worship and promote the work of the church. The early Christian church had no such advantage. They had practically none of the aids for worship which we take for granted. It is little wonder that the early church had serious difficulties getting started.

Since these early Christians did not know what they were to do when they came together for worship, it was easy for confusion and even conflict of interests to develop. They had boundless enthusiasm and each one seemed to feel that he should add something to the worship service. Hence it was, according to Paul in verse 26 of our lesson, that "Each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation." Such an unplanned, unrehearsed program gave opportunity for confusion and disorder. Apparently these early Christians were too eager to respond in their open services. We today sit back quietly and "let George do it."

EMOTIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN RELIGION

One of the disturbing conflicts in the worship services of the early church in Corinth, about which Paul writes, was the conflict between those who spoke in "unknown tongues" and those who felt that they had a prophetic message that should be delivered to the church. It has never been quite clear to Bible scholars just what happened when members of the early church spoke in tongues. When this happened on the Day of Pentecost the indication is that the different members of the apostolic group spoke in some actual language and that the various nationalities present heard the gospel in their native languages. It appears that in the Corinthian church, the speaking in tongues was an ecstatic, emotional expression of religion that had no helpful meaning for others in the congregation. It might be well to note that the word "unknown" in the King James Translation is usually found in italics which means that it was added by the translators supposedly to make the meaning clearer. It is omitted from the Revised Standard Version and most other modern translations and simply reads "tongues."

Let us remember that emotional phenomenon in expressing religious experiences has not been uncommon in the development of the Christian church. In McTyeire's History of Methodism we are told of people having the "jerks" when revival fires were burning high. There were periods when people would develop the "jerks" so severely that there seemed to be danger of hurting themselves. As cautionary aids, "jerking posts" were put around the meeting place for one with the "jerks" to hold to in order to

steady himself. There were times when people would faint, swoon, go into trances. These sometimes would last for hours.

Shouting has been a very common experience in most of our Protestant churches until recent years. In some churches shouting is still a rather normal experience. It was my happy privilege to work in many revival meetings in the first thirty years of my ministry. I have seen at least two thirds of a congregation shouting at the same time. I have worked in meetings where, for some, there was a real doubt about the reality of a convert's experience unless he shouted or gave other pronounced evidences of a great emotional experience.

Many of us do not understand some of these emotional reactions in religious experiences, whether it be shouting, swooning, talking in tongues, or what not. However, because of the character of life lived by most of these people, who express their religion by great emotional reactions, we cannot doubt the reality and sincerity of their religion.

HELPS AND HINDRANCES IN WORSHIP

While there are many helps and hindrances in private worship today, I shall confine our discussion here largely to public worship.

There are numerous, serious hindrances to worship in our day. It has not been many years since the church and the school were centers of interest in both town and country on Sunday. Even the unchurched attended church in numbers on Sunday because there were not so many other places to go. With the means of transportation available then it was difficult to go ten miles from home and stay any length of time and return the same day. All of that has been radically changed with the coming of the automobile.

A commercialized Sabbath is a definite hindrance to church attendance and hence a hindrance to worship. Many people do their shopping on Sunday or do the many other things possible on a commercialized Sabbath.

Commercialized entertainment on Sunday affects church attendance and hence worship. The parks, ball games, motion pictures, boat races, auto races, etc. interfere with church services.

The television has changed the habits of many people. The best the world has in entertainment news coverage etc. is brought into the living room with the twist of a dial.

The countless other attractions and calls outside the home and the exhausting pace of everyday life often leaves little time or room for the church and its services.

While we have these and other hindrances to worship, we also have more aids to helpful worship today than at any time in the Christian era. We have comfortable, well equipped, attractive places of worship. We have trained, consecrated leaders; we have the world's best music and orders of worship developed across the centuries. Creeds and responses make possible helpful participation by worshipers. We have fellowship with the best, active Christians in the world. Worship can be as helpful and inspiring today as our needs require, if we will but have it so.

HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS WORSHIP?

Paul said of Christian worship that, "All things should be done decently and in order." A worship service is not a place for the display of special talents or learning, as such. Too often we preachers speak in "unknown tongues" even while using the English language. Preaching and teaching should be understandable, practical and helpful.

We Methodists should be proud of our name, given us, in the beginning, in derision because of the well planned, orderly manner in which our early leaders went about their work. While we should avoid routine ruts in planning our worship services, we should remember also that surprises and especially sensationalism are not conducive to a spiritual, worshipful atmosphere.





news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

The church and Sunday school have lost some of their influence because of an emphasis on material things, delegates to the 18th annual convention of the National Sunday School Association were told in Buffalo, N.Y. Dr. W. Robert Smith, philosophy department chairman at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., declared that today's organized Christianity is "appallingly weak" compared to the early Christian communities."

Noting that the daily lives and values of some Christians are indistinguishable from those of non-believers, he added: "We drive the same cars, look at the same shallow Hollywood blockbusters and great spectacles, enjoy the pornographic filth, the same as all the rest of them. Pancakes and waffles seem to be more important than Sunday School teaching." Of course, this indictment is one which all of us must accept and not just the program of Christian education.

The Baptist Times of London recently took sharp issue with the Lord Chamberlain, who licenses plays for public performances, for requesting that the program of the play, "The Representative," carry a letter from Pope Paul VI, when he was Cardinal Montini, that the play "entirely misrepresents" the late Pope Pius XII. The play, by the West German Rolf Hochhuth, charges the late pope with remaining silent in the face of Nazi atrocities. The play has been most controversial through Europe when produced under the title "The Deputy."

Apparently the Baptist publication's point of view was that the play should stand on its own merits and not be prejudged by the letter. Surely this kind of "conditional-censorship" carries grounds for misunderstanding by Protestants and Catholics alike.

The Convocation of Canterbury has approved a proposal to give women the right to serve as lay readers, or substitute vicars, in the Church of England. Following extensive debate, with more speakers opposing the proposal than favoring it, both the House of Bishops and the House of Clergy, in separate sessions, went on record as favoring the right of women to conduct services.

There are two observations we would like to make about this story. The one is the radical step that is represented in the vote of such authority, and the other is that the vote didn't follow the spirit that was demonstrated in the speeches. How often we have seen this situation in church meetings:

A statement strongly endorsing civil rights for all minorities has been issued by an official of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) at the denomination's 133rd semi-annual meeting in Salt Lake City. Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, urged "all men everywhere, both within and outside the church, to commit themselves to the establishment of full civil equality for all of God's children."

This statement is most significant because of its relationship with the possible "dark horse" candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination of Governor Romney of Michigan, who is a Mormon. There has been

widespread comment that the position of his church was discriminatory toward races other than white and would therefore stand in the way of serious consideration of his candidacy.

Ministers and laymen of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions adopted a resolution at a conference on Baptist unity in Virginia Beach, Va., urging both denominations to avoid competing with each other in establishing and accepting churches for membership. Ending such competition, the resolution stressed, "is an essential step to furthering mutual conversation and cooperation."

This has been becoming an increasing area of tension between these two bodies, and it will be most interesting to see how the resolution is received when the conventions have their next meetings.



VATICAN CITY — Three American delegate-observers to the Second Vatican Council's second session are shown conferring in St. Peter's Basilica as they await the opening of a meeting of the Roman Catholic conclave. From left are: the Rev. William J. Wolf of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass., representing the worldwide Anglican Communion; Dr. Douglas V. Steere of Haverford (Pa.) College, representing the Friends World Committee (Quakers); and Dr. Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, representing the World Methodist Council.

Twenty-seven clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Atlanta, Ga., have protested editing which deleted remarks made by Ralph McGill, Atlanta Constitution publisher, in an interview regarding Lovett School published in the diocesan paper, "Diocese." In the interview Mr. McGill had deplored the failure of the school to desegregate and had said, evidently in criticism of diocesan policy, that it was "complete hypocrisy" to maintain that Lovett is not a church-related school.

A committee of Virginia Baptists has urged its denomination's state association to oppose state "blue" laws and federal aid to education. The Religious Freedom Committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia will also recommend that the group support recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court barring Bible readings as devotional acts in public schools.

Six prominent authors and critics—including a Protestant and two Jews—were named associate editors of Ramparts, national magazine of criti-

cism and culture published in Menlo Park, Cal. by Roman Catholic laymen. In announcing the appointments, Edward M. Keating, publisher, said they reflected the magazine's interest in "tearing down the intellectual barriers between Protestant, Catholic and Jew."

In Saigon the South Vietnamese government has announced that more than 100 Buddhist monks and lay persons have been released from custody in Hue, the scene of riots last spring. According to a government communique, the Buddhists had been "temporarily detained."

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, addressing the 41st general congregation of the Second Vatican Council, spoke out against the establishment of a permanent order of deacons in the church to which married men might be admitted. Such a proposal was recently included in the "schema" on the nature of the Church presented to the council.

Some 5,000 Protestants attended an open-air rally in Basel, Switzerland closing three days of services, addresses, workshops and other activities held during German-speaking Switzerland's first "Kirchentag," or church congress for lay people. The congress was patterned after the Kirchentag of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Dr. Paul J. Tillich of the University of Chicago's Divinity School, widely known American Protestant theologian and philosopher, recently visited in Jerusalem as a guest of the Israeli government. While there he met with another world famous personality, Dr. Martin Buber, 85-year-old Jewish philosopher and author and a long-time friend.

Some 40 Protestant ministers and theologians from the major denominations in India have formed the Society for Biblical Studies. Patterned after similar organizations in Europe and North America, the society will promote research and exchange views on Biblical questions.

Air shipments of drugs, blankets and food for Haitian survivors of Hurricane Flora have been made by Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches. The agency announced that disaster supplies flown out of Miami included one million water purification tablets, 100,000 typhoid shots, 20 cartons of penicillin tablets, 5,100 tubes of sulfa and first-aid creams, 1,000 blankets and 1,297 cases of survival biscuits.

A weekly magazine designed to appeal to all teenagers will be issued Dec. 1 under the title "Hi-Life" by the American Church Union of Pelham, N.Y., Anglo-Catholic group within the Protestant Episcopal Church. Canon Albert J. deBois, executive director of ACU, said the publication will be patterned after a similar one, called "Hi-Time" and published under Roman Catholic auspices.

A seminary professor, addressing the United Church of Christ's Council for Lay Life and Work in Cleveland, asserted that "daring and imaginative experimentation" by lay men and women is needed today to put new life in the church. Dr. Franklin H. Littell of Chicago Theological Seminary stressed that the lay movement in the church must be moved "to serve the world in the spirit of stewardship and sacrifice."

A Department of Church and Public School Relations has been formed by the National Council of Churches to establish a "more effective" program involving its concern for the public education system of the country. The new department represents a merger of the Department of Weekday Religious Education and the Department of Religion and Public Education.

NEWS

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Education....

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This is the time of the year to reach new people for the program of Christian education and to get back those who have dropped out. We feel sure that every church in the conference observed Rally Day, but we must do more about the problem of reaching people with the teaching program of the church than just observing this special day. There are literally hundreds of boys and girls in every community who are the responsibility of The Methodist Church whom we are not reaching with any real program of Christian education. There are hundreds of others who, at some time in their young lives, have been related to a church school, but who are now inactive. We need to reclaim the interest of these boys and girls. It is the duty of the superintendent of membership and promotion to make plans to reach this group with the teaching program of the church.

The church and the home are still free to teach religion. We need not worry about the decision of the Supreme Court if our homes and our churches are doing all they can to reach our children with the teaching program of the church. The Methodist Church has one of the greatest programs of Christian education in home and church of any church in America, but we must see that this program is effective in our own communities. We would like to commend to all of you these publications: "Child Guidance in Christian Living," a monthly magazine which has worlds of information for any parent with small children, or for any teacher who is trying to do a better job of teaching; and "The Christian Home," the best family magazine of which I have any knowledge. It ought to go into every home in The Methodist Church. We have never understood why this magazine did not go into more homes than it does. "Mature Years" is another very stimulating and helpful magazine. We do not hesitate to recommend this magazine to all older folk. It is a most helpful publication. Ask your church school superintendent or pastor about these magazines.

Do not forget M.Y.F. Sunday, the last Sunday in this month. The bishop has set aside this day for the youth in our churches and we ought to give them all the backing that we can. Let us make it a great day in the Louisiana Conference.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



The Ruston District held its Annual Laymen's Banquet at Dubach Church on the evening of October 8th. This was one of the finest sessions of its kind I have had the privilege of attending. Howard Daughenbaugh and I drove over to Dubach with Cecil Ramey, who was the speaker of the evening. Cecil is a Shreveport attorney, Sunday School teacher and one of the outstanding speakers of the area. He did his usual fine job on the subject of "The Bible Speaks." Robert Smith, the district lay leader and Dr. Henry Rickey, the Ruston District Superintendent, can be proud of this occasion that brought 257 laymen together from all over the district. Dr. R. M. Allen did an excellent job of presiding.

One of the high moments of the evening was when Dr. Rickey presented the first Distinguished Layman's Award for the Ruston District to Mr. Byron Hudson Rainwater of Ruston. This fine Christian layman has served the church faithfully and well for many years. He was presented a copy of the new English Bible as a fitting tribute to his devotion to the church. This is to become an annual award in the Ruston District.

The banquet will be held in Minden in 1964 and in Springhill in 1965.

I enjoyed being in the Monroe District for a workshop for church lay leaders and their ministers at Rayville on October 10th. We had a good time together and I appreciate so many men traveling so many miles to attend. This district is carrying on a tremendous program of lay activities under the leadership of Pete Medak, the district lay leader, and the Rev. Ed Haug, the district superintendent.

I have just received a note from Allen Collette, district lay leader of the Lake Charles District, informing me of the "Laity in Leadership" program that is being put on by Simpson Church of Lake Charles where the Rev. C. W. Quaid

is the pastor. This is an extensive program which began with a kick-off luncheon on October 18th and tied in with the Lake Charles District Retreat on October 19th and Laymen's Day on October 20th. Days of visitation and witnessing are included with activities of the Methodist Men's Club and the M. Y. F. The Woman's Society of Christian Service will conclude the program by having charge of the evening service on November 3rd. I am sure other churches have similar programs going that I have not heard about. This is a wonderful way in which to expand the program and if your church does not now have such an activity, I would suggest you give it consideration.

When you read this, Laymen's Day will have passed when thousands of laymen stood in pulpits around the world giving their witness for Christ and His church. Let us resolve that we will not confine our witness to this one day but will make every day "Laymen's Day" by the way we live, the way we work, and the way we support our church. A friend of mine said to me today, "The evil needs be done only once but the good must be done again and again to be lasting." Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The Commission on Minimum Salaries and Sustentation is a Louisiana Conference organization working in the area of missions and administering funds for salary supplementation and relief to those ministers in need. The commission is composed of eight ministers and seven laymen elected by the annual conference, with the Reverend J. J. Caraway as chairman and Dr. Bentley Sloane as cabinet representative.

The commission is "charged with the responsibility of studying the need for additional ministerial support for ministers of our conference and to make recommendations on how these needs shall be met." The Minimum Salary Fund helps provide a living support for those ministers whose charges cannot or have not met the minimum salaries schedule adopted by the conference. The schedule lists the following support levels for different pastoral classifications:

- A. Student Pastor without dependents\$2,400.00
- B. Full-time Pastor without dependents\$3,000.00
- C. Married student pastor not living on the charge\$3,000.00
- D. Married full-time pastor living on the charge\$3,600.00
- E. Additional grants of \$200.00 for each child and/or extra church shall be granted up to a maximum of \$600.00.

An example of minimum salary support would be a minister eligible for a minimum salary level of \$3,600.00, as under "D" above. If his church or charge was able to pay only \$3,000.00 in salary and expense, the Minimum Salary Fund would grant the balance of \$600.00 needed to assure him the minimum level of income voted by the conference. In addition, he would be granted \$200.00 for each child or extra church, not to exceed a total of three, or \$600.00, making it possible for a minister with three children or extra churches to have at least \$4,200.00 as a minimum income for the church year. This is good, but many feel it is not good enough, remembering the necessary travel and incidental expense of serving a pastorate that is normally incurred by every pastor who is earnest in meeting the needs of his people. The conference seeks to promote the economic welfare of all pastors and to reduce to a minimum the tensions inherent in inadequate incomes. Minimum salary funds come from the churches of our Louisiana Conference, assessed on an equitable "decimal system."

The Commission is also charged with responsibility for administering the Sustentation Fund of the conference. This is a fund from which emergency grants are made to ministers who have, due to death or long illness, become so financially burdened that they need assistance. This is an aid to the pastor and in a great measure aids the local church in their sense of responsibility for assisting in times of emergency, especially our smaller churches. Ministers support the Sustentation Fund by giving each year an amount equal to one percent of their salaries. Assistance from these funds in each individual case is granted only after recommendation of the district superintendents, the approval of the executive committee of the Commission on Minimum Salaries and Sustentation, and a majority approval of the commission.

At present time the commission has in force a total of \$12,919.00 in grants from Minimum Salary Funds, grants of \$550.00 from Sustentation Funds, and has authorized the expenditure of up to \$2,693.00 for payment of the minister's part of the Conference Group Hospitalization Insurance premium for pastors receiving minimum salary funds. Nineteen ministers currently receive salary aid.

The authorization to pay the minister's part of the hospitalization insurance

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WOMAN'S PAGE



Three Groups Promote Silver Teas for Missions



SHOWN AT THE TEA honoring Don and Joan Small are Mrs. T.C. Richardson (left), mother of Mrs. Small; Mrs. Don Batchelder, president of the Istrouma WSCS; Mrs. Ira W. Flowers, and the Rev. Flowers, pastor of the Istrouma Church.

The parsonage of the Istrouma Methodist church, Baton Rouge, La., was the scene of a silver tea Sunday, October 13, honoring Don and Joann Small.

Mr. and Mrs. Small are doing missionary work in Malaya, under the supervision of the Methodist Board of Missions. Mrs. Small was formerly a member of the Istrouma church. Her mother, Mrs. T. C. Richardson, resides here and is an active member of the Istrouma church.

The tea was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of the W.S.C.S., and Wayne Davison is chairman of the Commission on Missions. A display and picture of the Small family and a wall map showing the location of the missionary station occupied by them, was shown. Rev. Ira W. Flowers, is pastor of the Istrouma church.

The red carpet was rolled out at the J. Paul Smith home on Bayou Oaks Drive Sunday, October 13, when the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Monroe, had a silver tea from 3 till 5 in the afternoon. Alternating at the punch bowl and coffee service were Mrs. James Monroe, Mrs. Velpo Guess, Mrs. Edwin Matthews, Mrs. Wayne Parker, Mrs. James Evans, Mrs. Dan Davis, Mrs. Marilyn Steen and Mrs. H. H. Rupert.

Mrs. Leslie Semmes and Mrs. James Purvis were in charge of the name tags. Officers making up the receiving line the first hour were Mrs. Dan Davis, Mrs. H. S. Rupert, Mrs. James Evans and Mrs. Wayne Parker. Standing the second hour were Mrs. J. Paul Smith, Mrs. Dale Young, Mrs. Florice Grantham and Mrs. Helen Neely.



VIEWS OF THE SILVER TEA given by the Marion Methodist Church WSCS are pictured. The event of Sept. 25 was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson who worked in Nepal for 25 months. Many pieces of art which they brought from the Orient were on display. Proceeds of the tea will benefit missions. Mrs. Wilson is chairman of the Commission on Missions in Marion.



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ptemium for minimum salary pastors was granted for the first time by the 1963 session of our annual conference. Unfortunately, only four ministers have taken advantage of this opportunity. A study is being made to ascertain the reasons. The conference insurance program is supported by both pastors and pastoral appointments in equal amounts. Some churches have not participated in the program and have placed a great burden of family responsibility upon their minister. It is hoped that ministers not now enrolled in the conference insurance program will re-examine their ability and responsibility for adequate coverage in time of need.

The Commission on Minimum Salaries and Sustentation is deeply grateful to both pastors and churches for their support and pledges its continued cooperation in and concern for the welfare of our dependent ministers and churches.

Methodist Women Observe 'Call to Prayer'

More than 1,700,000 Methodist women throughout America will set aside special times for prayer, meditation, study and giving during October, when they will observe their annual "Call to Prayer and Self Denial."

The Call is sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, the national body under which 36,000 local Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds function. Originally designated as the "Week of Prayer and Self Denial," the name was changed last year. The time suggested by the Woman's Division for the observance is October 25-31 (though local Societies and Guilds may set their own dates). The observance is one of the oldest for Methodist women and dates back to 1887.

During the week of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, women will gather in thousands of Methodist churches for two events — a program meeting to interpret the projects to which money from the special offering will be given and a "Quiet Day" service, which in-

cludes personal prayer and meditation, hymns and a silent meal. The theme for the Quiet Day service is "Peace With God." Each day women will offer personal prayers for the mission projects to which they will give.

As the "Self-Denial part of the title suggests, each woman is asked to give a sacrificial gift to designated mission projects in the United States and overseas. The offering is taken during the program meeting.

Offerings during the week of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial have increased almost every year and in 1962 a new high of \$624,306. Since 1887, when the first offering amounted to \$7,000, the offerings have enabled buildings to be built and work to be done on the mission field that could not have been done otherwise.

The projects in home and overseas missions selected for 1963 include:

Expansion and improvement of programs in urban community centers in the U.S., sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The centers specifically designated to receive funds from the offering are the Wesley Community House in Fort Worth, Texas; the Susannah Wesley Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Campbell Friendship House in Gary, Ind.

A variety of needs relating to work of the Woman's Division in India. Among the causes to which Call to Prayer and Self-Denial gifts will be given are: grading of educational institutions; providing funds for advanced study by Indian workers in Woman's Division projects; supplementing the retirement income of Indian workers; strengthening medical colleges and schools of nursing, and expanding the production of Christian literature.

The projects both in America and overseas are related to the 1963-64 mission study themes, "The Changing City Challenges the Church" (home missions) and "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia" (overseas missions).

Duffel Bags Ready for World Community Day

United Church Women will be commemorating the twentieth anniversary of World Community Day on the first Friday of November. This worldwide observance will be noted with special services in at least 100 towns in Arkansas and Louisiana. Annually women study an issue of world concern and bring duffel bags filled with articles of clothing and items for children to be used in designated areas of distress. This year the duffel bags are loaded with layettes, apron dresses popularly called mumus, and friendship packets for children. These articles are then sent (usually gratis by some trucking firm) to Church World Service in St. Louis, Missouri, for shipment overseas.

Zone Meetings Reported

A successful meeting of Zone II of the Shreveport District, Woman's Society was held at Grand Cane Methodist Church, on Thursday October 10. Eleven societies were represented.

The theme "Called to Serve," was introduced by the zone leader, Mrs. W. C. McDaniel of Stonewall. The Rev. Alvin Mayo of the host church gave the invocation, followed by a welcome from the local president, Mrs. A. F. Abington.

Mrs. Wiley Gardner, district secretary of promotion, presented "The Methodist Woman Story," with colorful posters, depicting the relationship of the individual woman of the local Society to the District, Conference, Division and World Federation.

The program on "Getting and Keeping WSCS Members" was presented in role playing situations by four groups of women from the Woman's Societies at Logansport, Coushatta, Zwolle, and Keithville. Buzz sessions followed these

Zone 1 of the Shreveport District of the Woman's Society met on Thursday, October 17, at the Hosston Methodist Church, Hosston, Louisiana. The theme of the meeting was "Called to Serve." The Rev. John G. Gieck gave the invocation and a welcome was brought to the group by Mrs. J. M. Hoss, president of the Hosston Woman's Society. Mrs. F. E. Fitzgerald sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Hoss on the organ. The program on "Getting and Keeping Members" was presented in four parts by the members of the Woman's Societies of the churches at Curtis Park, Rodessa, Gilliam and Mooringsport. Mrs. W. B. Gardner, district promotion secretary, presented a colorful poster display entitled "The Methodist Woman." Thirteen Societies in Zone I were represented at the meeting. Mrs. Norman Bale is the Zone Leader.

panel discussions.

Mrs. W. D. Snelling, district president, also addressed the assembly.

Youth Takes a Look at the Church

Some 500 young people, most of them college students, meeting in a vacation-conference atmosphere recently, had some things to say to the clergy. I could not say there was anything new or profound in their observations; many of us have been hearing, and some even saying, the same things for quite some years now. But coming from future leaders of the nation—intelligent youth who say they are interested in the basic concerns of the Christian church yet are on its periphery in participation—we might look at their views again.

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

Three sentences will pretty well sum up all that the young people thought and said:

1. The clergy should take off their collars and robes, get out from behind the barrier—protection of their pulpits, and show some interest in youth where they live (on the beaches, on the schoolgrounds, in the recreation halls); and in men and women where they toil and sweat, and face the problems of everyday existence, competition, and need for understanding and counsel.

2. The rituals, the sermonizing, the deadly repetitions, the outworn (though once valuable) evangelistic methods of instructing and motivating, and much of the man-conceived theology of various churches, do not appeal to modern youth; the modern arts (music, drama, the dance, poetry, painting, etc.), and modern channels and proven means of mass and personal communication and learning, should be employed and made relevant to the real

purpose of the Christian faith; the bric-a-brac and the commercial trappings of many church "enterprises" should be removed.

3. But more important than even these is the need for laymen—men who are not professionally "set aside" advocates of the gospel way—to witness to their faith in their daily living, at home, at their work, before their neighbors; not an assumed piety, or a spoken or implied "look at me," but a living true to the faith expressed, and of itself a power compelling emulation.

Now I am sure that these are not the hopes and desires and needs of youth alone. In the pews of most of our churches there are many thoughtful and dedicated laymen and lay women who view much of the paraphernalia and procedures of the 11 a.m. service (to say nothing of some weekday "ac-

tivities") as not too relevant to the purposes of Christ in founding "his church"—people who long to witness and for witness more meaningful than church projects into its surrounding society. And, even more, there are many ministers who long to make their own witness and that of their laymen more relevant, more close to Kingdom goals.

Perhaps, after all, the difference is only in language between what these youth ask, and what the World Conference on Faith and Order recently suggested when it noted that "The Church has appeared as an institution centered in a building rather than as a company moving out into the world":

1. The church might ordain a man who works in secular employment but who "has pastoral gifts"—such as a farmer or village teacher.

2. In certain areas of society "impenetrable to existing forms of the ministry" where groups of Christians work and witness in daily life, some might be ordained yet not be "professional

clergy."

3. The Church might select a minister and send him into secular employment in a frontier situation where there is no Christian community.

4. The Church might assign a professional minister to work in a particular sector such as labor, professional groups, etc.

5. Team ministries across denominational lines can perform a particular service "among the people of today who genuinely seek fellowship in their perplexity and loneliness."

Where, how, when, do we begin? . . . Each individual can begin now his own non-professional witness. The pastor can magnify his role as teacher. And Methodist commissions, alarmed at the decline of ministerial candidates, may well consider revitalizing Wesley's lay preacher as a church-chosen and commissioner lay witness, called to live his faith in his daily occupation: ideally, every church member an active lay witness.

News in Methodism

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MCOR MEETS IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, Ohio—More than 1,000 Ohio Methodists attended a banquet during a meeting of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief here Sept. 30. Principal speaker was Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, Geneva, Switzerland, associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches and the director of its Division of Inter-Church Aid.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston heads MCOR, and the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield of New York is its general secretary. Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area presided at the dinner meeting, at which the 75-voice Ohio Wesleyan University A Cappella Choir sang.

ST. GEORGE'S HONORS FOUR

PHILADELPHIA—St. George's Methodist Church here, the world's oldest Methodist church edifice in continuous service, marked the 200th anniversary of its recetion by honoring a Methodist bishop and three laymen at a Gold Medal Award banquet Oct. 8.

Those honored were: Bishop T. Otto Nall of the Minnesota Area; Dr. Frank E. Baker, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Dr. Leland D. Case of Chicago, editor of *Together* magazine; and Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, general secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Maser is pastor of Old St. George's.

COMMENDS MAN-TO-MAN WORK

EVANSTON, Ill.—Methodist Men across the nation have been urged to contact fellow church members and those men with no religious affiliation during the days preceding and following Laymen's Day, Oct. 20.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, said the "Man to Man" visitation program takes on added significance because "the rate of growth of Methodism is decreasing."

"Everyman who claims to be a Chris-

tian can and must do no less than tell another man what Christ has done for him," Dr. Mayfield declared.

Construction Starting

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Board of Evangelism has let the contract for

an addition to its headquarters building here, and construction is expected to begin immediately.

The brick addition, to cost an estimated \$850,000, will have three stories and a basement and provide about 40,000 square feet of floor space.

It is expected that the structure will be completed in about a year, said D. E. Jackson, business manager and treasurer of the board.

The humble man is usually surprised to discover how many honest men there are in the world.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

A TRIP TO THE PENITENTIARY

When I went to hold a revival in one of the churches at Leavenworth, Kansas, this fall, one of my first thoughts was that perhaps I could see the inside of the federal prison there. Jails and prisons have held a peculiar fascination for me. I often wonder what becomes of the men who go into them. And what we could do to relate them back into society once they have completed their terms.

If you look at the Leavenworth prison from the front you might think you were looking at a beautiful state capitol building. The large windows, wide steps, flowered drive, are very attractive. But you notice something much different from any state capitol you ever saw. Every window is heavily barred. Even the entrance doors hang behind steel doors that can be shut when the need arises. The side and back walls rise more than thirty feet high. Outside these walls is a high wire fence. One almost expects to see a moat and drawbridge. The whole place looks like a medieval fortified city with battlements at the corners to house the guards. No one has escaped over the walls since the prison was built.

I drive up the lane leading to the entrance. The guard in a high tower

stops me and asks my name and my business. I wish to see the Rev. Fred Silber, the prison Chaplain. He directs me to the front door. One automatic steel door opens in front of me. I walk through it obediently. A man behind a bullet-proof glass hands me the register to sign. Now I am inside. I wait for the chaplain, who invited me out.

Chaplain Fred Silber is a Methodist minister. A pleasant young man, this pastor of a very unusual parish, leads me further inside. Two more automatic gates open in front of us and close behind us. Now I am three gates removed from freedom. No inside officer carries a gun. Only the men in the watch towers are armed. No evidence of chain gangs here. Men are at work just as you would see them on the street or in factories or offices outside the walls.

A whole building is devoted to education. Any man who wants to study can complete his high school education there. Or he can learn to be a sign painter. Or a typewriter repairman. Or a watch repairman. Or a dozen other trades. I talked with an inmate who has learned Spanish from a college-trained Cuban, another inmate. Now this first person is training a third inmate to read. In Spanish! Their enthusiasm to learn and share is amazing.

(to be continued)



DR. JOHN W. BACKMAN, a professor and director of the Center for Communication and the Arts at New York's Union Theological Seminary, was elected in New York as chairman of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. He will succeed Dr. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission, whose term expires in February.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

The Grace and Judgement of God

By the Reverend James L. Stovall, pastor
University Methodist Church
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Read: Luke 14:12-24

This is the fourth and last study of the Parables of Jesus in this series. The four Parables which we have considered were spoken by our Lord as a response to the hardheartedness and rejection of the Pharisees. They were spoken at a time when he was being criticized and when the opposition was closing in upon him. Let us consider now the Parable of the Great Banquet. Jesus had said,

"When you give a banquet, do not invite your friends or rich neighbors lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you." Then Jesus spoke the Parable, "A man once gave a Great Banquet, and invited many."

This Parable gives to us a picture of God and a picture of ourselves. "A man once gave a Great Banquet." "A man" is a picture of God. This is a picture of God's Grace to us. In speaking this Parable to the leaders of the community, Jesus was saying that the Grace of God is not just for you leaders but it is for all persons.

He (that is God) sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for all is now ready." This was the invitation of our Lord. This was the invitation of the early church. This is the invitation of the church today. It is that God offers salvation, forgiveness, joy, and guidance.

God's gracious invitation to us is a constant theme in the Bible. "Come let us reason together, saith the Lord, tho your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, tho they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come unto him and sup with him, and he with me."

This Parable and these invitations remind us that the Gospel is not a demand upon us; it is an invitation. The Gospel is not rules and regulations; it is acceptance of God just as we are. The Gospel is not a message of what we should do for God; it is what God has done for us.

This Parable also tells us who we are. We are those who need the Banquet. We are the hungry ones. We are sinners who stand in need of God's love and redemption. Jesus spoke this Parable to the religious, business, educational and political leaders of His day. It was as tho He said to them, "You are the ones who stand in need of God's forgiving and guiding Grace."

"But they all alike began to make excuses." "I have bought a field and must see about it." "I have bought five yoke of oxen and must go and examine them." "I have married a wife, and cannot come." This is also a picture of ourselves. We are those who begin to make excuses.

Now comes the judgement part of the Parable. The servant came and reported to his master that men were not responding to the invitation. Then the man who gave the banquet said, "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor, the maimed, the blind and lame . . . Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet." Jesus was here speaking to the Pharisees, that is to the house of Israel. He was saying unless you respond to God's call, I will turn to some other people and some other way to accomplish my purpose. The "Nice people" refused, so God turned to "the people of the streets." It says that God cannot be pushed to one side. His will cannot be permanently defeated or rejected. The Orthodox church in Russia was not concerned about the needs of people, so, they lost the opportunity to serve. We ministers are sometimes too busy for the alcoholic, so he turns to Alcohol Anonymous. Established churches become cold and formal; so God raises up some other church. If we as white Christians of the South do not help the Negro achieve freedom and justice, the Negro will turn to the black moslems, the communists or some other group.

A man gave a Great Banquet. "Come; for all is now ready." This is God's gracious invitation to us. He will supply our needs. When men did not respond, the man said, "Go out and invite others." This is God's judgement upon us. Either we respond to God's Grace and work with him to accomplish his purpose or he will accomplish his will through some other channel in some other way.

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Build a Devotional

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"

The Fourth of Four Devotional Articles Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12)—by the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor, First Methodist Church, Osceola, Arkansas.

In this series of devotionals we have considered the Beatitudes as attitudes of the mind and heart which Jesus thought were particularly essential to happy living.

The ninth verse of the fifth chapter of Matthews names the seventh Beatitude. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

There is no higher calling than that of the peacemaker. It is a responsibility for which no man need make apology. The blessings of Almighty God are upon the peacemaker. Your children and mine will rise up to praise him. The peacemaker deserves the prayers of every father and mother.

You ask, "What does the world need most?" the answer, peacemakers. Our world is too full of strife. There are all too few peacemakers.

People wear their feelings on their shoulders. They put a chip up there and defy anybody to knock it off. We are not Christians when we act like that. To be a Christian is to walk the way of peace. This means making peace with God, with others, and with ourselves. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

I have always been fond of peacemakers. But more so, since two little boys have come to bless our home. My wife and I don't want our sons to be faced with the prospects of fighting another war. We don't want their world to be a place of tension and strife.

This is why we favor the United Nations. This is why we offer our prayers for men like U Thant, Ralph Bunche, and others who are committed to the keeping of the peace on the face of the earth.

God wants to increase his army of peacemakers. He will, if you and I hear his call to peace.

Jesus must have had the peacemakers in mind when he gave the last "Beatitude," "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (verse 10). Many peacemakers are persecuted for righteousness' sake. They are kin to all the heroes and martyrs of the faith who through the years have stood for honor and truth.

A true test of discipleship rises up to challenge us. Has your righteousness ever aroused anybody's ridicule? Have you ever stood for something which somebody wanted to knock down?

Beware when all men speak well of you! If they do, you don't wear the mark of a true servant of God in the past. Peacemakers can expect persecution.

Through the Beatitudes, God hopes to build up right attitudes within us. Surely, our attitudes are important. Every act, good or bad, can be traced to a right, or a wrong attitude.

How is it with you today? Your attitudes, I mean. Are they what God would have them be? May God help us to surrender ourselves to him so completely that he can build up right attitudes within us.

Let the Children Come

Dear Aunt Feather,

Summer vacation is over and school has started again. As we think back over the time, we remember that it has been a real good summer. Many people have worked very hard that different groups of children might have some fine experiences — and I was privileged to be a part of many such groups.

Red Cross Swimming Lessons let us learn something of water safety, the fun of swimming in different ways, of seeing our friends learn swimming and of appreciating the adults who gave so generously of their time.

"He causeth his wind to blow, and his waters to flow" . . . Psalms 147:18

Girl Scout Day Camp provided the experience of making an area to live as several units of girls right in the midst of many tall oaks. We made a place to live for a week right in the deep woods. We shared many experiences together with our newly-made friends, both girl and adult. We learned new songs. We hiked to find many different kinds of trees that we could identify. We learned to build a table, pitch a tent, cook a meal out doors — Boy was that ever exciting! Flag ceremony was a big thrill, too. During the week, we learned a new appreciation for the greatness of our wonderful out-of-doors and the One who has created such grandeur. We were reminded of the Bible verse, "This is the Lord's doing; It is marvellous in our eyes." Psalms 118:23

Vacation Church School was the best ever. We studied about friends over the world and the many things they do for us. We all brought things from our homes that came from other lands for a display table. It was interesting to see the many things we are indebted to people of other countries for. There are so many ways we need them and they need us. Our VCS climaxed with a "Round the World" breakfast with food from Hawaii, Vienna, China, Switzerland, Israel, and Brazil. Our mothers were invited secretly and they were our surprise guests at our surprise breakfast. Our teachers were dressed in Japanese costumes. Each day was better than the day before.

"Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52

My brother was a member of the Boys' Club baseball program when over 500 boys participated and a great many of their Daddys were coaches. It was fun to go to the games when he played. And it was interesting to see all the things about baseball as well as sportsmanship those boys learned during the summer.

The very best part of our summer was two short trips. The first one was with our relatives in North Arkansas where we saw our brand new cousin, Sammy. The other was a fun trip to Six Flags over Texas. It was great to be with just our family for a time of fun together!

When I think of this summer, I am reminded of two Bible verses I like very much: "God . . . richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy."

(I Timothy 6:17)

The earth is full of the loving kindness of the Lord. (Psalm 33:5)

your little friend,
Mary Virginia Smith



Mrs. Adams

Writes Educational Training Material

Mrs. James Adams, educational assistant of Luling Methodist Church, has edited and assembled a booklet on teacher training.

The basis of this booklet was prepared by the Naval Chaplains for the instruction of Church School workers, and was sent to Mrs. Adams by a spiritual friend, Mrs. Mariann Nolan, a Church School worker in Naples, Italy. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wible of the Luling Church.

After the completion of the booklet it was carefully studied by Miss Shiela Nuttall, conference director of children's work, and her approval given.

This booklet and "Foundations For Christian Teaching" were the materials used in a Church School Institute over a period of three weeks. The sessions were attended by 27 persons interested in teaching. The instructors were the Rev. and Mrs. Adams, and Charles L. Mayfield, Sunday School superintendent.

Twenty-five of those who attended the institute indicated a desire to work in the Church School and teachers for the new year were selected from them. These persons were presented to the congregation on Oct. 6 as they shared together in the Holy Communion.

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Worker Honored At Ponchatoula

First Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, paid tribute to a dedicated member, Mrs. Lottie B. M. Mitchell, at a special service Sunday, Oct. 6, sponsored by the Commission on Education.

Mrs. Edith Liles, chairman of the commission, gave a brief biography of Mrs. Mitchell and told of the work she has done for her church. She served for many years as a teacher of the Young Adult Class in the Church School. She is an active member of the Official Board, has been chairman of the Commission on Education and served on numerous committees.

In 1945 when the Wesleyan Service Guild was organized for the spiritual development of gainfully employed women, she was elected the first president and contributed much to making the Guild one of the leading organizations of her church.

Miss Doris Howes, a member of the



MR. LONNIE MUTERSBAUGH, who has served as secretary of the Church School of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, for 30 years, was honored at the morning service on Oct. 6. The pastor, Dr. G.W. Pomeroy, is seen as he presented him a watch which had engraved on the back "Lonnie Mutersbaugh Day, First Methodist Church, Church School Secretary, 1933-63."

Layman's Program

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Charles King, Richard Boisture, Curtis Cady, J. E. Stout, John Mims, Abe Fontenot and Jack Rogers. Jack Olmstead was the leader for the 11:00 service and was assisted by Bert Smith, Leon Bethea, Sam Mason, Don Verret, Jim deCorva and Dana Hickman.

The concentrated program began Friday, Oct. 18 with a luncheon at the Pioneer Club, of which Voris King has charge. Then on Oct. 19 a group of more than 25 men from this church attended the District Retreat at Prien Lake.

Charles A. Stuck, lay evangelist of Jonesboro, Ark., was the speaker for the retreat. Allen Collette and his district staff were in charge of this program.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 20, Bill Watts was the lay speaker for the evening service with Bob Morris leading the service.

On Monday, Oct. 21, the Methodist Men's Club, of which Rhudell Granger is president, met, and following a period of instruction visited the church membership. Lyle Guth gave a devotional, and Bill Geer, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, gave the instruction. Tuesday evening was also a time of witnessing and visiting among the church members.

These two nights of visitation pointed to a Wednesday evening worship service by the laymen, with Sam Hill the speaker.

Thursday and Friday evenings were given to visiting prospective members and Oct. 27 was Membership Sunday.

The youth of the church will have charge of the worship service on Oct. 27, and the following Sunday evening the Woman's Society of Christian Service will lead. This program gives the men, the women and the youth of this church a place in the laymen's movement.

This concentrated program is only

Commission on Education, presented a gold door plaque to the honoree with the inscription: "In honor of Mrs. Lottie B. M. Mitchell." This is being placed on the door of the classroom in which she taught the Young Adult Class for so many years.

Following the service a reception was held in fellowship hall.

part of the theme of this church for the year 1963-64, which is "Laity in Leadership."

The pastor of Simpson Church is the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid.

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Sub-District News

The monthly meeting of the Aubrey G. Walton Sub-District was held on October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Pleasant Hill. The program began by singing "A Charge to Keep." The Pleasant Hill members then presented a sermonette entitled "Tomorrow May Never Come, but Jesus Will." Following this we sang "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Norman Booker, the president, called the business meeting to order. All churches were represented. We said the MYF benediction and adjourned for refreshments.

The executive council then met and decided that Many and Zwolle would switch months so that we might have a "track meet." This will be our fall recreation and will be on November 4, at 7:00 p.m., in Many.

—Virginia Gallaspy, reporter

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You never hear a communist complaining about the fact that the party is always talking about money.



SHOWN AT THE OCT. 6 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Houma, were (l. to r.): James L. Gray, director of Men's Clubs for the Lafayette District; Seymour Dalsheimer, president of the group; Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., New Iberia, Conference Lay Leader, who was the guest speaker, and the Rev. Luman Douglas, pastor.



Mr. Dunn

Joins Staff of Southside Church

Southside Methodist Church, Monroe has announced the addition of a part-time worker to the staff of their church. He is Hugh Dunn, a student at Northeast Louisiana State College, who will be working with the Church School and the young people, as well as assisting the pastor, the Rev. Lea Joyner, in her many duties.

Hugh is a native of Minden, La. and came to Southside from Pine Grove Methodist Church, near Minden.

He has spent ten years in the armed services and has been active in the youth work of his local church and sub-district and served on the staff of conference MYF assemblies.

He was formerly employed by the Caddo Parish School Board in the office of Supervisor of Building and Grounds and Maintenance Department.

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EVANSTON, Ill. — Steady growth in The Methodist Church's pension program was reported here at the annual meeting of the General Board of Pensions Sept. 11.

Reports given at the meeting by Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Evanston, general secretary, and other members of his staff indicated that the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund (a funded and fully reserve pension program) is now in operation, wholly or in part, in 62 of the church's 98 annual conferences



THESE PICTURES show a part of the large attendance at the Ruston District Laymen's Banquet at Dubach on Oct. 8.



SHOWN AT THE New Orleans District Missionary Workshop at Carrollton Church, Oct. 17, are (above) Dr. Carl Lueg, district superintendent, right, and the Rev. J.C. Skinner, district missionary secretary; and (below) a part of the attendance at the workshop.



Every man is responsible for his own complexes.

No man is really devout until he is dedicated.

Testifies on CD Expansion
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Just as the U. S. and the Soviet Union have reached a partial agreement on a weapons test ban "is hardly an appropriate moment to expand a civil de-

New Bayou Vista Church Off To Good Start in Lafayette District



New temporary building for the Bayou Vista Church

Bayou Vista Church held its first service June 23rd in a temporary building erected by the District Board of Missions. A community wide census and much of the ground work for this new church was done by the Rev. W. J. Reid who at that time was serving the Berwick-Patterson Charge. The pastor of this new church is the Rev. Larry D. Robertson who was assigned to the Patterson-Bayou Vista Charge at Conference.

The opening service, which was attended by 86 interested adults and children, made us realize that this first building would not be adequate for long. The books were closed for charter members on August 4th at which time membership numbered 58. Present membership is 72. The church was organized September 13th. with a full slate of officers. Harlan Guillot was elected chairman of the Board, Henry Daigle, vice-chairman, Donald A. Grubbs, secretary and J. M. DeMoss, treasurer. On September 18th, an M Y F was organized with 16 members and on September 19th, officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were installed with some twelve members.

The Church School is organized with three classes, since this is all the space they have to divide, and average attendance is over 50. Worship Service is held at 11 a.m. each Sunday with average attendance over 75. There are many prospects and possibility for growth seems great, but space does not permit too much recruitment at this time. Every possible plan for securing additional space is being studied and it is hoped that another building of some kind can be had soon. The members of the church have sealed and finished the interior of the building furnished by the district board and are most anxious to do something toward relieving the stalemate they are confronted with due to lack of space. The site for this new church was purchased by the district board during the administration of the Rev. R. R. Branton as district superintendent.

Patterson, the other half of this charge, has provided the pastor with a furnished apartment in which to live and will begin construction soon on a new parsonage. They, too, are beginning to move out under the fine leadership of this young and dedicated pastor and his energetic and consecrated wife.



The pastor of Bayou Vista Church, the Rev. Larry Robertson, visits with members of the new congregation as they leave one of the services.

fense program likely to increase hostility," a Methodist minister told a Congressional committee.

Testifying in opposition to the proposed increase in civil defense and shelter appropriations for 1964, the Rev. J. Elliott Corbett told a House Appropriations subcommittee that an intensi-

fied shelter program would tend to offset the limited but hopeful progress we have made toward the easing of international tension." Corbett is an administrative assistant with the Board of Christian Social Concerns here.

Report

from

VATICAN II

by Claud D. Nelson

Religious News Service Special Correspondent

Dr. Claud Nelson, official Protestant correspondent at the Second Vatican Council for Religious News Service is a native of Arkansas and known to many of our readers.

VATICAN CITY (RNS)—In its early stages the second session of the Second Vatican Council has amply supported and justified expectations that its spirit, orientation and papal leadership would be substantially equivalent to those of the 1962 session.

How does Pope Paul VI's leadership differ from that of Pope John XXIII's?

Both in recent addresses (one concerning Christian Unity and another on the Curia) and in the allocution with which he opened the current Council session on September 29, Pope Paul has left no doubt of his warm devotion to Pope John and his dedication to the Council and aims set for it by his predecessor.

No less cordial to non-Catholic Christians, Pope Paul, however, is rather more specific in laying down the lines that reunion must follow, and they leave no room for facile optimism.

Hierarchical, juridical unity—as well as spiritual unity—is explicitly called for. The Latin "regiminis," variously translated as "control" (English) and as "direction" (Italian), however divided or shared by the pontiff and the other bishops, can mean no less. One will recall that Pope John in his opening address seemed almost to identify non-Catholics' thirst for Christian unity with nostalgia for the Roman Catholic Church.

This is the impression that seems to prevail with many Catholics, in spite of the fact that it is the Roman Catholic Church of earlier times, not the Church from the Council of Trent to the calling of Vatican II that is the object of filial devotion on the part of Protestants. They seek continuity with the Church of the pre-Trentine centuries. For the present, therefore—and of course many Catholic leaders take full account of this—it is not filial but fraternal relations that can be the topic of realistic conversations.

Pope Paul is also more firm and more explicit than Pope John in his admonition to the Curia. A well-known Catholic leader, while certain that only Pope John could have put the Council in motion, is confident that Pope Paul is better adapted to keep it moving in the right direction. Spirit must be translated into decisions; generalities into specifics. And if opposition cannot be overcome without stepping on certain toes, certain toes must be stepped on—not angrily, not scornfully, but decisively.

While it was possible during the first session to speculate as to who was speaking the mind of the Pope in the assembly, the appointment of

four cardinals as moderators — they might easily have been entitled "legates"—relates Pope Paul more immediately to the discussions. It also seems to diminish the importance of the Presidents, on the one hand, and of the Secretary and Sub-Secretaries on the other.

The Protestant observers and guests with whom I have talked agree that there is effective continuity, and that the second session is off to an encouraging start—obviously getting into the agenda more speedily than last year.

The Italian secular press carries significant comment to the same general effect. The weekly *espresso* of Oct. 6 headlines an article by Carlo Falconi, "The Bishops Find an Ally." Falconi observes: "The Curia . . . had to know . . . that its obstructionism not only would not find support from him (Pope Paul), but that it would not be tolerated."

Falconi, noting as others have noted, Pope Paul's explicit readiness to admit Catholics share of responsibility for the Orthodox and Protestant separations, states that when Pope John in 1959 more than once spoke to the same effect, "Osservatore Romano" regularly deleted those statements from its reports! "What was held to be an occasion of scandal only four years ago is thus today finally admitted—or perhaps better, endured even on the part of the usual crusaders of intransigence," says Falconi.

An unsigned column, "Notebook," in *Il Mondo* of Oct. 8, said to be written by Falconi, sees Paul VI trying to erect banks or levees to contain and direct the mighty stream let loose by Pope John. The slight appearance of uncertainty which this commentator finds in the opening address is no sign of turning back: Pope John would have been confronted, he says, by the same problems, essentially.

"The synthesis," the column continues, "between John's programs and the methods, spirit and theological framework of Pius XII," as Pope Paul "perhaps begins to realize, is an impossible synthesis." But—one is moved to comment on the comment—if Pope John moved in large measure under the specific influence of Pope Pius' statements, an effective pastoral synthesis may not be as "impossible" as in strictly theological terms it may seem.

As to the ecumenical "bank", our commentator summarizes the meaning of Pope Paul's "one sole ecclesiastical direction" in this sense: either "unity will be accomplished in the Catholic Church, on the dogmatic platform of the Catholic Church, or not at all." He quotes "a Catholic journalist" as remarking, "Incontrovertible truth, but it's painful to hear it enunciated."

Both Pope and Council, in spite of the "incontrovertible truth," continue to pay great attention to cultivating fraternal relations, and avoiding measures that would impede them.

Meanwhile, discussions on the first chapter of the schema, *De Ecclesia* (On the Nature of the Church), have revealed much concern with the collegiality of the bishops. Is the Church founded on "Peter and the apostles" or "Peter and (with) the other apostles?" And, hence, does the successor of Peter (the Pope) rule over the Church with the other bishops, successors to the apostles? "Conservative" Giuseppe Cardinal Siri endorses collegiality, but thinks the schema is adequate, while others want a clearer, stronger declaration.

One authoritative commentator made it clear that full acceptance of collegiality would reveal that the Curia, far from being an intervening "layer" of the hierarchy between the papacy and the episcopacy, is an executive or administrative agency to serve the rulers of the Church, that is, Pope and bishops.

Some bishops argue that strong affirmation of collegiality would tend to undermine the doctrine of the papal primacy, as proclaimed almost a hundred years ago by Vatican I. Their view seems to be a minority one. Also, they are reminded that Vatican I's interrupted agenda included a proposed affirmation of episcopal collegiality. It can scarcely be doubted that the revival of councils, the pastoral emphasis, and the affirmation of collegiality would combine to trim some of the rough edges off the Vatican I doctrine of the papacy and narrow the still impassable gap between Roman Catholics and other Christians.

Augustine Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, would further narrow the gap by drawing on the great statements of the Christian tradition (for use in

the schema *De Ecclesia*) issued by Councils that preceded the Orthodox and Reformation separations — statements, that is, that represented, and presumably still represent, all Christians.

In passing, one can't avoid wondering how soon and to what extent Cardinal Bea's appointment as a member of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, announced recently, will affect the image and the aura of that ancient and authoritative body.

Noteworthy is the Christocentric emphasis in the papal address and in many statements in Council discussion. In the discussion of partial and full membership in the Church, Bishop Emilio Guano of Genoa emphasized that the common tie of all believers is their bond with Christ. Notable, too, are the efforts of Giacoma Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, and others to change the church's orientation to one less of domination, more of service.

Some marginal comments: To this reporter, Italian prelates seem to be more articulate, more sure of their orientation, than last year. Their identification as favoring the "open door" (Cardinal Lercaro) or the relatively "closed door" (Ernesto Cardinal Ruffini of Palermo) is easier. Both these speakers command great respect.

The Council is definitely finding itself, taking on a character of its own—not in contract to the papacy, not necessarily in conflict with the Curia—but clearly distinguishable as Council.

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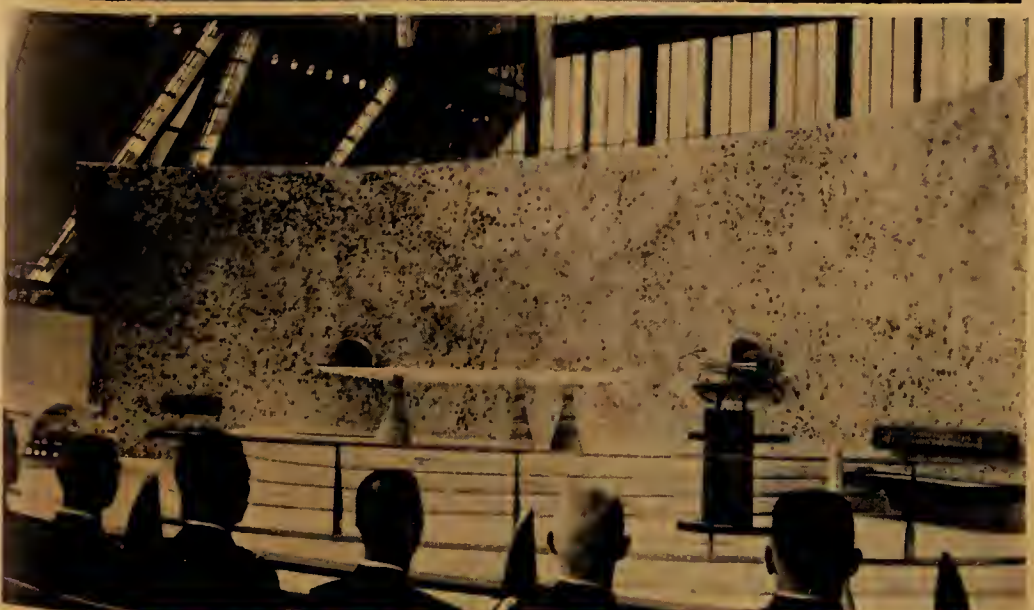
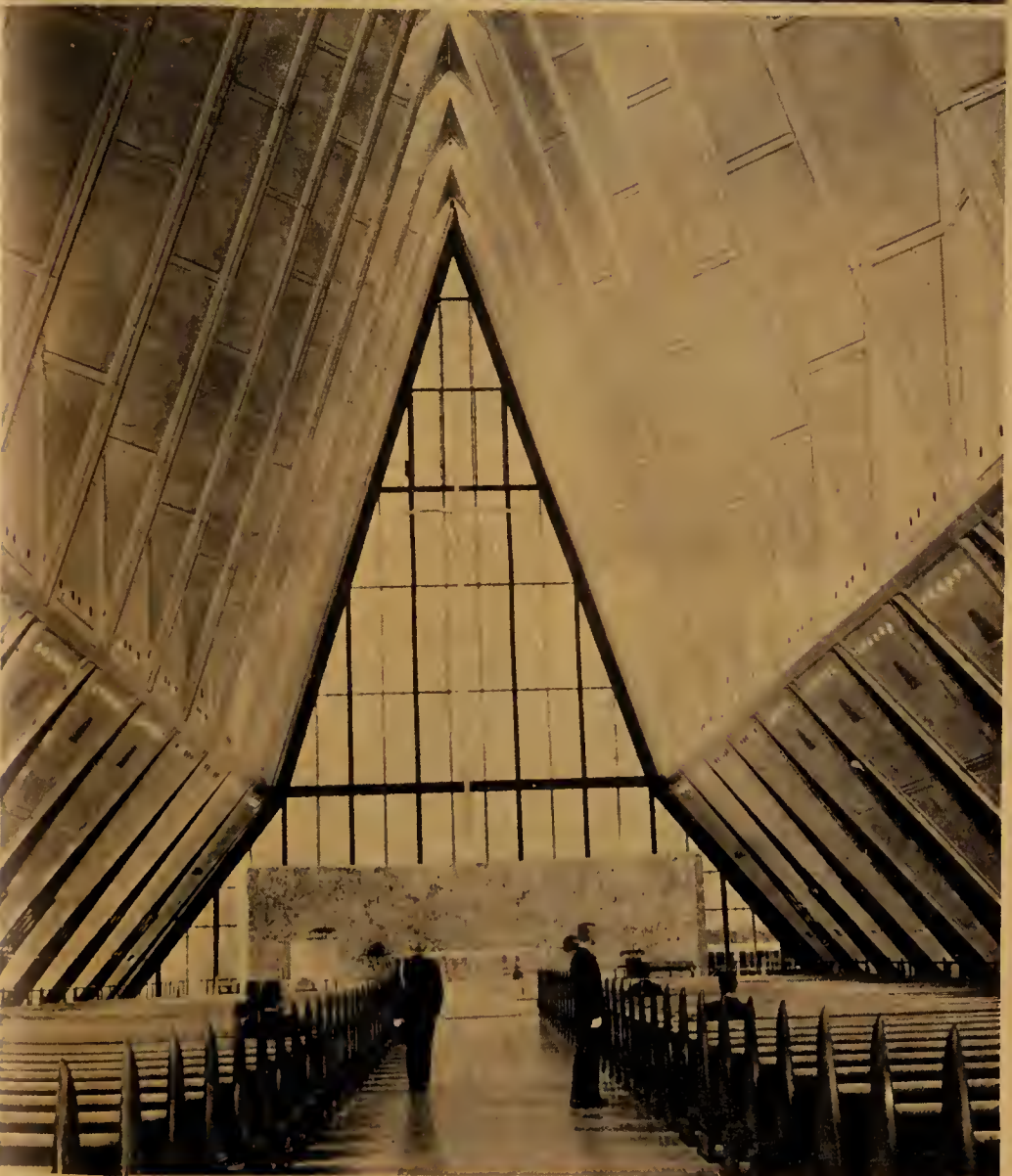
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Oct. 28	Ephes. 2:11-22
Oct. 29	Tim. 1:1-14
Oct. 30	Mat. 20:20-28
Oct. 31	John 19:17-30
Nov. 1	Isaiah 1:1-9
Nov. 2	Isaiah 1:10-20
Nov. 3—Sunday	Isa. 2:1-5



CAPE MAY, N.J. - - A Bible is presented to Captain Oscar C.B. Wev, commanding officer of the Coast Guard training station here for the station's efforts in "encouraging and administering . . . those steadfast principles that have kept our country the great nation that it is and always will be." The presentation, heralding National Bible Week (Oct. 21-27), is made by Robert B. Sully of Philadelphia, Pa., industry chairman for the Bible Week Committee.



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Dedication of the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel (top) was held recently. Cadet ushers (center) begin to seat worshippers at the first service held in the gleaming Protestant Nave. Behind the altar (bottom) is a curved 14-foot wall covered with pastel shades of glass tessera.

Mrs. Addie Tugwell

The mortal life of our sister in Christ, Mrs. Addie Tugwell, was ended June 22 when she quietly slipped into eternity at the age of 79.

She was born in Coosa County, Alabama, near Goodwater, the middle child of Jerry L. and Adeline Fulmore Locke. With her parents she came to Louisiana at an early age and settled near Castor in Bienville parish. She was converted in a Methodist revival there at the age of 24, united with the church and lived a devoted life of sacrifice and service to her Lord.

The richness and fullness of her Christian life was made manifest in many ways—in service to her church, its organizations and to her fellowman. Hers was a simple life yet her gracious personality touched many lives and one that was an inspiration to all who knew her.

We feel that her Savior in His infinite mercy has taken her home from a long period of intense suffering on earth, and when the transition had come it seemed as if a soft breeze wandering through a garden of bloom had wafted her soul away to a peaceful eternal home.

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A settled woman as companion-housekeeper. Write Box 157, Marion, Louisiana.

She was laid to rest in the Old Caster Cemetery. The Rev. Howard Staples pastor and officiated at the services held in the First Methodist church at Castor.

Mourning her going are her husband: Emmette L. Tugwell, two sons, James C. Tugwell, Dallas, Tex., and E. Lamar Tugwell of Shreveport, four daughters, Mrs. Neomi Talbert, Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Sue Welch and Mrs. Frances Albritton, both of Shreveport, and Mrs. Frankie Frye, of Fryeburg, four brothers, J. E. Locke, Minden, W. C., and H. M. Locke both of Ringgold and B. F. Locke, Heflin, 14 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

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Reformation Day, October 31, 1963

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A DRAMATIZATION of the life and personal trials of the Protestant Reformer, Martin Luther, opened on Broadway recently and appears destined to have a long run. Critics generally hailed the play as a thoughtful and provocative study of the man whose rebellion against the established Church touched off irrevocable change in the religious world. Starring in the production (bottom photo) is Albert Finney in the role of Luther. With the Reformer (above) is John Moffatt as Cajetan, Cardinal of San Sisto, who attempts to persuade Luther to retract his criticisms of the Church.



THE 260TH anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, is celebrated in 1963. The great evangelist, organizer and preacher wrote that on May 24, 1738, while attending a meeting where Martin Luther's "Preface to the Epistle to the Romans" was being read, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation..." Some historians have said "The conviction which then flashed upon one of the most powerful and active intellects in England is the true source of English Methodism."



THE BRISK sale of indulgences -- purchased pardons from sin -- by John Tetzel and other preachers spurred Luther to write and post his famed 95 Theses.



WARTBURG CASTLE, top, overlooking Eisenach, Germany, was the refuge of Martin Luther from May 4, 1521, until March 4, 1522. He studied and wrote there, lower picture, as "Knight George," a subterfuge necessary after his refusal to recant at the Diet of Worms, and the following Edict of Worms which banned the reformer and his followers.



A PAPAL BULL threatening Luther with excommunication only fanned the Reformer's spirit. With a copy of the canon law and other documents, he consigned it to flames.

Bishop Corson Speaker For N.O. "Festival of Faith"

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area of The Methodist Church, and a delegate-observer to the Second Vatican Council now meeting in Rome, will be the speaker for the Festival of Christian Faith and Witness to be held in New Orleans, Nov. 10, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., at the Municipal Auditorium.

The Festival, which is an annual event of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, will have special

significance this year because it will give residents of that city an opportunity to hear an interpretation of the Vatican Council and other related developments from this Methodist bishop who has been so actively concerned with them.

Bishop Corson has administered the strategic Philadelphia Area of The Methodist Church since his election in 1944. Prior to his election to the episcopacy he was the president of Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

son College in Pennsylvania.

Just a few days ago Bishop Corson was the commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from St. Joseph's College, a Catholic institution in Philadelphia. This is the first time that a Methodist bishop has received an honorary degree from a Catholic college, an honor which came in part because of his active participation as a delegate-observer at the Vatican Council.

Another honor that came to Bishop Corson recently was that of being named as "Methodist of the Year" by the General Board of Missions at its annual meeting in Cincinnati in January.

Bishop Corson also serves as president of the World Methodist Council, a position which he has held since 1961.

A pulpit gown has never concealed the lack of preparation.

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The Bishop's Letter from Africa

Visit to the Katanga

Elizabethville, Katanga
October 22, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Since writing to you last from Katubua on October 10, Dr. Trice and I have had the thrilling experience of seeing the Central Congo and Katanga from the air. Burleigh Law, one of our missionaries stationed at Lodja, has flown us in the mission plane from station to station, and just this morning delivered us in Elizabethville. By this means we have missed the discomfort of traveling many miles over all but impassable roads — besides avoiding countless road blocks which are set up all along the way, where luggage is searched and travelers delayed. In addition we have been able to cover so much more territory than would otherwise have been possible. We are most grateful to Bishop Newell S. Booth and to Mr. Law for arranging our itinerary in this manner.

From Sunday, October 13, until today we have visited the four stations in the Central Congo to which missionaries have returned to live, and four stations in Katanga. In the following order we have been to Wembo Nyama, Lodja, Katoko Kombe, Kindo—in Central Congo; and to Kapanga, Sandoa, Kolwezi and Mulungwishi in the Katanga.

In Wembo Nyama we had a delightful visit with Larry and Sallie Pleimann, our missionaries from Louisiana, who were commissioned at Annual Conference in 1962. This was a pleasant visit for Dr. Trice, especially since Larry is a member of Reily Memorial University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge and that church is helping to support the Pleimanns. You will be glad to know that they are happy in their work and as busy as they can be, teaching in the secondary school, and directing the industrial program, and learning the Otetela language, in which they are already quite proficient.

Last Sunday we were in Kolwezi. I went out in the morning with the District Superintendent, Jacob Kambolobolo, who used to travel with Bishop Springer, to three villages. One of these was Tchalla, the African village pictured in the film, "See All the People." I had the privilege of preaching in the little church that you saw dedicated in that film. As I sat in the service I recognized the husband and wife who played the parts of the refugee parents. (I had already met the older boy in the school at Sandoa.) This was almost like seeing old friends. I have pictures to show you that I hope are good.

I will not have space in these letters to tell you of the conditions here and of the impressions which Dr. Trice and I are having as we travel over this land visiting with the missionaries and the nationals and listening as

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Strategic Curriculum Institutes Now Underway Throughout Area

In a series of district "Curriculum Institutes", children's workers in Methodist churches throughout the state will become acquainted with the new Church School curriculum planned for all children in The Methodist Church. The meetings will provide opportunity for question, and for discussion among people in congregations of approximately the same size.

The institutes will be led by Miss Shiela Nuttall, conference director of children's work; Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Area Director; the district director of children's work, and other children's workers in the districts.

Munden to Address National Meet of Campus Ministers

The Rev. C. Ebb Munden, III, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Metairie, will deliver one of the major addresses at the national convocation for Methodist ministers who serve churches in college and university communities which will be held Nov 20-22 in Chicago.

Purpose of the convocation is to "examine the nature of the responsibilities of serving congregations which contain a large proportion of college or university students or faculty," said Dr. Richard N. Bender of Nashville, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, which is sponsoring the meeting.

"The emphasis will be upon ministry to the academic community through a local church," said Dr. Bender.

Attendance is expected to be about 300.

The conference will open with a

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Those who should attend are: ministers, church school superintendents, chairmen of commissions on education, ministers of education, educational assistants, children's division superintendents, department superintendents, literature secretaries, all teachers of the children's division and parents.

The schedule in the districts is as follows: Nov. 12, Ruston District at Arcadia; Nov. 13, Monroe district at Rayville; Nov. 14, Alexandria district at Alexandria; Nov. 18, New Orleans district at First Church, New Orleans; Nov. 19, Lafayette sub-district at Houma; Nov. 20, Lafayette sub-district at Lafayette; Nov. 21, Baton Rouge District at First Church, Baton Rouge; and Nov. 25, Lake Charles district, at University Church, Lake Charles. The Shreveport district Institute was held on October 24.

September, 1964, will be the beginning of a new era in the Methodist education of children. Everything will be new: literature, grading and instruction.

Formerly, Church School material for children was not dated, and the same books were used by succeeding groups

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THIS GROUP OF WORKERS planned and conducted the Curriculum Institute for the Shreveport District at Cedar Grove Church, Oct. 24. This was the first in a series of such meetings in which the new Children's Curriculum is being interpreted to children's workers throughout La.

Editorials

IN APPRECIATION OF RALPH STOODY

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that Dr. Ralph Stoodly will be retiring next spring as general secretary of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information calls for a word of personal appreciation for this outstanding religious journalist and for all he has done to establish and expand a system of offices and staff of persons through whom the work of The Methodist Church has been interpreted to the church press and the secular press. He took the responsibility for creating this new work soon after the unification of Methodism in 1940 and his personal influence has been felt by every individual who has worked with him in any way.

Dr. Stoodly helped to establish an office of Methodist Information for Arkansas and Louisiana soon after it became evident that such offices were essential in the fulfillment of this mission. Through subsidy and personal guidance and advice he has helped these two states to have most effective leadership in interpreting their programs. Today we have two of the best area directors of Methodist Information in the church in Mrs. Lona Wilson for Louisiana and Mr. Bill Leavitt in Arkansas. Their splendid work is the projection of Dr. Stoodly's long arm and he will continue to serve us through them.

Dr. Stoodly brought to his office the unique combination of an effective Methodist minister with training and skill in journalism. We recall seeing him at work in one of his early assignments while we were in Chaplains' School in 1942. His confident manner and his soft-spoken approach left its impression on us long before we had any idea we would one day become a member of this Methodist Information family.

He was able to win for Methodism understanding consideration from the top echelons of every communications media in America so that when news releases came to their attention they

were already alert to what Methodism was and what it was trying to do. In a number of instances he shared this interpretive skill in international meetings of Methodists and of the World Council.

The very presence of Ralph Stoodly at a church gathering caused leaders to say to themselves "We know that the interpretation of our work here will be adequate and accurate." This tribute was gained as he continued to justify that confidence over a period of almost a quarter of a century.

He attracted persons of these same abilities as his associate secretaries so that when he was not present himself at the press table the same caliber of interpretation colored every page of copy that went out. One of the most capable of these has been Dr. Arthur West, who will succeed Dr. Stoodly.

We hope this has not sounded like an obituary because Dr. Stoodly is still very much alive, but we did want to pay tribute where tribute is due to one of the church's finest servants. Thank you, Ralph Stoodly, for all you have done for all of us.



THE STATUS OF THE MINISTRY

THE BISHOPS of The Methodist Church are moving quickly along with their schedule of "Missions on the Ministry" and we are delighted with the way in which these meetings have been planned and conducted. Ministers, ministers' wives and lay delegates to annual conferences have met together for an entire day to consider the present status of the parish ministry, to speak of the challenges and rewards of this calling and to deal with the morale of those who are engaged therein.

It has been our privilege to be a part of the first of these missions, held in Louisiana, and the one held for Arkansas this week. If any person wondered whether it was worthwhile to project meetings of this nature on this scale we are sure that he wonders no longer. These have not been meetings concerned with recruitment for the ministry, but we are sure that the spirit of these meetings will brighten the radiance with which every minister serves at his task and this glow will have an influence on attracting others to give serious consideration to the ministry.

These missions were projected by the Council of Bishops as they felt a grave concern to the matters of ministerial supply and morale. We are sure that when they review these meetings in a few days at their meeting in Detroit their evaluation will be that the meetings have been among the most worthwhile they have held.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

THREE YEARS AS EDITOR

With this edition we complete three years as your editor. This means that 150 papers (300 when you count two each week) have gone to press and been delivered to you since we moved into the editorial chair the last Monday in October, 1960. Sometimes it seems a lot longer than that and at other times it seems that we assumed this new duty only yesterday.

We recall that on Wednesday of that first week we attended our first district conference — Shreveport District at Many. Getting from that first issue to the first meeting in Louisiana left us a little short of breath and there hasn't been a dull moment since.

The thing that we remember most about these three years as editor is not the routine of getting the issue to the type setter and the printer—although that routine has enough variety about it to keep it from ever growing dull—but rather the tremendous program that has been going on in Arkansas and Louisiana Methodism in that time. What a joy it has been to have had a share in communicating that activity to you.

In both areas, Area Council organizations and programs have been projected; an office of Methodist Information has been set up in Louisiana (without which we could not have functioned very long); Wesley Foundation programs have made great strides in both areas; and so on. Bishop W. Kenneth Pope and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton have both been "on the go" both in travel and in program during the entire period and although it has never been easy, it has been a great challenge to try to keep up with them.

Throughout the three years we have tried to keep the papers changing in appearance and appeal because we have thought this would make them easier to read and would cause you to turn more of the pages. You are aware that we are still about this kind of experimentation.

Too many people have had a share in the production of these 300 issues of the papers in three years for us to begin to list them all here. One thing we have learned, if nothing else—it takes the contributions and the cooperation of lots of people to do this job. Thank you all for what you have done to help us.

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MRS. EUNICE WEAVER, who has devoted most of her adult life to aiding leprosy victims in Brazil, was named winner of the 1963 Damien Award, given annually by the Damien Dutton Society, a Roman Catholic-sponsored organization. Mrs. Weaver, the widow of a Methodist missionary, is the founder of the federation of Societies for Assistance to Leprosy Patients in Brazil.

Scholarship Gifts Honoring Dr. Hawk Received by Perkins

Scholarship gifts in honor of the late Methodist theologian and educator Dr. Eugene B. Hawk are currently being received by the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dr. J. B. Holt, Director of Church Relations at Perkins, announced Friday, Oct. 18.

The gifts are being applied toward a \$7,500 endowed scholarship fund established last year by the Mr. and Mrs. Class of the University Park Methodist Church in Dallas in honor of Dr. Hawk. The Mr. and Mrs. Class made an initial gift of \$500 toward the fund.

Dr. Hawk, 82, died Saturday, Oct. 12, at his home in Dallas.

Dr. Hawk had been an acting president and a vice-president of SMU and served as Dean of the Perkins School of Theology from 1933 to 1946. When Dr. Hawk became Dean the seminary had 67 students and consisted of one frame building. Under his leadership the enrollment averaged to nearly 400 in a physical plant costing more than \$5,000,000.

During his 50 years in the ministry, he has served in all fields from pastoral ministry to administration of a church-endowed school. At the time of his death, he was consultant to the Perkins School of Theology and associate pastor of the University Park Methodist Church. During the past year, he had been writing a history of SMU's Methodist seminary.

Before he entered the educational field of the ministry, Dr. Hawk had been pastor of many churches in Texas, including the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth when the church was building a \$1,000,000 sanctuary.

Dr. Holt said some 18 gifts worth over \$225 had been received since Dr.

Social Concerns Associate Says News Article Told Only A Part Of His Statement About Alcohol

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A recent wire-service news article on the Methodist stand on alcohol was misleading but it actually has done the church a service, in the opinion of Roger Burgess, who directs Methodist efforts in alcohol education. The widely circulated article was based on Burgess' article in the October 1 issue of Concern magazine. However, it did not tell the whole story, and what it failed to tell has "stirred many Methodists out of their lethargy" about drinking, he says.

Burgess, an associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, wrote to introduce a new statement on alcohol problems which the board will propose to the 1964 General Conference. That statement reiterates the Methodist stand for individual abstinence and the expectation that any who accept leadership in the church will refrain from drinking, as "a challenge to more disciplined life."

The news service story indicated that, because of surveys which show that a number of Methodists drink, the board was proposing a milder view of this practice.

In answer to scores of Methodist letters received here in protest of this idea, Burgess is answering that the new statement "actually strengthens the position of our church for abstinence, basing it on solid ethical and theological grounds, rather than on legal or historical arguments."

The news service story emphasized that one survey shows as many as 85 per cent of the members drink, but this, reminded Burgess, is in one local church and, among several surveys, this one shows the highest proportion of alcohol-users. The proposed statement recognizes that not all Methodists ab-

Hawk's death.

Mr. Stanley W. Crosby of Roswell, N. M., also established a \$12,500 endowed scholarship in honor of Dr. Hawk in 1958.



LONDON -- A session of the Convocation of Canterbury is addressed by the Rt. Rev. G.A. Chase at Westminster's Church House. Seated at table on right are Archbishop Arthur M. Ramsey of Canterbury (center), and two bishops. The convocation voted to give women full status as lay readers, or substitute vicars, in the Anglican Church

stain and that their right of individual conscience is upheld, but intends to "challenge them to rethink their position," he said.

MISS McCARTY IS NAMED CHILDREN'S WORK DIRECTOR

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Miss Margie McCarty, Nashville, has been named director of the Council on Children's Work of the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist General Board of Education here. She has been a staff member of the division since 1947.

The staff position is a new one in line with organization changes in the division which will be announced shortly to become effective Sept. 1. However, Miss McCarty assumes many of the responsibilities formerly carried by Dr. Mary Alice Jones, who retired July 1 as director of the Department of Christian Education of Children. She will be department director until the new organization setup becomes operative.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NAMES TREASURER, MANAGER

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Edwin E. Smith, Jr., business manager of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan., has been elected treasurer and business manager of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, effective Feb. 1, 1964, succeeding James F. Blair, Nashville, who will retire after more than ten years of service to the board, which has its headquarters here.

A man's troubles may be personal without being peculiar.

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Nov. 6	Isa. 31:1-9
Nov. 7	Isa. 40:18-24
Nov. 8	Isa. 40:25-31
Nov. 9	Isa. 43:1-7
Nov. 10—Sunday	Isa. 46:3-13

Bishop Kennedy Prepares Paper On School Rule

LOS ANGELES—A paper on "Religion in the Public Schools" is being drafted by Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy for the California Board of Education to help resolve confusion between court decisions, administrative opinions, and teaching practices.

The Bishop, a board member, was asked to prepare the statement by board president Thomas W. Braden. The board will consider the paper November 14-15, at a meeting in San Francisco, and if approved, will send it to all school superintendents.

Mr. Braden's request to Bishop Kennedy followed claims by two Orange County housewives, that U.S. Supreme Court decisions have been misinterpreted at the classroom level so that "atheistic and agnostic religion is actually being taught and the demonstrable facts of traditional religion and the Bible are being ignored."

This amounts to a state prescribed religion of secularism "because of the preferential treatment given to atheistic and agnostic teaching," they said.

Mrs. Nell J. Segraves and Mrs. Jean E. Sumrall, who appeared before the board, charged that many school officials are failing to distinguish between teaching about religion and teaching of religion.

"It is highly questionable, and obviously illegal to teach relative truth, relative justice, and relative morality and to ignore their influence upon our society. This 'religion of relativism' is openly hostile to the absolute standards of truth, justice and morality set forth in the Bible and upon which the criminal laws of this nation are based."

Florida Newspaperman In Conference Editor

LAKELAND, Fla.—A. J. Ruttenber, Sarasota newspaperman, has been named editor of the Florida Methodist, semi-monthly newsmagazine published here for the denomination's Florida Annual Conference.

His appointment was announced by Harris Sims, editor of the Lakeland Ledger and chairman of the conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

Sims said that O. B. Fanning, Lakeland, will continue as editorial director of the church publication. He is director of the Florida Southern College news bureau and the Florida-Cuba Methodist Information office.



ATTENDING THE OCT. 22 meeting of the Publications Committee of the Louisiana Conference: in Baton Rouge were (l. to r.): Thomas A. Pitt, Dr. J. Otis Young, associate publisher of Chicago; the Rev. George Pearce, Jr. and the Rev. Woodrow Hearn. Also attending and taking this picture was Mrs. Lona Wilson, Director of Methodist Information.



THE REV. ROLAND PANTERMUEHL of New Orleans is shown as he presided over the Oct. 22 meeting of the Louisiana Council of Churches in Baton Rouge. At the meeting the Rev. Arch M. Tolbert of Baton Rouge was elected president. A number of Methodists participated including Mrs. Lona Wilson, who reported for the Committee on Public Relations.

Bishop's Letter

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many people talk to us. One thing I can say—in every place the people of the Congo are asking for more missionaries. All of the stations are undermanned and the missionaries on hand are carrying a tremendous load of work. While things everywhere are most uncertain, it appears to us that progress is being made, especially in the work of the Church.

Two things are greatly needed in the Congo—time and peace. Both may be impossible but we hope not.

Sincerely,

Aubrey S. Walton

Curriculum Institutes

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as in public school. In the new curriculum materials, all basic teacher-learning resources will appear in quarterly magazines or books subject to regular revision and improvement. There will be no more monthly periodicals for teachers or undated courses for children. Quarters will be Sept.-Nov.; Dec.-Feb.; Mar.-May; and June-Aug. The calendar year in Church School previously began on October 1. The new plan will coincide with the public school year, and the Advent and Easter seasons.

Old material was designed for three age groups: broadly, group, and closely graded series. In the new era, there will be just one curriculum published, but in two series — for large and small churches. Called "Christian Studies for Methodist Children," the two series will be the "Wesley Series" for children in graded or two year groupings, and the "Asbury Series", for "elementary" groupings (where children from three grades are in one class). The "Wesley Series" will also include helps for additional sessions, informal sessions, Sunday Evening Fellowship, weekday nursery-kindergarten, music education, church library use. The Vacation Church School units will be a part of the ongoing curriculum for Methodist children.

The new guides for teachers will provide an "overview" or summary of ideas and possibilities for use in teaching the material. The teacher can "tailor-make" her own plans from this "library of ideas", or she can use the detailed session-by-session suggestions which are also included. As always with Methodist church materials, both pupils

and teachers should use the Bible itself in connection with the materials.

The children's study books will be colorful and interesting, and which will be worthy of a place in the child's home library of religion. Each course book will bring the gospel to bear on life's big questions and problems. The new story papers will undergird the curriculum. "The Christian Home" magazine will offer help to parents, to supplement the child's study book.

The new curriculum will be a boon to the small Methodist Church because the resources needed will be included in one curriculum package; the large church will have help in using its own resources to better advantage; and the middle-size church will find the new resources more flexible to serve its groupings.

Years of research have gone into perfecting the plan of the new children's curriculum. Some 400 Methodist Church School teachers throughout the nation have experimentally taught the units and kept records of the results.

True to Methodist emphasis the new curriculum is being planned and developed so that children may become aware of and respond to God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The goal of the new curriculum is to enable children to understand who they are, to grow as sons of God in the Christian community, to live as Christian disciples, and to abide in the Christian hope.

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SCIENCE GRANT

Centenary College of Shreveport was one of seven Methodist-related colleges which were recently announced as recipients of research fund grants in a new program of the National Science Foundation.

Board of Lay Activities Meeting

The next meeting of the Conference Board of Lay Activities will be held at Alexandria on Dec 7 and 8, according to an announcement from Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., Conference Lay Leader. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn and the wives of members of the board are invited to attend the sessions. The meeting will begin with dinner on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 7.

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Munden to Speak

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statement by Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education.

Other addresses will be given by Dr. George A. Buttrick, professor of preaching, Garret Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Marshall T. Steel, president of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark; Dr. Herbert Stroup, dean of students, Brooklyn College; Dr. Robert H. Hamill, dean of Marsh Chapel, Boston University.

There will be seminars on numerous subjects. This will be the second such convocation, the first meeting in 1961.

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Kindergarten at Vinton Church

A kindergarten was begun by the Commission on Education of the Vinton Methodist Church in September. Twenty-four children are now enrolled and taking part in the program of the school. Mrs. Donald Futch, Jr., formerly a teacher in Orange, Tex. is the teacher.

Mrs. Robert Stallings, chairman of the commission, directed the formation of the school as a way of helping the children of the community through the facilities of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Billy Stinson, also a member of the Vinton Church, is acting as secretary and treasurer of the group.



MRS. DONALD FUTCH, Jr. and a group of the children in the new kindergarten at First Methodist Church, Vinton.



THESE CHURCH SCHOOL teachers and workers was honored at First Methodist Church Deridder, at the Family Night program of that church recently. Their pastor is the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, and the associate pastor is the Rev. William S. Milton.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR the three services of Layman's Day at First Methodist Church, Houma, were Joe H. Broome, Calvin Hebert and Jim O. Haynes. The pastor is the Rev. Luman Douglas.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, pastor of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was guest preacher for revival services at First Methodist Church, New Iberia, the week of Oct. 20. The New Iberia pastor is the Rev. L.L. Booth.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, was the guest preacher for the morning worship service, Oct. 13, at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, whose pastor is the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr.

THE REV. AND MRS. CARL WILLIAMS, missionaries to Bolivia and natives of Ruston, were guest speakers for the evening worship service at First Methodist Church, Monroe, Oct. 13. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

A CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS breakfast was held recently at Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans, for interested Junior and Senior High School students. Mrs. Bill Crawford and Mrs. Bill Medlin were in charge of the breakfast. The Rev. John T. Redmon is the pastor.

GUEST EVANGELIST FOR REVIVAL services at Independence Methodist Church, Oct. 21-26, was the Rev. J.P. Woodland, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans. The music for the services was directed by the Rev. Frank Danley. The pastor is the Rev. John L. Kellogg.

CARL WILLIAMS, AGRICULTURAL missionary to Bolivia, now home on furlough, was the speaker at Lake Providence Methodist Church recently. He showed color slides and spoke on what the Methodist Church is doing in that country. The Lake Providence pastor is the Rev. Al Smith.

THE REV. BOB HOLLADAY, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, and a former professional football player with the San Francisco 49'ers, was the speaker for the Oct. 16 meeting of the Methodist Men of the Springhill Methodist Church. The pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount.

THE REV. JOHN T. REDMON, pastor of Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the guest preacher for homecoming services at Jefferson Methodist Church of that city on Oct. 13. Following the service, dinner was served in the fellowship hall of the church. The pastor is the Rev. Albert A. Collins.

W.D. COTTON of Rayville, one of the lay delegates to the 1964 General Conference, was the Layman's Day speaker at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. The services were arranged and conducted by the Men's Club of this church, whose pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount.

A RECENT ISSUE OF "Mangum Memorial Methodist Messenger," parish paper of this Shreveport church, carried the following item: "The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. Dan Morse, our youth director, in the recent loss of his father." We would like to add a word of sympathy from our staff and our

readers to Mr. Morse.

A RECENT ISSUE OF "The Methodist Messenger," parish paper of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, announced that this congregation has acquired the Huson property which adjoins the church to the north. The new acquisition is 70 by 155 feet and will be used for parking space. The pastor is the Rev. Geo. Pearce, Jr.

MR. CHARLES A. STUCK, prominent layman from Jonesboro, Ark., and a regular columnist in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST, was the speaker for Layman's Day at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. Assisting him in the service were Dale Roush, John E. Ney, James W. Dimmick, Paul E. Ritter and J.J. Malarkey. The pastor is Dr. G.W. Pomeroy.

DR. KEITH MASON of Shreveport was the Layman's Day speaker at Barksdale Methodist Church, Bossier City. He used as his topic, "Medical Missions in Honduras." Other laymen participating in the service were James H. Gentry, church lay leader, A.A. Hickerson, Johnny Hollingsworth and Brac Lipscomb. The pastor is the Rev. Frank M. Stage, Jr.

MR. CECIL E. RAMEY of Shreveport was the speaker for the Layman's Day service at First Methodist Church, Bossier City, Oct. 20. Mr. Ramey is an active member of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, where he is a teacher for the Couples' Class. Mr. G.R. Bridges presided at the service. The pastor is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

THE METHODIST MEN OF Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, held their monthly meeting on Oct. 8. Those present were conducted on a guided tour of the parish court house by Frank Kirby, a deputy sheriff who is a member of the Southside Church. Glen Schuler is president of the Methodist Men and the Rev. Lea Joyner is the church's pastor.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the Sevier Methodist Church held a chicken and spaghetti supper on Friday, October 18. The supper was a big success with over 22 tickets sold. The supper was served in the annex of the church. The youth of the church sold the tickets and the parents and counselors worked to make it a success.

"SUNDAY NIGHTS FOR GOD" was the evangelistic emphasis of the Blackwater Methodist Church during the month of October. The program was sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. The pew captain plan was under the direction of Mrs. Ray Pearce, H.C. Carter, Harold Ballard and Henry Bliss. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

ON OCT. 23, the DMA groups from Methodist churches of the Ruston District had their quarterly meeting with the group at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. Included were groups from Minden, Homer and Springhill churches. At Trinity Church, the DMA group is one of the outstanding activities sponsored by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns. The Trinity pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

LAYMAN'S DAY WAS OBSERVED at Farmerville Methodist Church with three of that church's four certified lay speakers in charge. Participating in the service were J.G. Elliot, Richard Neely and Woodrow Downs. Mrs. W.R. Whitaker led the morning prayer. David Clinton, another lay speaker in this congregation, conducted Layman's Day service at another church in the district. The pastor is the Rev. J. David Corley.

THE REV. ROBERT CLAYTON OF Shreveport, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, was the guest preacher for recent homecoming services at First Methodist Church, Denham Springs. Special music was provided for the service by Evelyn Garity, voice instructor at LSU. Denham Springs was Mr. Clayton's first charge. Mrs. W.C. Peak was general chairman for the homecoming and the Rev. Ted Howes

is the pastor.

CARL WILLIAMS, missionary to Bolivia, was the guest speaker for Layman's Day at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Oct. 20. At the evening service on that Sunday, the Carrollton pulpit was filled by the Rev. J.C. Skinner, pastor of St. Bernard's Methodist Church, Chalmette. The St. Bernard pulpit was being filled that evening in the first of a series of services conducted by the Carrollton pastor, the Rev. Jack Cooke.

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS of the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, have included the following: guest preacher in the pulpit of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, where the Rev. Wilson Watson is the pastor; guest speaker for the Newcomer Faculty Wives of Louisiana Tech; and guest speaker at the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, where the Rev. Earl Emmerich is the pastor.

WM. B. REILY University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has been having the study on "The Christian Family and Its Money." The course ran for four Sunday evenings beginning Oct. 6. Dr. John Chisohm, professor of economics at LSU, spoke on consumer education at the first session. A debate and film were presented on Oct. 13, and Miss Margaret Lilly of the State Welfare Department spoke at the Oct. 20 meeting. Dr. William E. Trice is the pastor.

THE LAYMAN'S DAY SPEAKER at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was Mr. J.D. Wright of Dallas, Tex. Mr. Wright, who is president of Lakewood State Bank in that city, has been active in church work and a teacher of a Sunday School class for a number of years. Speaker at the evening hour was Dr. Keith Mason, a member of First Church, who gave an illustrated report on his recent trip to Utila, Honduras. The pastor of First Church is Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr.

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH held its annual homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 13. The pastor, the Rev. George Holcombe, delivered the homecoming sermon. An old fashioned dinner on the grounds was spread following the morning worship service. Bethel is one of the oldest churches in the Baton Rouge area, having been established in the early 1800's. The church was burned by Yankee soldiers following a skirmish with Southern forces quartered in the building.

THE REV. BOB POTTER, pastor of Saint Andrew's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the speaker for the evening service at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans. His message on "The Primary Authority of the Bible" continued the series on "Foundation Stones of our Protestant Faith," which has been under way for some time in this church. Mrs. Potter, who holds the degree of Master of Sacred Music from SMU, furnished special music. The pastor is the Rev. Reuel H. Allen.

A CHRISTIAN LECTURE SERIES which began Oct. 6 at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has included the following speakers: the Rev. Lee Porter of Winburne Avenue Baptist Church, who spoke on "Love and Marriage;" the Rev. John Winn of St. Paul's Methodist Church, who used the topic, "Our Marriage; Harmony or Conflict;" and the Rev. George Holcombe, Bethel Methodist Church, who spoke in two sessions on "My Partenthood: Success of Failure." The pastor of the church is the Rev. James P. McCullough.

A "FALL ROUNDUP" WAS HELD at First Methodist Church, Minden, Oct. 20. The program of the evening included dinner on the grounds at 6:00 p.m. This was held on new property recently acquired by this congregation and included groundbreaking on a new street to be built. After dinner the group went to the sanctuary for an inspirational song service with Alton Hortman as leader, and featuring the Methodist Men's Choir led by Leland Mims and the Youth Choir led by David Hinton. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 10, 1963:

"VICTORY OVER DEATH"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15 through 16.

Printed Lesson Text, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-58.

MEMORY SELECTION: Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57.

AIM OF LESSON: To show the importance of faith in the resurrection of Christ in order to have reasonable grounds for faith in our own survival after death.

Today we study "Victory Over Death" through the resurrection. Let us keep in mind that our lesson today is not a study of the resurrection of Jesus as usually found in our Easter lessons. However, any Christian consideration of life after death is inseparably connected with the fact of the resurrection of Jesus.

Nevertheless, in today's lesson we are studying primarily the matter of our own survival after death as a spiritual personality and also what we believe about the nature of that life.

Chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians is commonly called the "Resurrection Chapter." It is the most significant discussion of the after-life to be found in the writings of Paul. It is doubtful if there are any other writings anywhere of similar length, by an authoritative writer, that throw so much light on the nature and possibility of life after death for man. This is remarkable since the writing of 1 Corinthians antedates the writings of the Gospels by several years. Paul is not copying ideas here already proclaimed in the writings of others. He is blazing a new trail in the discussion of the most profound subject confronting mankind.

"NOW IS CHRIST RISEN"

Our lesson text begins with the positive unequivocal declaration, "Now is Christ risen from the dead." The faith of Paul and the other disciples in the resurrection of Christ was just as positive as this statement of Paul's sounds. They believed, and staked their lives on the fact that Jesus Christ arose from the dead and left an empty tomb. Why was the empty tomb of Christ so important?

Just what happens to our physical bodies after death, further than the tender care accorded them by loved ones and friends, may be of little or no consequences. We say of our bodies, "Dust to dust."

It was not so with the body of Jesus. It would have been very difficult, if not impossible to convince the apostles and others that Jesus had really risen from the dead if his body was still in Joseph's tomb turning back to dust. His appearances after the crucifixion would not only have been mysterious beyond words, they would have been frightening. We will remember that when he did appear to the disciples in the upper room on the day of his resurrection they were terrified. "They shrank back in terror, for they thought they were seeing a ghost (Phillips)." It was only when Jesus invited them to handle him and see that he was "flesh and bones" and showed them the nail wounds in his hands and feet that they realized the fact that the Christ they had lived with for three years was standing among them.

The convincing element in it all, for the apostles and others, was the fact that Christ

did appear after his crucifixion in something of the same form and likeness that was his before crucifixion, except that now his body bore the scars of crucifixion and his tomb was empty.

While the disciples knew that Christ's body was the same in appearance after his resurrection, they soon realized that his body was not the same in nature as before crucifixion. Now he could appear or disappear suddenly. He could pass through closed doors into their presence. His body was the same in form but different in nature. In verses 12-19 of this chapter, just ahead of our lesson text, Paul relates Christ's resurrection to our own survival after death. He describes the dark shadow that would fall across the world if, as some said, Christ did not rise from the dead. Paul says in substance, 1. If there is no resurrection then Christ did not rise from the dead. 2. If Christ did not rise from the dead, a. Our preaching is vain. (b.) Our faith is vain. (c.) We as Christians become false witnesses. (d.) We are yet in our sins. (e.) Those who have died believing in Christ have perished. (f.) He climaxes this statement by saying, "We are of all men most miserable."

BASIS FOR FAITH IN OUR SURVIVAL

In verse 22 Paul says, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." The founders of the Christian church believed that they would live again after death because they believed that their leader, Christ, rose from the dead.

The doctrine of the resurrection of man, as taught by the early church, was and is the most striking, outstanding, revolutionary doctrine ever taught by any religious leaders of earth. That doctrine was based squarely on faith in the fact of the resurrection of Jesus himself.

What was true of those who constituted the early church is just as true of us who live today. We have no justifiable reason for believing that we will live again after physical death apart from the faith that Jesus arose from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the only authentically documented record of a resurrection from the dead in the history of man. Consequently our faith in our own "Victory Over Death" must also include faith in the resurrection of Jesus or our hopeful speculations about life after death have no real foundation on which to rest.

PAUL PROCLAIMS MAN'S RESURRECTION

In the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians Paul specifically teaches that, just as Christ lives after death on the cross, so will his followers live again, in a better world than this, after physical death.

In declaring man's faith in his own resurrection, Paul raised the most important question that has ever occupied the human mind. There are many interesting questions raised about man's life here. Where did he come from? How was he able to survive in primitive life? How has it been possible for man to develop from the ignorant, primitive form of life of early times into the highly-trained intellectual giants some have become, with a cultural life and spiritual aspirations so pronounced. The record of man, across the centuries that are covered by authentic history, is filled with achievements and progress as he has reached for the stars. Nevertheless, all of his boasted progress is but powdered

ashes and his hopes but idle dreams if death ends all for generation after generation as they pass off the scene of action.

To believe that death ends all for man is the most disheartening, frustrating, frightening feeling of which the human mind is capable. To sincerely believe that we are mortal beings and that death is but the gateway to eternal life is the most encouraging, heartening, inspiring thought that can come to the human heart.

"GOD GIVETH IT A BODY"

Since the question of the resurrection from the dead was new to so many members of the Corinthian church, who had formerly been pagans, it is perfectly natural that such a stupendous idea would create many questions in their minds. It is quite possible that these questions were embodied in the letters written from the church to Paul. The 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians is Paul's answer to such questions.

In this chapter, in discussing man's resurrection from the dead, Paul uses the planting and growth of a seed as a striking, informative illustration of the resurrection from the dead. All the way through this discussion Paul is emphasizing the fact that the spiritual body we will have in the next world will be different from the physical body we have here.

Paul says that, in planting the seed, we do plant the body that is to be when the seed germinates. He says, "God giveth it a body as it pleased him." Then he adds, "So is the resurrection of the dead." It is significant that Paul never speaks of the resurrection of the body, but of the "resurrection of the dead." Paul felt certain of two things regarding the next life. One was that we would have a body there and that this body would be of a different nature than our present physical body. Paul says in the 50th verse of this chapter, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

PERSONALITY SURVIVES IN SPIRITUAL BODY

Continued life after death would have little attraction or meaning for us unless our present personality also survives in the new body of which Paul speaks. The resurrection of Jesus gives us assurance that we too will survive death in a recognizable form and personality.

At the time of the transfiguration, there appeared with Jesus, Moses and Elijah. The apostles seemed to be able to recognize them. While the vision was still before them, Peter asked permission to build three tabernacles there, "One for thee, one for Moses and one for Elijah." This was hundreds of years after the death of Moses and Elijah.

WE MUST BELIEVE IN SURVIVAL

1. We must believe in life after death if we are to believe in the Bible as a revelation from God. We must believe in life after death if we are to believe in Christ since he very definitely taught that truth.

2. We must believe in life after death, since this faith, in some form, seems to be instinctive in the human heart.

3. We must believe in a life after death if we are to believe in a good God. It would be sheer mockery for God to create man as he is with life filled with present longings and aspirations and then decree that all of these hopes and desires end with death.

4. We must believe in immortality if we are to believe that life here has real value, meaning and purpose.

5. If we believe in justice and right, we must believe in life in a better world than this where the wrongs and injustices suffered by many good people will be made right.

Such a faith should make us "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

The head of the United Pentecostal Church told some 800 delegates at its annual meeting in Memphis, Tenn. that racial and other social issues "are not the problems of the preached." In his keynote address, the Rev. Arthur T. Morgan of St. Louis, Mo., general superintendent of the 200,000 - member evangelical denomination, stressed that "it is the duty of the minister of the Gospel to preach the Gospel."

Only a narrowing segment of Christians can still take refuge in the assertion that "preaching the Gospel" excuses them from dealing with the specifics of the Christian life in everyday living and its problems.

"Some degree of freedom" for Iron Curtain people is a concession the United States should demand before agreeing to sell wheat to Russia, Christianity Today, conservative undenominational Protestant fortnightly, said in the current issue. "If Russia refused, Krushchev would have shown the world that he would rather have people hungry than free," the magazine said in its Oct. 26 issue.

If people are really in dire need of food then "some degree of freedom" is being granted them by putting bread on their tables for them and their children. We are sure that Khrushchev has plenty to eat himself whether we sell him wheat or not.

A converted hospital kitchen in Jerusalem served recently as an improvised courtroom for 104 ultra-Orthodox Jewish youths—the largest number of defendants ever to stand trial in Israel—charged with rioting at a Roman Catholic convent school. The defendants were arrested Sept. 10 when there was an outbreak of demonstrations against Christian missionary schools in several Israeli cities.

The eyes of the Christian world will be on the trial because its results will be significant in the future of missionary activity in Israel.

The General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel unanimously adopted a resolution in Washington which declared that the military chaplaincy service does not violate the Constitutional principle of Church-State separation. Its stand was expressed in two "principles" approved by the 58 delegates for guidance of the Commission's committee on Church-State relations.

The unanimous passage of this resolution does not come as a surprise. When we will be more interested in watching will be the division of the United States Supreme Court when present litigation reaches that body.

Two laymen who held key positions in planning Protestant participation at the New York World's Fair have resigned in objection to a still-unfinished film that will be shown at the Protestant and Orthodox Church Center. Both claimed that the film will not carry the "strong evangelistic message" they preferred. Leaving their posts were Emilio B. Knechtle of New Canaan, Conn., chairman of the steering committee for the center, a project of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, and J. Marshall Miller of New York, coordinator of the project.

We have a feeling that the "strong evangelistic message" these men desired in this film would make it rather limited in its value for presentation in this kind of ecumenical project.

A continuing "dialogue in print" is planned in St. Louis by the St. Louis Review, official newspaper of the Roman Catholic archdiocese. Prominent Protestant and Catholic clergymen will prepare back-to-back articles on ecumenical and common Christian concerns, according to Msgr. Daniel Moore, editor of the paper.

A Methodist clergyman came out recently in Eastchester, N.Y. in defense of the American funeral director and burial practices, targets of a popular best seller, "The American Way of Death," by Jessica Mitford. Dr. Edgar N. Jackson, who is on sabbatical leave as pastor of the Mamaroneck Methodist Church, gave his support to the "open coffin" practice, asserting that bereaved persons are helped to face the reality of death by viewing the remains of the deceased.



PHILADELPHIA — A Roman Catholic prelate and a Protestant Episcopal leader meet in an unprecedented ecumenical encounter in Philadelphia. Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, left, is greeted by the Rev. William Elwell, president of the Catholic Clerical Union of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Bishop Wright addressed 150 clergymen of the Episcopal diocese at Christ Episcopal church in suburban Media.

An ever-increasing number of unwanted Christian children are being placed by their mothers with Jewish adoption services, Jerome Diamond, director of the Jewish Family and Child Service, said recently in Toronto. "We've arranged more adoptions in the past two years than ever before in our history," Mr. Diamond said, adding that nearly all involved Christian mothers who were desperate because they could not find aid for their children.

Mission activity in Tunisia by the North African Mission, an undenominational Protestant agency, has been suspended by government order, it was announced in Philadelphia by the Rev. C. Gordon Beacham, home office secretary. Another spokesman, the Rev. Harold W. Stalley, field director for the agency in Casablanca, said North

African governments dominated by Moslems subscribe to the United Nations Charter guaranteeing freedom of religion, but he said this is interpreted to mean, "the freedom to practice one's own religion."

Two Protestant and two Roman Catholic leaders took part in, and analyzed, the ecumenical dialogue in a transatlantic live telecast using the communications satellite, Telstar II. They agreed, in essence, that while the reunion of Christianity is not immediately foreseeable, the interreligious encounter seems destined to expand. Participants were Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America, speaking from Princeton, N.J.; Bishop Leslie Newbigin, associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches, speaking from London; Laurian Cardinal Rugambwa, Bishop of Bukoba, Tanganyika, and Father Hans Kueng, dean of the theological faculty at the University of Tuebingen, West Germany, both in Rome.

Approximately 100 American religious, civic and intellectual leaders have issued an "Appeal of Conscience" calling on Russian officials to demonstrate "truth, justice and decency" by lifting all restrictions against people of the Jewish faith in the USSR. The 500-word appeal came at the end of a day-long Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews, presided over by Protestant Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike.

Members of the British hierarchy and a number of other English-speaking bishops attended the Second Vatican Council in Rome will be dinner guests of about 800 English school children on Nov. 4. The youngsters will entertain the prelates aboard the liner Dunera on which they are scheduled to make a pilgrimage cruise under the auspices of the Catholic Teachers' Federation.

Responding to the plea of the recent Anglican Congress in Toronto, the executive council of the Anglican Church of Canada called on its members for \$3,000,000 to help Anglican churches in "emerging areas" outside Canada.

A \$4,740,000 budget was adopted by the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) for its work in 1964, representing an increase of \$100,000 over current appropriations. The new allocations include \$380,000 for overseas relief and inter-church aid, and \$112,425 for cooperative work.

Morris Rapoport, Ohio businessman, has failed in an effort to get the U. S. Supreme Court to review the constitutionality of his state's Sunday "blue laws." He was convicted for having his place open for business on Sunday, June 18, 1961. The Supreme Court of Ohio upheld the conviction.

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, was honored recently by West German Protestant leaders on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the WCC post. During ceremonies held at the Evangelical Academy of Arnoldsheim, Dr. Visser 't Hooft was hailed as a "prophet" of Christian unity by Dr. Kurt Scharf, chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID).

More church women should be accepted in political life or be given positions of responsibility in various fields, the executive secretary of the World Council of Churches' Committee on Cooperation of Men and Women asserted recently in Sydney, Australia. The proposal was advanced by Dr. Madeline Barot of Paris, who was in Australia during a tour of Pacific Islands to study the work of women on behalf of the WCC.



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*The offering, this Conference Year,
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build the much-needed Home Number
Eight, in Ruston, next spring.*



News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

COMMENTS ON HURRICANE RELIEF

NEW YORK — A statement issued here by the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, assures Methodists that definite steps have been taken to try to alleviate suffering caused by the recent hurricane in Cuba and Haiti.

Dr. Warfield points out that even as hurricane Flora was cutting its devastating path across Tobago, Haiti and Cuba, MCOR was exploring ways to help the stricken areas and people.

In cooperation with the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, plans were drawn up to recruit a team of doctors and nurses for disaster service in Cuba. Unfortunately, official word has now been received from Cuban government representatives that "no foreign teams are desired."

Dr. Warfield said that Board of Missions, MCOR and Church World Service will continue to negotiate with both the U. S. and the Cuban governments to provide human as well as material resources.

Disaster relief is being provided directly to Haiti through Church World Service. On Oct. 14, MCOR sent \$1,000 to British Methodist Department of Christian Citizenship, the agency responsible for relief to Methodists in Haiti. No church-wide appeal for this disaster is contemplated but gifts from churches and individuals who wish to help will be welcome. They may be sent to MCOR, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

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BISHOPS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Three bishops will address the annual meeting of the national Council of Evangelism of The Methodist Church to be held Nov. 19-22 at the Sheraton hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

They are Bishop Walter C. Gum, Louisville; Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis; and Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio.

The Council of Evangelism is an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism, which promotes The Methodist Church's evangelistic program.

Membership in the council is open to anyone interested in evangelism, said the Rev. Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, Nashville, staff member of the Board of Evangelism. He said that the Louisville meeting is open to all and that more than 250 had registered by Oct. 4.

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KANSAS PLANS LISTED

TOPEKA, KAN. — Ten new Methodist congregations will be organized in central and western Kansas in the next five years, according to plans just announced by Bishop Eugene Slater, episcopal leader of Kansas Methodists.

Initial funds will be provided by the new quadrennial program, "Faith in Action," in each of the 400 local churches of the Central Kansas Conference, and by the Builders' Club (formerly the 1,000 Club).

MERGER TALKS SOUGHT

NEW YORK—One national agency of The Methodist Church, the Division of National Missions, is requesting another national agency, the Commission on Church Union, to initiate steps looking toward possible merger of The Methodist Church with predominantly Negro Methodist denominations.

There's Ministry, Happiness in Farming

So much is being said about the "plight of the farmer" (American and others) and the decline of the rural areas (in America), that a few words on the other side of the story give us some encouragement.

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, which leans more toward scientific accuracy than to poetic rhapsody, calmly informs us that agriculture is still the nation's largest industry; that it is a service occupation basic to

our human welfare; and that—while there is wide variation because of individual application, and the areas of

The executive committee of the Division of National Missions, meeting here recently, voted to make its recommendation on merger negotiations to the Commission on Church Union. The three Negro churches involved are the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

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The church may grant a man the privilege of preaching, but he must earn the right to preach.

The man who realizes his responsibility to the next generation will leave a will which includes some bequest to his church.

the nation considered — the "average" (or "statistical") American farmer is at least as well off, economically and socially, as is the average city worker. Indeed, America's farmers give employment to more workers than do transportation, public utilities, the steel, and the automobile industries combined.

The "statistical farmer of 1962" is thus described by agricultural economists: "As a buyer, he spent \$7,500 for his business needs. As a seller, he received \$10,000 for his farm products. As a taxpayer, he contributed \$1,000 to government. As a consumer, he spent \$4,000 on family living. He earned more than \$1,500 off the farm. His house and personal goods were valued at about \$6,500. As a manufacturer, his 'factory' was valued at more than \$47,600. As a producer, he farmed 325 acres, earned about 5 percent on his capital, had about \$3,600 in liquid assets, and owed \$7,000 to creditors. As a worker, he labored almost 50 hours

a week. The farmhouse 'rent' and home-produced food and fuel he used were valued at almost \$1,000. His net farm income was \$3,500."

"For 10 million workers, agriculture is a supplier of raw materials, the workers who transport, process, manufacture, and sell farm goods. The food industry alone has about 5.3 million employees and a payroll of \$22.8 billion. Farmers sold nearly \$36 billion worth of farm products in 1962 and earned over \$7 billion off the farm. For 188 million Americans, agriculture is three square meals a day, most of the clothing we wear, the wood in our homes. For 3 billion people on earth, American agriculture is a magnificent example of abundant production, one proof of our successful democratic system."

One of Alabama's "master farmers"—Joe Taylor, of Dallas County, the father of eight sons—was asked by the Progressive Farmer if he wanted his boys to be farmers. His answer of yes included these words:

"A farmer by necessity is basically closer to God. Farmers realize His presence more fully, I think, in their total dependence on Him for favorable growing seasons. This creates a type of person who is morally sound and of good character. These are the types of people I would like my children to work with. To be really happy, you have to be in tune with God and at peace with your neighbor. It is my firm belief that the history of this country proves this fact. Men of leadership who were founders of this great nation and great statesmen through the years have come from rural backgrounds. The day we no longer have farm families and a rural group to draw on will be a critical time for our country . . . I do want my sons to be either farmers or in farm-related businesses."



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

A TRIP TO THE PENITENTIARY

(Note: This is the second of a series telling of my visit to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.)

The penitentiary has a library with over 27,000 volumes. And the books look like they are all new. The prison has a book bindery. Every book that begins to look worn is immediately rebound. The library looks better than any college library I have ever seen.

What looks most like a prison is the battery of cells in the main building. All of the inmates live behind the beautiful front of the main building. Cell blocks are 5 stories high. Several men live in a cell. Every man has a small cabinet where he can store his school books or toilet articles or other small personal belongings. Every cell is individually opened and closed by a key. The cells are neat and clean.

The Industries building is to employ an over-used word, fabulous. Four

stories of machinery are operated by capable men. They turn out clothing, shoes, furniture, printing, and all kinds of brushes. I was drawn to the wood-working operations since I was a lumberman and woodworker most of my life. But every line of production was handled by men who seemed much interested in their jobs. I stopped and talked with a number of them. They actually seem to be happy to be at work in some field where they can take pride in accomplishment.

Of the 2,300 men, about 1,500 are Protestant. Sunday Protestant services are attended by only about 200 of the inmates. But in spite of the lack of the most desirable facilities, it is possible to have satisfactory religious services in the large auditorium. Chaplain Silber told me they had observed World-Wide Communion Sunday in the prison just as you and I did it in our churches. Well, that is, if you went to church that day like they did. All attendance at religious services is voluntary, and it is encouraging to know that even 200 men are holding to their Protestant Christian faith.

The men are not pampered. They work hard, eat plain but nourishing food. Their cells are not like the Holiday Inn, I assure you. They have a disciplined, controlled life. But nearly every man whom I saw seemed to have made his peace with the law. Regardless of what they had done, those who talked with me were trying to fit themselves for life after they go outside the walls. Chaplain Silber told me that the Ford Foundation recently completed a survey of the men who had been released from federal prisons. Three-fourths of them manage to relate themselves to society and to make a living at a useful trade after leaving the "walls."

Most of them are pretty well adjusted. What they fear the most is that when they are released, we on the outside will not accept them. They fear that we will not want them in our churches, our places of business, our factories. To offset some of this prejudice the Government maintains a job placement bureau. Through its efforts most of the men are fitted into normal life.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

External Remedy To Internal Ill?

By the Rev. James E. Major
Vice President, Hendrix College

Read Mark 2:1-12

Bishop Gerald Kennedy tells of seeing an advertisement sent out by a small church college which recommended itself to the parents of prospective students by stating that the campus was located seven miles from any form of known sin. Commenting upon that advertisement Bishop Kennedy said that that would be a good trick if it could be done. If that were really possible, he said, he would drop everything and apply for a job on the faculty. If there were no opening there, he would like to get any kind of job on the custodian's staff. There are few things, he said, he would be unwilling to do to get seven miles from sin.

To be removed from sin or have it removed from us is the greatest need you and I have. This truth is pictured for us in the story of the four men who came bringing their paralytic friend to Jesus. There he had lain on his bed for no telling how long, unable to do anything to help himself or his family. They felt that if he could somehow be healed of this ailment that was all he needed. They knew that Jesus could help, and they would let nothing stop them from reaching him, even if they had to remove the roof.

When Jesus sees their sick friend, he does not even mention his physical state. As pitiful as the man was, Jesus knew that he needed more than physical mending, so he looks deep into his soul and said, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Somehow Jesus knew that the man's deepest need was forgiveness—a spiritual healing. He was unwilling to apply a mere external remedy to an internal ill.

And this is our deepest need. So often we think our trouble is due to outward causes — to the situation at home, the kind of work we do, the hours it makes us keep, the responsibilities we carry, the people we have to deal with. If we could only change jobs, houses, families, or move away, we say, we would be better off. Yet all the time the real trouble lies within our hearts. It may be greed, envy, pride, self-seeking, lust or any combination of them. On top of all this is the conscious or unconscious sense of guilt that seems to paralyze us and leave us helpless to heal ourselves. We need something that will remove sin from us. We need most of all to hear a voice that says to us, "My son, my daughter, your sin is forgiven."

The reason why we can never get seven miles from sin is that sin is in our hearts. We are sinners until our hearts are cleansed by God's grace and mercy. God sees this need and he has

promised a most adequate remedy in Jesus Christ. If we are willing to accept him he has promised to remove our sin not just a few miles but "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

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Build a Devotional

This is the first of four devotionals emphasizing the spirit of Thanksgiving for the month of November; by Reverend W. P. Connell, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Luke 9:10-17

As we enter into the month of November there are some housewives who have already begun thinking about their menu for Thanksgiving Day. Food has always been associated with Thanksgiving during my lifetime. I think of its use, misuse, and waste and I think how many starving people would be more grateful for our crumbs than we are for our loaded tables. This is physical hunger that was felt in the lives of the crowd spoken of in our scripture lesson.

Today, we need to turn and think of the spiritually hungry living in our town and in our time. First let us consider this multitude in our present age and wonder how we can feed them spiritually. When we are aware of the problem that exists we need then in turn to be aware of the spiritual loaves and fishes that exist in your Christian commitment and mine. Oh, you might say like the apostles, "We have no more than"—just ourselves. This is a common feeling among us—we are so few. Yet, Jesus Christ has blessed us in a great way and because of His blessing we are equal to the task if we will only practice what we say we believe; (Mark 9:23) "All things are possible to him who believes". With this scripture thought we turn to the scripture illustrations of; the woman with an issue of blood who was healed by touching the hem of Jesus' garment; I think of Peter walking on the water;

and night shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

This year the earth is parched and dry because of so little rain. The leaves fall from the trees brown and crisp. Brown seed pods appear on stalks of grain and grass. Every day brings a change and some surprises. The ground is covered with leaves, nuts and drifting bits of grass. Soon the leaves will be off the trees and it will be winter. For the season is changing.

The school year has settled into a good, dependable every-day routine. Certain rules have been set up and must be obeyed so that all may be happy and so that learning may be easier. These rules are really just doing the things one should do if property is taken care of and if other people are considered. Thoughts are changed from oneself to others. Kindness, courtesy and honesty are the basis for them.

The first cool days make the change from summer clothes to warmer winter ones necessary. Families live more closely in-doors. There are football games, school parties and trips to the woods to look for nuts and beautiful leaves. Perhaps the most fun of all is Halloween. Did you know that many countries of the world have their own special kind of Halloween? In England it is known as Nutcrack night. In Scotland fortune telling is practiced. Today in America we play many games with black cats, witches and jack-o-lanterns. For many years children have visited their neighbors to collect "trick or treat" goodies.

Now we have a new custom. Instead of collecting good things for themselves, the children collect coins for the children around the world who need food and clothes and medicine. This, also, is a change, for now we think of others as we have fun ourselves on this special day. This, too, is a part of God's plan. We are told:

"Show love to strangers" Heb. 13:2
—Aunt Feather

I think of the cripple by the pool who on Jesus' command took up his bed and walked; I think of my sins being forgiven. All of these things happened because of faith.

Secondly, we need to think of God's goodness as the horn of plenty. We can think of the national resources of our country, we can think of our agricultural efforts that keep piling up food surpluses. We see churches growing in Membership, buildings, and expanding programs. Yet, the greatest resource of God's goodness is the waste of human resources. You and I are like the twelve baskets of food fragments left over in our scripture lesson. We have been blessed by our God but we have not used all of ourselves, we waste so much in so many ways. How much of God's goodness can be gathered up unused in our personal lives?

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Let the Children Come

As you look out your window on these October mornings, you are reminded that the Bible says that change is a part of God's plan.

"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter and day

Poem For The Week

GOD IN NATURE

I saw a Form in the twilight
As I walked through the Ozark hills.
It had in its power the solace
For all our human ills.

The Form was like the oak tree,
So able, so strong, and so true,
That stood upright and challenged,
Every wind that blew.

I saw a Face in the twilight
In the setting of the sun
It shone in tender beauty
After the day was quite done.

I saw two hands in the twilight
Outstretched in blessing to me.
They were red as the leaves of autumn
The blood of Calvary.

I heard a voice in the twilight
In the music of the trees.
It spoke in tender accents
As I knelt upon my knees.

I felt an urge as I walked there,
As the day faded into night,
While birds winged their way to the south-land,
In their long and tedious flight.

My soul felt drawn toward Heaven
As my homeward way I trod.
I knew the power that drew me.
It was the love of God.

Alice McClendon.

NEWS

... from the office of the



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Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



TO: THE LOUISIANA METHODIST
FROM: J. Henry Bowdon, Area Director
Louisiana Conference, The Methodist Church

We have been in the Lake Charles District this weekend, attending the laymen's retreat, at beautiful King Lodge, overlooking lovely Prien Lake. The attendance was very good, with about one hundred fifty laymen taking part in a well-planned program. Mr. Charles Stuck, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was the guest speaker and he did a magnificent job. We feel that the lay work in Lake Charles District is in very good hands. Allan Collette, of Simpson Memorial Methodist Church, is giving to this district great leadership as district lay leader. We go from Lake Charles to Jennings, where we will teach a course on The Work of the Local Church in a leadership school for three days.

We do not want to weary you about the matter of the Rally Day offering; but our work will be greatly hampered if this offering does not exceed the amount we raised last year—about \$4,700. We appeal to each pastor to see that this offering, which should have been taken on the last Sunday in September, is sent to Brother Hern just as soon as possible. It cannot help us resting in the bank where you have your church account. We need it in our bank account to use for leadership education throughout the conference.

We leave for Chicago before this article appears in print. We will be there for two weeks, attending the sessions of the three conferences which are being held—one for new Executive Secretaries of Boards of Education, the second for new Area Directors, and the third one for the Methodist Conference on Christian Education. These meetings will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The day after we return from Chicago, we will begin our tour of the state on which we will visit each district in connection with the new curriculum for the Children's Division. We trust that every effort will be made to have good attendance at all of these meetings.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



As I write this column to you today I am somewhere between Kansas City and Chicago moving rapidly on my way to Evanston, Illinois, to attend our National Workshop on Lay Speaking. The countryside, as it unfolds before me, appears different from our Southland for here autumn has claimed the leaves and in many cases the trees are almost bare. What a difference a few hundred miles can make! And yet, I ask myself, is it really so different after all. For I know that here too, men go about their work, the ladies busy themselves with the multitudinous tasks of homemaking and children are going to school. I know that here there are those who are filled to overflowing with joy and happiness and those who carry burdens and crosses that sometimes seem too much to bear. Yes, and as I pass through village, town and city I find something else that is common to all areas of this great country of ours. Everywhere I move I see the unmistakable spires of churches . . . some small and simple . . . some large and ornate, but each indicating in its own way the presence of God in the lives of people.

All of this set me to thinking about our own church—The Methodist Church. Sometimes I think we become so engrossed in our local, district and conference activities that we fail to appreciate or comprehend the enormity of the whole church across this country and the world. At this meeting there will be men from all over the country coming together in an effort to find a better way for laymen to witness for Christ. Our own Bishop Walton is today somewhere in Africa, concerned with our missionary work in that part of the world. I know that back home the healing, cleansing power of the Holy Spirit moves among my friends and neighbors. Everywhere we turn the love and power of our Christ is available to all mankind. Herein lies the hope of the world.

When we consider the vastness of the universe and the millions of people, here and across the globe, that do not know the saving grace of our Lord, it makes us begin to realize our own shortcomings and inadequacies. How can we

as individuals fit into so vast a scheme of things—and we must for Christianity is an intensely personal thing. It is only when God's great love moves through people—like you and me—that it begins to have purpose and power and meaning. We are His hands and feet. We as Christians have the privilege and responsibility of being His only channel for the saving of the world. We cannot all physically reach across continents and oceans but we can make it possible for those who have been so called to carry a part of us to the uttermost parts of the earth by our prayers and our gifts. Through our World Service and Advance Specials offerings we make possible the tremendous outreach of the gospel of Christ.

In these troubled times in which we live, we find mixed in with the joys of service many problems. Many sincere and concerned Christian men and women differ in ideas and opinions regarding theological technicalities and organizational mechanics and we should give thanks to Him who endowed us with the ability to think and reason, that there is room in our great church for differences of opinion on certain matters. On one thing we can and must agree, however, and that is that God loves us all, collectively and individually, and He gave His son for us that we might have eternal life. When we can put this fact uppermost in our lives we establish a basis on which we can work together to bring His kingdom here on earth. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"—Let us then be about our Father's business.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The current series of district workshops in the area of missions has been partially completed with meetings held in Lafayette, Houma, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, and Baton Rouge. A Monroe meeting is being held as our paper goes to press, and the series closes with three sub-district workshops in the Shreveport District. Attendance and response has been better than expected in every place. People have shown a genuine interest in learning of our mission program, of Commission organization, of world service and advance specials. The purpose of these workshops has been to offer a basic foundation upon which to organize the Commission on Missions and help it become an effective instrument for missionary education and cultivation in each local church.

The Missionary Secretary of each District is available for any assistance you may need in promoting or carrying out a missions program in your church. Call on Him. He is informed and it is his job to assist in his district. The missions secretary is also due my personal appreciation for their valuable aid in handling many of the necessary arrangements for our district missions workshops.

On the theme of Evangelism, a recent letter to my desk enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Consultation on Church Worship Evangelism." It is a Tidings publication and deals in brief and pointed outline with the problem of attendance in worship services. Poor church worship attendance may be rationalized in many ways, but the man who wants to do something about it can find at least a partial solution. This pamphlet offers a solid suggestion. It suggests a Local Church Consultation in order to give depth and significance to a concerted effort to increase church attendance. Find a block of about three hours on Sunday afternoon or Saturday morning and have the key workers of the local church come together. Their purpose would be (1) to appraise the pattern of congregational attendance in relation to membership and other related factors; (2) to study the services of worship and their effectiveness in relation to community needs and various age groups to see if worship services are meeting the need of the congregation, and examine the need for effective publicity and public information of the church's worship opportunities; and (3) to plan for church worship evangelism visitation through preparation of promotional mailings to church families and plans for preparation of visitors for both "new" and "lax" members.

Who should attend? Naturally, the pastor and members of the local church Commission on Evangelism. Include the presidents and secretaries of all local church organizations, including Sunday school classes. Add to the list the prospective visitors selected by the pastor and the Commission on Evangelism. A meeting of these persons could lay a constructive foundation upon which to build a program that could increase interest in and attendance at your public services of worship.

Many of our pastors promote church attendance from January to Easter through some emphasis or program. Here is an answer, tailored to the individual need and needing only an application of interest and enthusiastic energy. It will work! Write Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for the necessary number of copies of this pamphlet that you will need. Begin today to plan for greater attendance in your services of worship.



WOMAN'S PAGE



THE WOMEN of Winnfield First Church were in charge of the evening SERVICE on October 20. Featured as the guest preacher was the Rev. Lea Joyner, pastor of Southside Church, Monroe. Those participating were, from left: Miss Deanna Strickland, Mrs. W.S. Walker, Mrs. George W. Ross, Mrs. Dennis Shell, Mrs. J.B. Wilbanks, Mrs. H.V. Dunford, president of the WSCS, Miss Lowice Teddlie, and Miss Joyner.



MRS. G. W. DAMERON (3rd from right), La. Conf. WSCS president, is pictured with five Ark. ladies at the Executive Council of the Southcentral Jurisdiction WSCS held in Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 21-23. With her are Mrs. Earl Cotton, juris. chm. nom.; Mrs. Hazel Dabney, juris. guild sec.; Mrs. Leonard Rogers, juris. sec. children's work; Miss Mildred Osment, N.Ark. Conf. president; Mrs. Alvin Stone, Little Rock Conf. president.

Worship Services Available

Special Thanksgiving and White Christmas Worship Services to benefit International Christian University in Japan have been prepared by four internationally-minded women.

Mrs. Homer G. Bean of Auburndale, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Edwin Bracher of Toledo, Ohio, prepared Thanksgiving services; and Mrs. Warner M. Hubbard of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. J. L. Lush of Ames, Iowa, each wrote a White Christmas Service.

Each of the writers is a member of the Women's Planning Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. This Committee unites over 1,700 women from every state in the United States, Canada, and countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and South America in support of International Christian University.

Because this ecumenical University is undergirded by thirteen major Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada, the special programs of thanksgiving and adoration are ideal

for union services by community churches, ministerial associations, and councils of churches.

Significantly, each author belongs to a different denomination. Mrs. Bean, a member of the Second Church (Congregational) of West Newton, is actively associated with the United Church Women of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Council of Churches. Mrs. Bracher, a member of the Lutheran Church in America, who recently moved to Seattle, Washington, was a delegate to the World Council of Churches Third Assembly in New Delhi, India, in 1961. Mrs. Hubbard is a member of Grace Methodist Church and of the Des Moines Council of Churches. Mrs. Lush, a language teacher, is an elder of Ames' Collegiate Presbyterian Church.

Ministers and church groups may obtain copies of the Thanksgiving and White Christmas Worship Services by writing to the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Room 1220, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York. 10027.

Training Session at Mangham



OFFICERS who directed the training session at Mangham Church are, standing left: Mrs. J.R. DeWitt, president of the Crowville society; Mrs. Wright Fuller, president of the Start society; Mrs. Christine McConnell, president of the Mangham group; seated, left; Mrs. H.B. Wiggers, of Winnsboro, zone leader; Mrs. Jean Seegers of Columbia, Monroe District president; Mrs. Christine James of Rayville, district promotion secretary.

A training session for the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the Mangham Church on October 10 with Mrs. Jean Seegers, district president, directing the study. Mrs. Christine James, secretary of promotion, and H. B. Wiggers, zone leader, presided.

An interesting program on promotion of membership and the purpose of the Woman's Society, with the duties of the various officers, was presented.

A devotional "Bridging the Gap from Here to God" was given by Mrs. H. B. Crammer.

Little Creek, Union, Crowville, Crew Lake, Start, and Mangham societies were represented.

Suggestions for Worship Settings



NOVEMBER- "Our Methodist Heritage" page 76
Picture - John Wesley
Discipline-Covenant Prayer Card
Words- The World is My Parish(Black)
Off-white cloth, cream candle. ivv



AGAIN WE PRESENT suggestions for worship settings appropriate for use with the programs at the monthly meetings of the Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds. The arrangements were on display at the Centenary School of Missions in August and were the handiwork of Mrs. Joe S. Bond and Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt. The sketches are by Mrs. Genevieve A. Gentry, and pictures were taken by Lona Wilson.



DECEMBER- "If We Had Been in Bethlehem" page 170
Nativity Scenes on stained glass window (made with pastels)
Words- Bethlehem is Today! (copper)
Pale blue cloth, large candle, spray of holly

Missions



THOUGHTS ON MOTIVATION FOR MISSION

The Faith That Compels Us

BY TRACY K. JONES, JR.

This article is adapted from an address delivered by Dr. Jones recently on the 'Our Mission Today' program. He is associate general secretary of the General Board of Missions, Division of World Missions, and author of the book, "Our Mission Today".

When we talk about the faith that compels us, we must examine the motives that determine what we do. If our motives are the wrong ones, they can undermine everything we are trying to do as Christians. A bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Distorted motives cannot result in a creative missionary movement.

There is always the danger of supporting the missionary outreach of the Christian faith for the wrong reasons. One danger is the will-to-power. An illustration is our frequent identification of the mission with anti-Communist programs. Communism is of course a menace. As a monolithic, totalitarian system, it threatens not only the Christian but also every man, whatever his faith. But when the motive of anti-Communism is related to missionary thinking and evangelism, it is sterile.

What it means is that our real interest is not in the people we are trying to evangelize. Actually we see them as a shield for our own protection. When those to whom we go sense this, they become suspicious of our motives and reject both the missionary and what he has to say. When, however, we look deeper, we see that this motive of the will-to-power is a distortion of a Christian's confidence in the sovereignty of God.

In the same way, pity is a distortion. Pity suggests someone reaching down to give a handout to those below. Where this is a motivation, even if unconscious, it is always resented. Too often when the collection plate is passed for a missionary cause, the motive for giving is of this nature. Pity is a distortion of Christian compassion, a motivation both powerful and creative. However, we would make a serious mistake to assume that pity and compassion are the same thing.

Finally there is the danger of being motivated by a desire to escape. This is the temptation to think of a mission to a distant place in order to avoid facing difficult situations near at hand. For example, it is often a temptation for Christians struggling in their own neighborhood with a racial problem to turn their attention to Africa or Japan. One does not need to search far to recognize that this motivation of escape is a distortion of the whole idea of

servanthood made so unmistakably clear to us by our Lord when he knelt and washed the feet of his disciples.

When we talk about the faith that compels us, we must look beneath these distortions of will-to-power, pity and escape, and we see the creative, powerful motives that come out of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bad motives can be redeemed and transformed. Our task is to try to find how they can be re-directed.

The Motive of Confidence

In the present world situation, what is the missionary response of the Christian in Japan, India, Africa and North America? We can say first of all that the Christian immediately affirms the rationality of the world. We do not believe that man's ultimate destiny is determined by irrational fate. We see judgment around us, but it is meaningful judgment.

At the same time, we have been brought again to the realization that in the final analysis the source of missionary vitality is not to be found in profound theology of careful programs, but rather it is to be found in simple confidence and trust that what God has done in Jesus Christ — his life, his death and resurrection — is meaningful not only for a era 2,000 years ago but also for today. We are reminded also that there is no way that this can be proved. This is an affirmation of faith. It is either true or false. The only one who can decide is ourselves.

As we are startled by the simplicity of the issue of faith, we remember that this affirmation includes also confidence and trust that God not only revealed himself in the past but also that through his Spirit he is now creating and recreating this fantastic world in which we live. When we remember what God has done and what he is doing, we are filled with expectation as to where he will lead us and all men in the years ahead. This confidence in God revealed in Christ and revealed in history is a powerful missionary motivation.

In an emerging world civilization so threatened by man's freedom, a missionary life lives in the confidence that no matter what happens, that life is safe in God's providence and love. The implications of this affirmation of faith expose any shallow expressions of con-

fidence and trust in God.

If, for example, the world comes to an end and the last person breathes his last breath and lies still, can we affirm in faith that at that very moment Christ will be victorious? If we are not able to affirm this, how relevant is our missionary witness to the day in which we live?

If on the other hand, man moves out into space and within a few years we find intelligent life on other planets, are we in a position to affirm that what happened here upon the earth in the coming of Christ is relevant for the entire universe? In other words, Christ is victorious not only here but also in a cosmic sense. If we are not able to affirm this, how relevant is our faith for the age in which we live?

Again, if man does survive, as I think he will, and a pluralistic world emerges with four to five billion non-Christians and Christians find themselves increasingly a minority, can we affirm in faith that the dimensions of a missionary vocation and missionary pilgrimage are not dependent upon quantity but rather on the remnant and that Christ is as victorious when the percentage of Christians is going down as he is when the percentage is going up? If we are not able to affirm this, how relevant is our faith for the age that is emerging?

The Motive of Compassion

There is not only the motive of confidence. There is also the motivation of compassion. We have seen that there is the distortion of compassion that expresses itself in pity. However, there is not only the shadow, but also there is the light found in the picture of missionary motivation. We need to analyze more carefully what we mean by compassion.

Christians have never wasted a great deal of time in trying to find a full explanation as to how evil came into the world. The Christian concern is to face directly the problem of evil and then to try to find ways to deal with it.

The Bible makes it clear that the deep dimension of human tragedy can never be dealt with until man is prepared to accept his moral responsibility for his freedom. God has deepened the dimensions of this human tragedy so that on a world-wide scale today those who see the issue and can speak to it can reveal the nature of God's act in Jesus Christ.

Certainly the dimensions of human tragedy are deepening. We sensed this when the Cuban crisis came to a head. We realized that we stand on the very brink of disaster. My eight-year-daughter rushed into the house and asked, "Is

it true we are all going to be burnt up?" The tragedy of human misery still touches the lives of millions. I was in Africa recently. I saw a child two years of age. Her hair was white. She weighed fourteen pounds. The child was suffering from "kwahsikor," a very common malnutrition disease. In a world where there is everything to make possible good health for that child, why is it that this dimension of suffering is still so widespread? Who is responsible?

WHEN WE SPEAK of missionary motivation, we must remember that our involvement in the suffering of our day is the prerequisite to a recovery of deep compassion for man's need.

The comic view of life sees the suffering and evil in the world played out on the stage for man. He is a spectator looking at it. He is like the stoic who sees suffering around him but does not recognize his own responsibility for it. He tries to deal with suffering without himself becoming involved. This is the comic view.

There is also the tragic view of suffering. In this understanding, the individual sees himself involved on the stage, sharing in the drama that is taking place. Where there is a crisis in Cuba and a child dying of malnutrition, the individual sees his own responsibility. As he looks out on the world today and recognizes that the dimension of this tragedy is now at an even deeper level than it was a hundred years ago, then he recognizes his own involvement in it. To be a Christian is to accept the tragic view of learning. It leads one to repentance.

It is this experience of turning to God for forgiveness, for there is nowhere else to turn, that releases compassion. God says to us, "What is this that you have done?" In this deepening tragedy of modern man, we reply, "We have sinned, have mercy upon us." It is then that we see God revealed in Jesus Christ. He comes to us not as the judge who is out to hurt us but rather as the servant, the suffering one, the sacrificing one to expose our evil to ourselves and then to accept us and to forgive us that we might be used in his mission into a suffering world.

The Motive of Servanthood

THERE IS A THIRD motivation that we need to recognize. It is the conviction that we owe something to our neighbor. God said to Cain, "Where is Abel, your brother?" Cain said, "I don't know." This is one of the most familiar dialogues recorded in the entire Bible. We hear it in our own families. The children have a fight. You come home and ask your

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In Memoriam



Mrs. Ruth Patton

Mrs. Ruth Simmons Patton died October 14, 1963, at North Savannah, South Carolina, at the age of 101 years; 3 months and 21 days. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church, having joined Felicity Methodist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, in her early childhood. Much later she transferred her membership to Canal Street and with the merger of Canal and First Methodist, became a member of First. Thus she was successively the oldest member of three different New Orleans Methodist Churches, Felicity, Canal Street and First. It was my privilege to serve as her pastor twice; from 1930-32 at Felicity, 1942-46 at Canal Street.

Mrs. Patton was the widow of Dr. G. Farrar Patton, long associated with Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Dr. Patton was also one of the pioneers in the fight for the eradication of yellow fever from the Southland. For many years Mrs. Patton herself was head of the records department of Charity Hospital.

To all her close friends she was "Mother Ruth" for her motherly disposition and venerable age fully entitled her to this name. For the past several years she has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lee of North Savannah, South Carolina. Until some two years ago she was quite active and enjoyed good health.

A noble lady has gone to her eternal rest. She was greatly loved for she loved greatly. She was a devout Christian and a most faithful Methodist. Many rise up to call her blessed.

—James T. Harris

Mrs. Donna McGuyre

Mrs. Donna Eason McGuyre, aged 80, formerly of North Little Rock, died Friday, October 18, in Harriman, Tenn. She was the widow of the Rev. H. H. McGuyre, and a member of the First Methodist Church of North Little Rock. Survivors include a son, James McGuyre of Foreman; three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Ware of Sewanee, Tenn., Mrs. Ernest L. Crossett of Dardanelle, and Mrs. Chester Taylor of Dallas; a brother, G. D. Eason of North Little Rock; a sister, Miss Berah Eason of North Little Rock; nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.



SAME STAND; NEW REASONS

With surveys indicating that "a lot of Methodists drink" a national temperance official has urged that the church maintain its stand for abstinence, but base it on 20th century reasons.

This stand should include personal abstinence plus "concern for the alcoholic and for all those in trouble because of beverage alcohol," according to Roger Burgess, associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D.C. Burgess writes in the current (Oct. 1) issue of Concern as head of the board's Division of Temperance and General Welfare and presents a policy statement the board will offer to the 1964 General Conference.

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Missions-

son where your younger daughter is. You can sense the tension. He replies, "I don't know." You also find this in a church fight, when you come in to the life of the church. Knowing that there has been this tension, you ask one group or the other where the others are, and they say, "I don't know."

We see this on a world scale. If we are asked where our African brother is, or our Hindu brother or our Muslim brother, we reply, "I don't know. Am I their keeper?" As God has heightened the dimension of human freedom and deepened the dimension of human tragedy, so has he broadened the dimension of human community. In the emerging world civilization in which we live, the old structures of community have been shattered.

What is it that God is trying to say to all mankind? How does he use the Christian church and the Christian individual to be relevant inside this estrangement of man and man? It is very easy to give up. We struggle with the difficulties of interpersonal relationships and the tensions between great power groups and after all these years of effort find that the problems remain.

IT IS A STRANGE rediscovery that the motivation that provides what we need is the conviction that we go to our neighbor because we owe him something. When we have the conviction that we owe our neighbor something that we must repay, we find backbone given to missionary motivation.

One can see what this means for Americans struggling with their affluence and their wealth. How are we to redirect these vast resources of creativity? If we see these gifts as something that we deserve or as a result of our intelligence and industry, naturally the right motivation is difficult. However, if we recognize that this nation was born at an opportune time in history, was protected by two great oceans, that a vast continent was given, that the Bible was the central book, that it was a nation made up of a fascinating mixture of people—then we recognize that our affluence and our power came because of God's providence.

This provides an understanding of what we possess so that we can share it as something that we owe Africa, Asia and the rest of the world. This provides a whole new dimension of giving. This will not tire. This does not seek gratitude. We give because we

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are grateful and recognize the nature of the burden that has been placed upon us.

We see this also in the relationship of the clergy and laity. One of the great missionary challenges of our day is the training of the laity for mission. There are now 700,000 laymen overseas. One out of four college graduates will spend time overseas. The missionary in the secular world is the layman. The role of the minister must become more and more that of the servant, the teacher, the man in the wings training his laymen to be out on stage front, representing the mission to the community. Theological students, I am told, feel threatened by this image. But will any other provide the release of energy required of the church in the years ahead?

SERVANTHOOD MEANS servanthood in the community near at hand, extending into the nation and then into the world. This is true for every church. In an emerging world civilization, churches in every nation are learning that servanthood begins where they are and reaches out to the world.

The creative motivation that makes possible reconciliation between nations is humble, loving service. This reconciliation extends to the world but begins where we are—in the church, between churches, in the community, the state, the nation, and then out into the world. What is true for our churches is true for churches in Africa and Asia as well. When we see a vision of a world-wide church fulfilling its mission in this way, we see the vast resources that can be redirected and released.

If it is true that distorted motives, as a bad tree, cannot bear good fruit, so also is it true that the motivations of confidence in the finality of Jesus, compassion that comes out of forgiveness, and servanthood that comes out of an attempt to imitate Jesus—like a good tree—can bear new and creative fruit.



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SEES RACIAL EXPLOSION

NEW YORK — Unless drastic and far-reaching changes in governmental and racial policies are instituted within a reasonable period of time in Southern Africa, "a shattering explosion" is due, warned a famed British statesman and former colonial governor. He said Southern Africa and the whole of Africa will be aflame, involving the U. S., England and the rest of the world.

The warning was made by Sir Hugh Foot, who for years was a colonial governor in Africa and the Middle East. He is a leading Methodist layman.

He spoke at a recent executive meeting of some 150 executives and staff members of the Board of Missions, which has work in more than 40 countries, including seven in Africa.



Gives Astronaut Bible

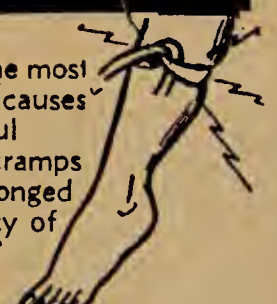
SEABROOK, Tex. — A beautiful heirloom Bible was presented to Astronaut and Mrs. Leroy Gordon Cooper and their daughters at a service here in the Seabrook Methodist Church Oct. 13.

The presentation was made by Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Houston Area.

Major Cooper and his family are members of the Seabrook Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Conrad Winborn is pastor. Original plans had called for the presentation to take place during the Texas Conference, but Major Cooper was in Panama at that time.

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THOSE WHO WERE responsible for the Layman's Day Service at First Church, Winnfield were: (l. to r.) J.D. Holmes, Jr., James Sullivan, Dennis Shell and W.B. Stewart.



LAYMAN'S DAY speaker at First Church, Mansfield was Dr. Walter Lowery, native of Mansfield, who is now professor of history at Centenary College. He is shown. Left, with P.E. Dixon, church lay leader.



PICTURED AT THE Oct. 20 Homecoming At Hopewell Methodist Church were (l. to r.): Charlie Morrow, who gave the welcome address; the Rev. T.O. Lipscomb, a former pastor, who brought the message; and Mrs. Marvin Chaney, who gave highlights of the church's history.



HOWARD DAUGHENBAUGH, Sr., Conference Lay Leader, second from left, is shown at the Oct. 16 meeting of Methodist Men at Franklinton. He is shown with C.D. Jones, Official Board Chairman; Ed Kiel, vice-president of Methodist Men; and A.D. Powers, Lay leader.



PARTICIPANTS IN Layman's Day Service at Elizabeth Methodist Church (l. to r.): Harry Hendershot, Slim Richardson, Bill Scammahorn and Jerry Collins. The evening service was in charge of Dennis Sirman.



THE MYF of Lakeview Church, Minden, entered this booth in the Bossier - Webster Parish Fair, using the theme "Christ Above All." They received a superior rating on the entry.

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Methodist News

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VISITING AT the recent workshop for laymen and ministers of the Monroe District were (left) Pete Medak and Thomas A.



Pitt. A part of the group participating in the workshop is shown in the picture at the right.



MEMBERS OF the Friendship Methodist Church are shown with the 1,030 pounds of sugar they brought the Children's Home on Harvest Day.



THE REV. C. Robert McCammon, Howard Daughenbaugh, Sr., Rev. A. Jerome Cain shown at the Lafayette District Ministers' Retreat



held at Evangeline State Park, Oct. 14 and 15. Mr. Daughenbaugh, leader for the retreat, is shown as he directs one of the discussions.



THESE YOUNG PEOPLE at Mangham Methodist Church, directed the services on Layman's Day.

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Dr. Ewing T. Wayland

Dr. Ewing Wayland Chosen New Editor For Together Magazine

Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the Christian Advocate since 1960, and prior to that time editor of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist, has been named to succeed Mr. Leland D. Case as editorial director of Together and Christian Advocate. The election took place at the annual meeting of the Board of Publication in New York, Oct. 30 and became effective Nov. 1.

Dr. Wayland succeeds Mr. Case, who as an editorial consultant, was active in planning both publications and in 1956 became their editorial director and editor of Together. This editorial post is one of the top ones in American church journalism and the selection of Dr. Wayland to assume it brings honor to these area publications that he served to well for so long. Mr. Case will resume his role as editorial consultant, giving full time to writing a book on the history of the Methodist Publishing House.

"I am happy to pass the editorial baton to Dr. Wayland at this time," Mr. Case said, "for it gives him the advantage of gearing the magazine into the program to be evolved at the General Conference at Pittsburg next April. He is competent, knowledgeable and dedicated. With a staff high in professional ability and personal commitment, I am confident Dr. Wayland's leadership will carry both the Christian Advocate and Together to new levels of service to the church."

Dr. Wayland joined the staff of the Arkansas Methodist in 1946 after his
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The Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, left, and Dr. Webb Pomeroy, who taught recently in the Sub-district Training School at First Methodist Church, Mansfield.



The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, left, recently presented a program of colored slides on the Holy Land to the Jonesboro-Hodge Lions Club. He is shown with Mrs. McGuire and the Rev. and Mrs. E.L. Tatum of First Church, Jonesboro.

November Is Month of Support For Retired Ministers Homes

The month of November is the time designated by the last session of the Louisiana Annual Conference as the period for the promotion of giving to the Retired Ministers' Homes program of the conference, which is directed by the Rev. J. B. Grambling.

Promotional materials are being printed in this issue of The Louisiana Methodist and local churches throughout the conference are being urged to take a special offering for the Retired Ministers' Home program in order that a badly needed Home No. 8 may be begun during the current conference year.

James Walton to Marry on Saturday

The engagement of Miss Lillian Maurine Mullin to James Macon Walton was recently announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mullin of Mississippi City, Miss. The bridegroom is the son of Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton.

The couple's marriage will be solemnized Saturday, Nov. 9, in First Methodist Church, Gulfport, Miss. by the Rev. Don Alverson, pastor of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, and the Rev. John McKay, pastor of the Gulfport church.

Miss Mullin is a graduate of Newcomb College, and Mr. Walton is a graduate of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., and of the University of Arkansas School of Law.

The Louisiana Annual Conference, in May, 1953, authorized the chartering of a Board of Managers to raise funds and build homes within the conference for retired ministers.

The first structure was a duplex erected in Ruston in 1955 on land that was deeded to the new group by the Methodist Children's Home. Since the construction of that first building, five single homes have been built.

Seventy-five per cent of the money for the building of the homes has come from individuals and the rest has been donated by groups and churches. Donations are made through "interest shares." Contributors of \$2.50 or more receive share certificates and a personal letter of thanks from Mr. Grambling.

The goal for the current year is to receive enough money to start the needed Home No. 8, and it is hoped that during the next conference year sufficient funds will be received to begin construction on an apartment building in Ruston.

Gifts from individuals and local churches may be sent through the local church treasurer to the conference treasurer, or directly to Retired Ministers' Homes Board, 3728 Judson Street, Shreveport.

The Bishop's Letter from Africa From the Congo

Salisbury
Southern Rhodesia
October 27, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Dr. Trice and I arrived in Salisbury Friday evening and have been catching our breath after sixteen busy days in the Congo. We go out again in the morning for a ten day tour of the four districts of this Annual Conference, returning to Salisbury on November 8th. At that time we will be able to give you some of our impressions of the work in this country.

Salisbury is the capitol of the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland. As you know, the Federation is being dissolved in December. Salisbury will then be capitol only of Southern Rhodesia. It is a beautiful modern city which has been well planned. They tell us that there are now 80,000 whites and 250,000 blacks in Salisbury.

Yesterday we visited two of the African townships on the outskirts of the city where our Methodist Church is at work. In late afternoon we drove to Epworth Theological College (operated jointly by our Church and the British Methodists) and had dinner there with several of the staff people. Epworth is ten miles out of Salisbury. The college was opened in 1959 for the purpose of training ministers for both branches of Methodism operating in this area.

Our Methodist Church is working in the Umtali and Salisbury areas in the eastern section of Southern Rhodesia. By comity agreement Methodists from Great Britain are at work in the Western section of the country. Both work here in the city.

Our Methodism had its beginning out here in 1897 when Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell obtained from Cecil Rhodes a large tract of land with buildings. When the Beira-Mashonaland railroad was under construction it was found impracticable to take the railroad by the town of Umtali. Rhodes and his associates moved the town to the railroad. They paid the residents of the old town for their land and buildings and gave them building sites in the new town. Then the abandoned town with its remaining buildings were given to the Methodist Episcopal Mission and the Mission Station was called Old Umtali. We will visit the station on our Conference tour.
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Editorials

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

Although many proposals are already being mentioned for consideration at the 1964 General Conference, none we have seen has as much meat in it as the sweeping reorganization of the Board of Missions which has come from its executive committee. For those who are particularly interested in reading the details of this plan we would remind them that they were printed on pages 14 and 15 of the October 17 issue.

As we see the plan it is an effort to coordinate all of the work of Methodist missions at home and abroad and to reduce the number of approaches that are made to the local churches in the name of missions. We feel sure that this will be appreciated by all who work enthusiastically in this field.

One change proposed involves the establishment of one general secretary instead of the present four and the replacement of the present divided administration of mission work by the general divisions of the board and the Woman's Division. This would mean the elimination of duplication of services both at home and abroad and give a wider base implementation of the "great commission" both at home and abroad.

Bishop Richard C. Raines, president of the board, has made it perfectly clear that although business efficiency is involved in the proposed structural reorganization that changes are not being made just for the sake of change and that in it all the values and the heritage of the missionary work of the women will be preserved. In the plan women will be guaranteed 40 per cent of the executive staff positions and the board itself will have more women members.

A united approach in the promotion of Advance Specials giving will be welcomed by the church and we feel sure will result in a more enthusiastic support of this highly strategic program. The promotion of these gifts will be incorporated in the present Joint Section of Education and Cultivation.

On both the home and overseas fields, present general divisions will be merged with departments of the Woman's Division dealing with the mission work in the respective fields. In other words there will be one administrator for all that The Methodist Church does in overseas missions and one for all that is done on the home field.

The 17-member Structure Committee was created by the last annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Cincinnati last January and has worked hard to prepare this plan which will come before the board meeting at Buck Hill Falls in January. It will then move from that body to the General Conference for consideration.

We recommend the plan for its sincere approach to the effectiveness of Methodist missions and trust that all who are concerned study the changes carefully.

AN ATTACK ON PORNOGRAPHY

We would like to commend the organization that has been set up in Pine Bluff, Ark. to deal with the matter of the pornographic literature which is being openly distributed in more and more communities. The Rev. Charles Richards, the Methodist district superintendent, is heading the committee and Dr. William E. Brown, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation has been working very closely with them.

This is a matter which should be kept under constant surveillance in each of our communities because of the great amount of this kind of material that is being printed. Apparently new legislation and new attitudes of the courts make this a strategic moment to deal with this threat to the well-being of our community and family life.

AN HONOR FOR US ALL

The announcement of the election of Dr. Ewing T. Wayland to the post of editorial director of *Together* and *Christian Advocate*, one of the top journalistic responsibilities in American Protestantism, thrills all of us in Arkansas and Louisiana. It means recognition of the stature of the work he did during fourteen years with our publications and of the fine leadership he has given to *Christian Advocate* during the past three years.

The new responsibility which he assumed on November 1 establishes Ewing in the very top echelon of the leadership of our denomination and in everything he accomplishes in this post we will all feel a personal sense of joy because he is one of us and served among us.

GOD'S WELCOME



the EDITOR'S CORNER

'THE PREDICAMENT OF METHODISM'

The above is the title of an article which appeared in the Oct. 25 issue of *Christianity Today*, extra copies of which are apparently being distributed throughout our church. Written by the Rev. Edmund W. Robb, Midland, Tex., chairman of the Board of Evangelism of the North Texas Conference, the article expresses concern for the declining rate of additions to The Methodist Church.

The writer affirms that in the earlier days of our church social righteousness and personal righteousness were emphasized, but that "the church has become so preoccupied with social concerns that she is failing in her quest for personal righteousness." After a rather striking paragraph in which he expands this point of view, Mr. Robb reminds us that Methodism has a great heritage because of the pattern of John Wesley, "an evangelist who did not neglect the social implications of the Gospel."

We question whether the church of the Wesleys is "on the defensive and in retreat," but we do feel that his words deserve very careful consideration. He summarizes our "predicament" in three categories: (1) a theological calamity; (2) the organizational predicament; and (3) the liturgical crisis.

Under the "theological calamity," the article concludes that we have moved "beyond Barth" and that "existentialism with its lack of authority and objectivity has worsened the theological predicament of Methodism."

Concerning "organizational predicament" he champions a combination of the episcopal appointive system in which "the churches should be given greater voice in making appointments," and in which "the bracket system of salaries and seniority should be greatly relaxed."

Under his final point of "the liturgical crisis," he says "that with the advent of liberalism, worship lost its glow." He seems to be pleading for a return to a more informal type of worship which will appeal to "the common man." His conclusion here is that "our primary concern must be not to do things properly but to do that which will reach people and inspire true worship."

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Delegates to the semi-annual meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel confer with Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles E. Brown, chief of U.S. Army chaplains, at Washington. Chaplain Brown, a Methodist, is second from left. Next to him is the Rev. George Rixey, Methodist clergyman who formerly held the post of chiefs of Army chaplains; and at far right the Rev. Albert P. Shirkey, minister of Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington. The Commission unanimously adopted a resolution holding that provision of military chaplains does not violate the Constitutional principle of Church-State separation.

Methodists Rank 43rd in NCC's Per-Member Report for 1962

New York—More than two billion seven hundred ninety-one million dollars were contributed in 1962 by members of 42 Protestant churches in the United States. The record total figure of \$2,799,670,577 was announced in a report released Oct. 31 by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches.

The Methodist Church, with 10,234,986 members, ranked 39th in the list of 42 denominations with per-member con-

tributions of \$58.53. The next largest Protestant body, the Southern Baptist Convention, 10,193,052, was ranked at 40 with \$53.06 per member.

Of the 42 churches, however, 32 have memberships of less than one million, and seven of these have memberships of less than ten thousand.

In 1961 The Methodist Church ranked 43 out of 45 with per-member giving at \$57.27.

WILL EMPHASIZE VOCATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations will ask the 1964 General Conference to pass legislation requiring all Methodist pastoral charges to have a secretary of Christian vocations.

The Interboard Committee had its annual meeting here Oct. 20-21. It coordinates the Christian vocations work of the boards and agencies of The Methodist Church.

"The local-church committee on Christian vocations is a most significant part of this whole program," said the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the committee, in his annual report. "It is time to push with renewed interest an interpretation of the function of this committee and its significant place in the church."

At its meeting, the group recognized the 12 years of service of Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill., chairman, who will retire next summer.

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The Gadhi Peace Award will be given to the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted Methodist missionary leader, on Nov. 7 at a meeting in the Community Church, New York.

GUIDANCE CONSULTATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Seeking to relate and coordinate its work with that of guidance counselors of public schools, the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations will have 10 guidance consultations in the next few months.

It is expected that the pilot meetings, two in each of five regions, will be attended by guidance counselors from public schools and ministers and others in the church's Christian vocations program.

Anticipated attendance at each consultation is about 40.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 10 - Sun	Isa. 46:3-13
Nov. 11	Isa. 52:7-15
Nov. 12	Isa. 61:1-7
Nov. 13	Jer. 9:1-11
Nov. 14	Jer. 17:5-14
Nov. 15	Jer. 23:23-32
Nov. 16	Ezek. 33-19
Nov. 17 - Sun	Ezek. 34:25-31

Per-member Contributions for all Purposes 1963 Report for the Calendar Year 1962

1. Free Methodist Church (52,535)	\$312.58
2. Wesleyan Methodist Church (37,753)	246.40
3. Evangelical Free Church of America (40,375)	222.49
4. Pilgrim Holiness Church (30,603)	219.98
5. Brethren in Christ Church (8,778)	202.92
6. Evangelical Covenant Church of America (62,418)	182.60
7. Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (6,140)	164.22
8. Evangelical Mennonite (2,484)	160.77
9. Church of the Nazarene (335,005)	147.78
10. United Brethren in Christ (20,419)	146.00
11. Orthodox Presbyterian Church (7,726)	137.23
12. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) (141,011)	133.27
13. Pentecostal Holiness Church (57,366)	123.61
14. Mennonite General Conference (36,586)	117.42
15. North American Baptist General Conference (52,073)	113.67
16. Reformed Church in America (232,196)	110.16
17. Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (928,055)	106.96
18. Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (1,677,943)	100.66
19. Moravian Church, Northern Province (27,331)	91.92
20. United Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. (3,275,560)	88.08
21. Evangelical Congregational (30,172)	84.80
22. Lutheran Free Church (60,564)	78.68
23. Church of the Brethren (187,393)	77.88
24. Lutheran Evangelical Synod (9,209)	76.68
25. Lutheran Church-Wisconsin Synod (236,404)	74.77
26. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (27,879)	73.71
27. Evangelical United Brethren (748,399)	72.91
28. United Church of Christ (2,263,711)	72.83
29. American Lutheran Church (1,585,637)	72.47
30. Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (16,631)	70.76
31. Protestant Episcopal (2,234,372)	69.80
32. Cumberland Presbyterian Church (82,190)	69.36
33. Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (5,760)	68.44
34. American Baptist Convention (1,544,505)	68.42
35. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio) (18,391)	67.76
36. Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) (1,367,323)	67.20
37. Churches of God in North America (36,933)	67.13
38. Methodist Church (10,234,986)	58.53
39. Southern Baptist Convention (10,193,052)	53.06
40. Lutheran Church in America (2,178,806)	49.46
41. Moravian, Unity of the Brethren (4,944)	49.41



Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, president of the World Methodist Council, stands at far right next to Pope Paul with 60 other delegate-observers following the opening session of the Second

Vatican Council. Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican observers heard the Pope express his personal dedication for the cause of unity by saying, "The best method for us is not to look to the past, but to the present, and, above all, to the future."

Bishop's Letter

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The first missionaries appointed to Old Umtali were the Reverend and Mrs. Morris W. Ehnes. A school was started here in 1898. At that time the work was a part of the Congo Mission. This connection ceased to exist in 1901 when the East Central Africa Mission Conference was organized. In 1916 Southern Rhodesian Methodist work was separated and became the Rhodesia Mission Conference. In 1931 it became an Annual Conference.

Southern Rhodesia is bounded in the north by the Zambeze River, and the east by Monzambique, on the south by the Transvaal, and on the west by Bechuanaland. There is a population here of about 2,500,000 with less than 200,000 Europeans and Asians—the rest being Africans.

Today at noon Dr. Trice and I were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Geren. Mr. Geren is the United States Minister to the Rhodesian Federation. Mrs. Geren is the sister of Mrs. James Lipscomb of Baton Rouge who is a member of Reily Memorial University Church. We enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Geren. We appreciated visiting with them, their three daughters and son, and other guests. They send greetings to the folks back home.

By the way, we missed all the mail that was sent to us at Lodja. There was trouble there in May and the airport has been closed since then. About the only mail the people there have received since then has been brought in by our mission plane. If you wrote to us at Lodja you will know that we have not gotten your letter. Won't you please try again.

Our next letter will tell you more about our Methodist work in Southern Rhodesia.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton

WAYLAND PROMOTED

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return from service as a Navy chaplain. He was an associate editor with his father, Dr. E. T. Wayland until 1951, when he was named co-editor of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist. Following the retirement of his father in 1957 he continued the editorial leadership of the two papers until being named editor of Christian Advocate in 1960.

Freshman Party at Tech Foundation

The annual "freshman party" given by the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech was held Sept. 19 and had as its theme "Through the Real-Gone Looking Glass." Skits were presented portraying takeoffs on fairy tales and nursery rhymes. The skits were written by James Pelton, Winnie Whitman, Billie Vic Bozeman and Judy Randolph.

A number of upperclassmen and other guests were present and were introduced by Judy Randolph, mistress of ceremonies. They included: Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Ruston District Superintendent, and Mrs. Rickey; the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, and Mrs. McGuire; the Rev. Wilson Watson, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, and Mrs. Watson; Mr. H. L. Henry, chairman of the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors, and Mrs. Henry;

Dr. F. Jay Taylor, president of Louisiana Tech, and Mrs. Taylor; Mrs. Sammie Dyson, dean of women; the Rev. Marvin McFarland, associate minister at Trinity; the Rev. Charles Strack, minister of education at Trinity; Tommy Rorie, youth director at Grace; Mrs. Allen Barksdale, WSCS secretary of student work at Trinity Church; Mrs. Robert Carter, WSCS secretary of student work at Grace Church; and Winnie Whitman, president of the Tech Wesley Foundation.

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION at Louisiana Tech was the scene of the first "Hootenanny" to be held on that campus on Oct. 4. Participating in this event were (l. to r.): David Wylie, David Steete, Howell McGowan, Charles Dunlap, Winnie Whitman, Mike Waddy, Don Hayes, Judy Wab-dolph, Kerry Peterson and James Pelton.

He is a member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference and served pastorates at Prairie Grove and Central Avenue, Batesville, before entering the chaplaincy. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and of Perkins School of Theology. Hendrix conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His office will continue to be in Park Ridge, Ill., where the editorial headquarters of both publications are located.

POMEROY AT KENNER

Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, is the preacher for revival services being held this week, Nov. 3-8 at Kenner Methodist Church, where the Rev. Marvin H. Corley is the pastor.

The theme of Dr. Pomeroy's messages for the week is "The New Life." Services are being held each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Hospital News

Three additional leaders for the campaign for the Methodist Hospital Building Fund Campaign have been announced by Urban C. Wilkinson, campaign general chairman.

Herbert G. Jahncke, vice-president and treasurer, Jahncke Service, Inc., has accepted the post as chairman of Special Division "A". He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, International House and many civic organizations of New Orleans. He is a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Herbert A. Kinney, vice-president of Maison Blanche, will be chairman of the Business Division for the campaign. He is a past Lt.-Gov. of the Advertising Federation of America, Tenth District. In 1960 he was named Advertising Man of the Year by the New Orleans Advertising Club. He now holds the post of director of the Sales Promotion Division, of the National Retail Merchants Association.

Nick J. Accardo, M.D., has accepted

CARL WILLIAMS SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

DAY	DATE	PLACE
Fri.	10:00 A.M., Nov. 1	United Church Women, Alexandria, La.
Sun.	A.M., Nov. 3	First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La.
	P.M., Nov. 3	St. Luke Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La.
Mon.	Nov. 4	The Methodist Church, Raymond, La.
Sun.	A.M., Nov. 10	Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, La.
	P.M., Nov. 10	Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, La.
Mon.	Nov. 11	First Methodist Church, Crowley, La.
Tues.	Nov. 12	Melville Methodist Church, Melville, La.
Wed.	Nov. 13	Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, La. (Official Board)
Sun.	A.M., Nov. 17	Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, La.
	5:30 p.m., Nov. 17	First Methodist Church, West Monroe, La.
	7:30 P.M., Nov. 17	St. Mark's Methodist Church, Monroe, La.
Mon.	Nov. 18	McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, La.
Tues.	Nov. 19	The Methodist Church, Sicily Island, La.
Wed.	Nov. 20	The Methodist Church, Waterproof, La.
Sun.	A.M., Nov. 24	Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, La.
	P.M., Nov. 24	First Methodist Church, Hammond, La.
Mon.	Nov. 25	First Methodist Church, Plaquemine, La.
Tues.	Nov. 26	The Methodist Church, Jackson, La.

Appointment

Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, Lake Charles District Superintendent, has asked us to announce the appointment of the Rev. J. Reed Hoffpauir to the Prospect-Hornbeck Charge, succeeding the Rev. Don Thrash, who has given up the work on account of the illness of his mother.

Ruston District Special Program

The Ruston District Methodist Youth Fellowship held a special program entitled My Day For The My Fund. There were 45 youth and adults attending from all over Ruston District. The program was designed to increase the contributions to the MY Fund from the Ruston District.

The program consisted of films and discussions and also a short skit. The motto chosen by the district for the program was "Care enough to share". The program was enjoyed by all who attended and the meeting was ended with a sack lunch.

No government has any right to demand that a citizen shall compromise with his conscience.



NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

ARCADIA METHODIST CHURCH had Ray Madden III and George Cole as lay speakers on October 20. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond is pastor.

THE REV. TOM CROSBY, Jr., pastor of the Curtis Park Methodist Church, Bossier City, was recently elected President of the Ministerial Assoc. of Bossier City.

GUY SMITH, lay leader of the Lake Vista Methodist Church in New Orleans, was assisted by Walter Christensen and Robert F. Krejcu in the Layman's Day services in that church, of which the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier is pastor.

THE REV. CLYDE FRAZIER, Jr., pastor of the Lake Vista Methodist Church in New Orleans, was the speaker for the October Meeting of the Methodist Home Hospital Auxiliary, held at the hospital.

DUDLEY SNOW, layman of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest speaker in the Crowley First Church on October 20. Presiding at the two services were George Hoffpauir and Rodney Young. The Rev. W.D. Baddie is pastor.

JUDGE CECIL CUTRER and E.B. Cloutman were the speakers for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Layman's Day services in the Oak Park Methodist Church in Lake Charles, where the Rev. Donald M. Risinger is pastor.

JOHN C. LOUVIERE of Lake Charles spoke and showed films on South America for the October meeting of Methodist Men in the Welsh First Church, of which the Rev. Oakley Lee is pastor.

ALEXANDRIA-PINEVILLE'S November 1 meeting of United Church Women had as guest speakers Carl and Julia Williams, Methodist missionaries to Bolivia. The meeting was held in the First Christian Church.

THE REV. NED STOUT, pastor of Elysian Fields Methodist Church, was the Noontide Speaker at the Church House each day the week of Oct. 21. His messages were on the theme, "Christ - Our Message."

THE BLACKWATER METHODIST Church had Fred Lee, layman from the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bagalusa, as guest speaker on Layman's Sunday. The Rev. Angus Lee Carruth is the Blackwater pastor.

MRS. HERMON LIGHTSEY was the guest speaker for the 9 a.m. service at the Goodwill Methodist Church on October 20. Mr. T.W. Malone was in charge of the service. The Rev. C.J. T. Cotten is the pastor.

MRS. CHARLES SALMONS was featured as the Layman's Day speaker in University Methodist Church at Lake Charles. She is the teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class in that church. The Rev. James L. Stovall is the pastor.

JEFFERSON METHODIST CHURCH in New Orleans had as guest speaker at the 8:30 service Morgan Brian, and T.J. Bethune at the 11 o'clock service on October 20. The Rev. Albert A. Collins is the Jefferson pastor.

THE NEW SEVIER MEMORIAL Methodist Church which is under construction will be an asset to Ferriday. It is located next to the new Concordia Par-

ish Hospital. The pastor is the Rev. Jerry A. Means. G.K. BIENVENU, lay leader of DeRidder First Church, brought the morning message in that church on Layman's Sunday, and the Rev. Leonard Cooke filled the pulpit for the evening service. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor.

ISTROUMA LAYMEN participating in the three services of that church on October 20 included: Leroy Hoover, Jae Hargis, Merlin Pritchard, L.L. Edmonston, Jr., Bruce Sides, L.F. Smith, lay leader, planned the services. The Istrouma pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

IRA J. WOODFIN is heading the 1964 Proportionate Giving Campaign in First Church, Baton Rouge. He will be assisted by Leslie McKenzie, vice chairman, and Dean A.O. French, colanel-in-charge. Pledges were made on Nov. 3. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is pastor.

THE WILHITE METHODIST CHURCH held its annual homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 13. The message for the day was brought by the Rev. C.K. Braaks, pastor. A welcome was extended by Marie Spurlack. Following the message, dinner-on-the-ground and fellowship were shared by all.

W.S. HOLMES, lay leader of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church in Alexandria, was in charge of lay services in that church. Speaking on "Christian Responsibilities" was Meade Shaw, former chairman of the Official Board, and chosen as one of Alexandria's Ideal Fathers. The Rev. Louis M. Coppage is pastor.

THE REV. G.E. BLAKELY, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ponchatoula, conducted revival services at the Iowa Methodist Church the week of Oct. 14. Song leader was the Rev. Jack Winegeart, pastor of DeQuincy First Methodist Church. The Iowa pastor is the Rev. Wm. C. Blakely.

OAK RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH observed Layman's Day with Dan Files from Bastrop filling the pulpit. Other laymen participating were: Jack Carey, lay leader, presiding; Duke Barr, responsive reading; W.A. Shaw, scripture lesson and prayer. Pastor at Oak Ridge is the Rev. George Cunningham.

SIMPSON METHODIST CHURCH in Lake Charles had the following men participating in the Layman's Day services: J.E. Stout, Abe Fantenot, John Mims, Richard Baisture, Rager Williams, Jack Ragers, Lean Bethea, Charles King, Curtis Cady, Allan Collette, and Howard Daughenbaugh brought the message. The Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid is the pastor.

DR. C.T. CURTIS, lay leader, was in charge of the Layman's Day service in the Rayne Methodist Church. Guest speaker was Paul Palmer, an attorney who is a member of Lake Charles First Methodist. Charles Barker, layman of Centenary Methodist Church in Rayne, spoke in the Branch Methodist Church. The Rev. Karl D. Waad is pastor of the Rayne and Branch churches.

THE JONESBORO METHODIST CHURCH presented its Layman's Day program October 20. Robert Plummer brought the morning message, and Mrs. R.L. Salter and Claude Stewart the evening program. Raymond Jeffress, lay leader, presided at the morning service, and Joe Key, Ruston District associate lay leader, at the evening service. The Rev. E.L. Tatum is pastor.

DMA GROUPS of the Ruston District held the quarterly meeting at Trinity Church in Ruston on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Members of organized clubs for senior citizens of the Minden, Homer, and Springhill churches attended, as well as individuals from other churches. The group in Trinity Church is sponsored by the commission on Christian social concerns. The trinity pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

THE NORTH BATON ROUGE Methodist men elected Wilson Hutzler as president, Fred Stout as vice president, Louie Bankston, secretary, and Henry Thiel, treasurer. W.C. Harnsey, layman of Broadmoor Church, addressed the group at the October meeting held in the home of Chester Harris, who served barbecued pork, beef, rabbit, and sausage. The pastor is the

the Rev. Roy E. Mouser.

DEAN J.B. WILSON of the Louisiana Tech faculty, Ruston, spoke on "Decision Making in Personal Life" at Monroe First Church, October 27. This was one of the two services sponsored by the commission on Christian social concerns in that church. The Rev. G.W. Harbuck, pastor, spoke on "Sources of Christian Morality - What is A Moral Man?" to open the series on the general theme "Moral Man and Moral Society".

MINDEN FIRST CHURCH is initiating the use of a "buddyboard" to cultivate church school attendance. The boards will have places for hanging name disks, to be placed there by a buddy, who will check on the member if he is absent. This is a project of the commission on education's membership cultivation committee, of which Mrs. E.H. Searles is chairman. The pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

THE RAYVILLE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP had charge of the morning service on Sunday, Oct. 27. Richard Walton, Jr., led the service and Lester Wayne Johnson gave the opening prayer. Rosemary Ball directed the Chancel Choir for the entire service including the anthem. Bitsy Walton read the scripture lesson. Billy Keena McConnell, Charles Germany, Dixan Bayd and Danny Sarey were the ushers. The Rev. R.E. Walton is pastor.

WALTER HARRIS of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Men's Club of the Munhalland Methodist Church, Metairie. Following Mr. Harris's inspiring address, the Men's Club set in motion their program for visiting inactive members of the church seeking to increase their interest and activities. Russell Feild, president of the group, announced that the November meeting would be a week earlier to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving. Pastor at Munhalland is the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr.

ERNEST ARNOLD, lay leader of the Napoleon Avenue Church in New Orleans, arranged the two morning services in that church, Oct. 29. William J. Kuhnell was the speaker for the 8:30 a.m. service and was assisted by Mrs. Chris Spatz, William G. Kaance, and Dr. Emile Bernard, Jr. At the 11 o'clock service, Charles A. Hunter filled the pulpit, and Mrs. Georgia Arnoud, Narwood Hingle, Jr. and Frank Palk assisted in the program. The Rev. Don Alversan is pastor.

FATHER AND SON night was held by Methodist Men of Asbury Church, Lafayette, on Oct. 23 with Coach Whitey Urban, athletic director of U.S.L., as guest speaker. In the same church Frank Johnston and Bill Haskell brought the messages for the two morning services on Layman's Sunday. William P. Scatt, chairman of the Official Board and lay leader, conducted the evening service, with Al Nugent and Luther Kersey assisting. The Rev. Robert McCamman is pastor.

METHODIST LEADERS helping make plans for the annual Festival of Faith, sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, include the Rev. B.A. Galloway, pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, who is serving as chairman of the program committee, and the Rev. Lloyd A. Fareman, pastor of St. Mark's Church, who is chairman of the promotion committee. The event is scheduled for the 10th of November in the Municipal Auditorium in New Orleans. Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson will be the speaker.

MORNINGSIDE METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, observed Layman's Day under the direction of P.O. McLaughlin, lay leader, assisted by T.A. Wilson and A.W. Bonds. The message was delivered by Judge Chris Barnette, juvenile court judge of Caddo Parish and leading layman of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. The Men's Bible Class sang in the choir. The night service, under the direction of the WSCS was led by Mrs. L.B. Ferguson, Jr. Mrs. Fred Shirley sang a solo and Mrs. T.D. Wallace brought the message. Pastor at Morningside is the Rev. Fred O. Shirley.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 17, 1963:

"THE POWER OF A DEDICATED LIFE"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 1 through 4. Printed Lesson Text, 2 Corinthians 2:14 through 3:6.

MEMORY SELECTION: Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. 2 Corinthians 2:14.

AIM OF LESSON: To impress our people with the resources at the command of a life that is fully dedicated to the service of God.

We have just completed six lessons selected from 1 Corinthians in which Paul was trying to correct some evils that had developed in the Corinthian church and answer some questions that had been raised. It is generally thought that 1 Corinthians was written from Ephesus where Paul had stayed for almost three years.

When great opposition to Paul arose in Ephesus, he moved on to Philippi in Macedonia. There he met Titus who apparently had just come from Corinth. He learned from him something of the manner in which 1 Corinthians had been received by the Corinthian church.

This apparently inspired Paul to write 2 Corinthians which is supposed to have been written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, and carried to Corinth by Titus and Lucas, commonly called Luke.

The Book of 2 Corinthians had three rather distinct selections. 1. The first section consists of the first seven chapters. In this section Paul is discussing the stress and strain through which he had passed and the comfort available to him and all Christians who trust and follow Christ. 2. The second section consists of chapters eight and nine. Here Paul emphasizes the importance of a collection he is taking for the needy Christians in Rome. 3. In the third section, chapters ten through thirteen, Paul speaks his mind about members of the Corinthian church who question his apostleship and who are a disturbing element in the church.

VICTORIOUS THROUGH CHRIST

In verses 1 through 13, which just precede that portion of our lesson text taken from 2 Corinthians chapter 2, Paul had explained something of the reasons for writing the rather stern letter which he had written in 1 Corinthians. He expressed also his disappointment in not finding Titus at Troas.

Then, as often occurred with Paul, his sense of gratitude to God overcame the temporary feeling of depression he had experienced. As a result in the opening verse of our lesson text, without real rhyme or reason, Paul suddenly breaks out in an expression of thanksgiving to God, who Paul said "always" caused him to be triumphant because of Christ's presence.

Paul firmly believed that he was called of God to preach the gospel and he believed that God blessed the gospel he preached. He had dedicated his life to the cause of Christ and is the most striking example in the Christian church of the tremendous "Power of a Dedicated Life."

MAKING OUR RELIGION ATTRACTIVE

Paul tells us also in verse 14 that Christ "through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. (RSV)."

We are here, in substance, told that the beauty, desirability and attractiveness of the

Christian way of life can be presented impressively to others by the character of life we live. The beauty of the life and personality of Christ himself can be made known to those about us if we live Christ-like lives.

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Let your light SO shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." In this statement we believe the little word "so" is the key to the meaning of the verse. Christ is saying, "Live your life in such a manner, so winsome, so helpful, so attractive, so practical and meaningful that others seeing the value, the reality and the beauty of the Christian way of life, will want for themselves what they feel religion has done for us.

Paul speaks here of the Christian life having a fragrance and aroma that is discernable to other people whether they be saints or sinners. If one is a genuine, dedicated Christian that fact is self-evident and needs no additional proof.

GOSPEL BOTH SAVES AND CONDEMNS

In verses 15-16 Paul indicates that there is both a saving and condemning power in the gospel.

Some people see the beauty of Christian living or feel the drawing power of the gospel of Christ and respond to the saving of their souls. Others see Christ in the lives of others or hear the gospel preached with appealing power and yet refuse to respond to the call of conscience and God. As a result they draw even further away from God.

We cannot see Christ in the lives of dedicated people or hear the gospel preached by dedicated servants of God without it affecting our lives. The gospel lived or preached is "To the one . . . the savour of death unto death and to the other the savour of life unto life."

WHO IS SUFFICIENT?

After picturing the effects of Christian living on the world about us, Paul realized that such power places a tremendous responsibility on the Christian. This leads him to ask the question in verses 16, "Who could think himself adequate for a responsibility like this (Phillips)?"

It is a great responsibility for a Christian to have a part in determining what the character of others may be here. It is an almost terrifying responsibility to know that, whether he wills it or not, the Christian may also have a part in determining what the destiny of some may be in the world to come.

To have such a responsibility as a Christian is a sobering thought. We must remember, however, that life is not a joke and this world is not merely a playground. "Life is real and life is earnest" and eternal issues are daily decided for ourselves and for others by the character of lives we live.

Paul says, in verse 17, "For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word; but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God (RSV)."

There were those in Paul's day, as in our day, who simply made merchandise of the gospel. There were religious shysters in Corinth and there are religious shysters today, who see opportunity in the Christian religion to further their

own selfish ends. They "peddle" the gospel as some peddle merchandise and for the same purpose—financial gain. Paul declares that the true Christian is not like that. He is a sincere, God-commissioned man who is earnestly trying to help people and thereby to build substantially the work of Christ.

THE MINISTER'S REAL CREDENTIALS

In our established churches our ministers must have credentials granted by constituted agencies as evidence of their authority to do the work of the ministry. This seems to be necessary in order to eliminate, so far as possible, the unauthorized, irresponsible "peddler" of the gospel who often preys on religious-minded people who are not well established in their religious faith and practices.

In verses 1-3 in our lesson text, taken from the third chapter of 2 Corinthians, Paul seems to by-pass the need for written credentials to establish his authority as an apostle. He says, "You yourselves are our letters of recommendation (RSV)." Paul felt that his life and the service he had rendered the church at Corinth spoke much louder than any letter of recommendation could do.

The truth applies not only to ordained ministers but to all other leaders in Christian work. The real evidence of our call from God to service does not lie in the action of committees which authorize us to act, but in the results of our labors in the lives of others. Jesus said in John 15:8, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Jesus is saying here that we glorify God and give evidence of our discipleship by the quality and quantity of fruit we bear in his service.

THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH

In verse 16 we had the question asked, "Who is sufficient for these things? "We have this question answered in verse 5. That verse reads, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; OUR SUFFICIENCY IS FROM GOD."

In this verse we have revealed the source of our strength for doing anything worth while in Christ's service. It was Jesus who said, in John 15:5 "Without me ye can do nothing."

In 1 Corinthians 2:6, Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." In this Paul is saying, in effect, that it makes no difference what we do we are still, after we do all we can, dependent on God to make alive and effective the service we render.

In the work of the church, proper organization and careful planning is always necessary. However the church that has only proper organization and careful planning and systematic execution of a program is still lacking the divine spark necessary for spiritual power. Jesus said, in Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church." It is our high privilege to help Christ build that church but we must always keep in mind that Christ is really the builder and we are his helpers. It is Christ's indwelling presence that gives power to the dedicated life.

MINISTERS OF A NEW COVENANT

In the closing verse of our lesson text Paul says that it is God "Who has qualified us to be ministers of a new covenant (RSV)."

In this verse we do not think that Paul is referring only to ordained ministers. He is talking here of any leader who is working for Christ. If we are "qualified" for such work the qualifying power comes from God. We can sharpen and increase that power by training but we cannot create that power by training.

The only difference in the Apostles before and after Pentecost was that after Pentecost the indwelling of a divine Spirit gave them power for service which they did not possess without that divine Spirit.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A "wait-and-see" attitude prevailed at three October Protestant meetings held in Madrid, Spain to discuss the future status of minority religious groups in predominantly Roman Catholic Spain. While signs supporting hopes for greater freedom were noted, reports from the Protestant gatherings indicated minority denominations are withholding optimism pending action on a proposed law to ease restrictions.

The story of Protestant persecutions in Spain is of such long standing that it is understandable that these people would want to withhold judgement until they are sure that such changes are to be. We were interested to see the comment in this story that "legal status for the non-Catholic denominations in Spain will hinge on the express agreement of the Holy See, according to Foreign Minister Fernando Maria Castiellay Maiz.

An American Baptist leader has said that evangelist Billy Graham, a Southern Baptist, "does not represent the Baptists in relation to religious liberty" and should not be allowed to speak on that subject at a major meeting of seven of the denominational bodies at Atlantic City, N. J. next spring. Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, in a letter carried in the October issue of *Crusader*, the American Baptist news magazine said Dr. Graham "has been opposed to the official position of Baptists in both the Regents' Prayer case and the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court concerning Bible reading and prayer in the schools.

This could be the first of many snags that confront the American Baptists and the Southern Baptists as they complete plans to have both their conventions in Atlantic City in 1964.

T. S. Eliot, would famous British poet, dramatist and critic, has been named Campion Award Laureate for 1963 by the Catholic Book Club and was presented, in absentia, a medallion at a recent dinner in New York. The 75-year-old Anglican layman, author of the noted "Murder in the Cathedral" was honored for "long and eminent service in the cause of Christian letters."

This is a well-deserved honor for one of the great authors of our time. In making the award, Dr. Francis X. Connolly said, "Although Mr. Eliot is not a Catholic, the Catholic Book Club takes great pride in this year of the Vatican Council II and his own 75th birthday in presenting him its ninth annual Campion Award."

Experiences in ecumenical activities by Protestant Churches have led to a cross-fertilization of ideas between the major denominations, the executive director of the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis declared recently. Dr. O. Walter Wagner, speaking at one of a series of ecumenical lectures at Roman Catholic St. Louis University, said that "the Protestant family is not nearly as fragmented as many people think."

It can well be that one of the major results of the current conversations stimulated by the Vatican Council will be that Protestants will discover that they are closer together

in many respects than they thought.

A declaration favoring a fixed date for Easter has been approved by the Vatican Council by a vote of 2,058 to 9. The declaration said that the Council was not opposed to a fixed date for Easter Sunday, "provided this is agreeable to all others who are concerned with the problem, especially to other Christians."

This might well be the opportunity for the first action of the Vatican Council to be communicated throughout Protestantism in an effort to discover whether this is the wish of all Christendom. We feel that such a "fixed date" for Easter would have some decided advantages.

For the second time in nine months Soviet Zone authorities denied an entry permit to Pastor Martin Niemoeller, head of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau. The noted West German churchman had been scheduled to attend bell dedication rites at a Protestant church in Erfurt. No reason was given for denying him permission to go there.



CAPETOWN, So. Africa - A noted Methodist evangelist calls upon Anglican Archbishop Joost de Blank of Capetown. Dr. Alan Walker, left, head of the Central Methodist Mission in Sydney, Australia, had just completed a highly successful preaching tour of South African cities when he visited Archbishop de Blank.

Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, 33, of New York City has been appointed acting general secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) it was recently announced at the meeting in Miami, Fla. He succeeds Dr. Jesse M. Bader, who died last August at the age of 77.

A budget of near-record size was recently adopted by the Autumn Council of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference meeting in Washington. The \$33,333,186 budget was nearly \$1.5 million larger than the 1963 and approached the record \$34,049,417 budget for 1962. The denomination's work in 189 countries will be supported by the funds.

Campus ministries across the United States will be the subject of a comprehensive study announced by the Danforth Foundation, which has made a \$165,000 grant for the

project. The study, expected to take up to three years to complete, will be directed by Dr. Kenneth Underwood, professor of social ethics and public affairs at Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn.

America's educational crisis demands that politicians, the religious communities and secularists put traditions and vested interests in second position to the "needs of our children and youth," members of the editorial board of *Christianity and Crisis* said in the Oct. 28 issue of that publication. The plight of the nation's schools, particularly in urban areas, is severe and "no practical solution is in sight without federal aid," they stated in their lead editorial.

The Second Vatican Council was lauded recently for improving Catholic-Jewish relations by two main speakers at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, international Jewish service and fraternal organization. Dore Schary, the League's national chairman, said that a draft document on Catholic-Jewish relations prepared by the Vatican secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity would serve as a "major and decisive force" in lessening anti-Semitism and in strengthening the United States.

The U. S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments in the appeal of the convictions of 10 clergymen "Freedom Riders" for unlawful assembly in Tallahassee, Fla. Among the appellants is Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. theologian who is now in Rome as observer to the Second Vatican Council for the World Presbyterian Alliance.

A strong plea has been made by the Presbyterian Church of Australia to France to cancel its planned nuclear weapons testing in the South Pacific. The church's General Assembly warned the French government that the tests would be a "violation of the will of the world's people."

Ezra Taft Benson, member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, presiding body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), has been named president of the denomination's European Mission with headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. His appointment was announced by Dr. David O. McKay, 90-year-old head of the 2,000,000 Mormon Church.

Pope Paul VI has been given a new car — a gift from the Notre Dame Alumni Association in the United States. The keys of the car were presented to him at an audience attended by delegates of the association. The group was introduced to the Pope by Archbishop John J. Krol of Philadelphia.

Dr. Blake Smith, pastor of interracial University Baptist Church of Austin, Tex., and a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Conway, Ark., recently told the Massachusetts Baptist Convention that churches taking a stand in support of racial justice "may die," but that the alternative they face by taking no stand "is worse than death." He placed a major share of the responsibility for the current racial dilemma on the nation's churches.

James F. Bunting, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, D. C., has been named general secretary of the National Board and the National council of YMCA's in the U. S. Effective Feb. 1, he will succeed Herbert P. Lansdale, Jr., of New York, who will retire after holding the post since 1957. A Methodist, Mr. Bunting is a member of the Metropolitan Council of Churches in Washington.



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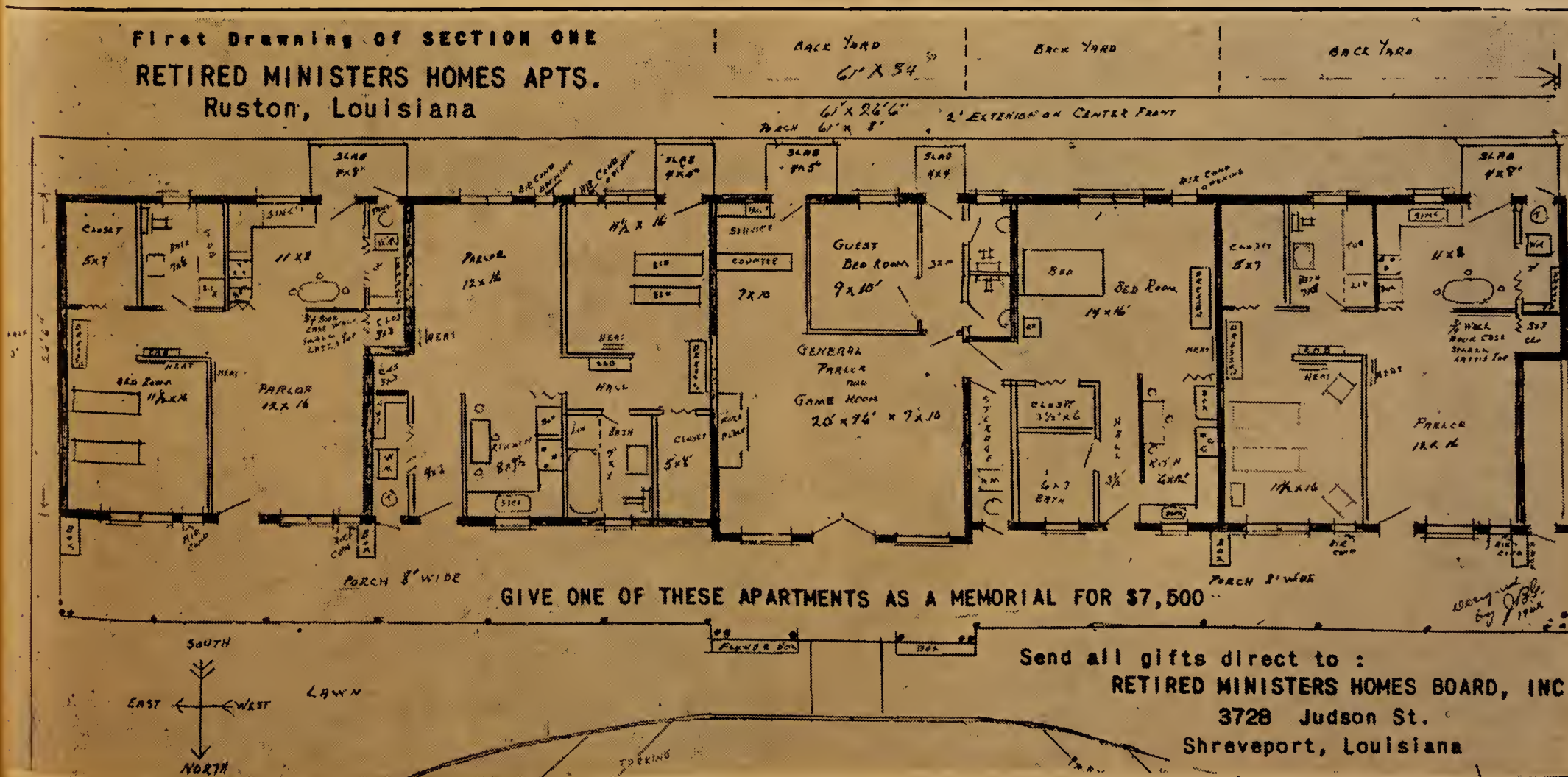
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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Father in heaven, thou Source of all that we are, and of all that we have, and of all that we aspire and hope to be in this life and in eternity: we thank thee for gifts and blessings that we too often accept and enjoy thoughtlessly—even carelessly.

We thank thee for life itself: life with all its mystery, some of which thou hast already revealed to us, most of which is still beyond our present power to comprehend. We thank thee that we can grow in knowledge and understanding of thee, of thy wondrous powers and wondrous works; and that through thy constant revelation—often more than we can at once rightly use—we can come closer to thee in fellowship, and love, and dependence, and worship. "Our boats are small: thy sea is great."

We are wont, when we do thank thee, to speak of material gifts—of grain, of food, of the wealth of mines, of the offerings of the land and of the waters under the land. We are grateful for these for they sustain our bodies. But we grow aware that around, and above, and sustaining the physical, are spiritual and moral forces—also thy gifts but not embraced by eye and ear—without which man could not exist: for these we thank thee with our whole being. Through them we become partners in thy creativeness, in thy ministry, in thy dominion over the earth, and in thy glory. Help us, our Father, to sense and recognize these gifts and blessings, vouchsafed to no other creature on our planet, and to employ them to the noble ends for which thou didst establish them.

And we thank thee, our Father, for the simple gifts that give our everyday life value, and joy, and beauty, and meaning—gifts so commonplace that seldom do we pause to express our gratitude. Hear us now as we give thanks for: the beauty of a lavishly-growing wayside flower; the neighbor who bids us a cheery, "Good Morning!"; the trust of a little child who places a hand in ours as we cross the street together; the hearth-fire that sends its warmth to both our hands and our heart; the rainbow of promise, the cloud of warning, the rain of refreshment; the smile of a friend that lifts a burden, and gives a lift to voice and step; and a thousand other occasions and happenings we encounter every day. Help us to see thee, Creator, Guide, Generous Giver, and Holy Spirit moving in the midst of our days, our situations, our heartaches, our joys. Amen

A Hymn of Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God who showers on all
1. Thanks be to God who showers on all
A Father's care,
Who gave his Son in love's concern
Our cross to bear:
By God's example may we learn
To love and share.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

HINDSIGHT AND FORESIGHT

Once upon a time, according to a fable, there was a man who wanted to teach his son the danger of careless words. He had the son to pick a chicken on a windy day. The feathers, naturally, were blown everywhere. After the son had returned to his father with the plucked fowl, the father told the boy to gather up all of the feathers. The son complained that it was impossible. The feathers had been lost in the wind.

When I was in high school I threw a baseball to a friend. But my control was . . . well, I didn't have any control. The ball went over the head of the friend and straight at a crowd of girls. I put all the "body english" that I could put on it, but it did not help. I could not stop the ball. Or even turn it. It hit a girl right between her shoulders. It must have hurt because she was crying when I came to apologize to her.

Judas Iscariot made a good deal with the chief priests. They promised to pay him a comfortable sum if he would betray the Master into their hands. But Judas got cold feet later on. After Jesus had been arrested by Roman authorities Judas saw the terrible effects of his deed. He went back to the chief priests and tried to make them take back the trade. Their answer was simply, "See to that yourself. We made a trade and we'll stick to our part of the bargain." And all of the remorse that Judas had could not stay the sad march to Golgotha where the Saviour was crucified.

A father drinks before his children and tells them that there is no harm in it. He tells the preacher boastfully that he is not going to do anything about helping his children to make a profession of faith in Christ. The world and the devil surround the child with all sorts of temptations, but the father who has the greatest responsibility to the soul of that child says

blandly that he is "going to let him decide for himself." A few years later when the child gets into bad trouble, the father tearfully begs a pastor to stand between him and the law. The father admits that he should have done more to train the child. But he cannot call back the careless words and foolish acts.

Isn't it sad that our hindsight is so good? And our foresight so poor. But that's the way with life. God stands by helplessly when His children break His laws. And His heart is grieved even more when people sometimes even blame Him for the results of their foolish misdeeds.

The bad effects of a careless word can never be completely recalled. The sad results if a selfish decision are just as hard to cancel. But the benefits of kindly words and deeds also live forever. Perhaps we should spend a lot more time thinking of end results than of temporary satisfactions.

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

General Funds Lagging

EVANSTON, Ill.—At the end of the first third of the fiscal year, all general funds of The Methodist Church except General Advance Specials were lagging behind receipts for a similar four-month period a year ago.

This was reported Oct. 4 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on

2. Thanks be to God for family joys
And peace of heart;
Here children bloom in parents' love
And fears depart:
God grant our youth such filial warmth
Their lives to chart.
3. Thanks be to God for Holy Writ
From every age,
The word he spoke to mind and soul
Of saint and sage:
O heed, my sons, his quiet voice
Though nations rage.
4. Thanks be to God for church and school
And visions bright;
For Pioneers whose doubts and deeds
Made glow the night:
Many sons and daughters of their faith
Add to that light.
5. Thanks be to God for righteous homes
Where Christ is known;
Where prayer, and praise, and thankful songs
Rise to his throne:
Hence none unnurtured goes his way
Nor stands alone.

World Service and Finance here.

World Service receipts from June 1st through Sept. 30 were \$2,480,395.25, a loss of 5.48 per cent from last year's first four months. Other funds showed decreases from 7.03 per cent to 44.81 per cent.

General Advance Specials for National Missions were up 16.47%; World Missions, 14.95%; and Overseas Relief, 2.18%.

Methodists at Council

VATICAN CITY — Six Methodists are listed among the names of 55 delegate-observers to the Second Vatican Council's second session here.

Those listed by the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity as coming from the World Methodist Council are: Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, the Council's president; Prof. Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, head of Richmond Theological College in England; Dean Jose Migulz-Bonino of the Evangelical Theological School, Buenos Aires; Dean Robert E. Cushman of Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N.C.; and the Rev. David A. Keighley of the British Methodist Church in Italy.

Bail from Central New York

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—It has been revealed that hundreds of Central New York Methodists had a part in providing bail for three college girls in Jackson, Miss., earlier this month.

Three girls—two Negro and one white—were arrested Oct. 6 as they

approached Capitol Street Methodist Church in Jackson with the intent of participating in the Worldwide Communion Sunday service. They were arrested, jailed and the next day fined \$500 each and given sentences of six months each on two counts: trespassing and disturbing public worship. Bail pending appeal was set at \$1,000 each.

Last June while the Central New York Conference was in session there was much concern with the race situation, and an offering amounting to more than \$1,700 was received. It was \$1,500 of this money which was directed through the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D.C., to furnish bail for the college girls. The other half of the \$3,000 came from concerned persons and was channeled through the Woman's Division.

Bishop Phillips to Far East

DENVER—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area will be in the Far East in November and early December. This is an official tour of Methodist missions, and part of the world-wide visitation program carried on by the Council of Bishops.

He is scheduled to arrive in Tokyo Oct. 30 and will return to Denver on Dec. 9.

Probably the most important action of the conference was its decision to move ahead with the four-year-old "Plan of Advance." Another optimistic note was sounded in a report to the conference that membership in the church is 9,009 slightly higher than in 1962. However, the church school enrollment has decreased considerably.

The report from Cuba to the Board of Missions concluded with the statement that "in spite of difficulties, we are determined to move ahead for Christ and the Church in Cuba."

Most of us belong to the generation our fathers and mothers worried about.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Fulfilling All Righteousness

By The Rev. James E. Major
Vice-President, Hendrix College

Read Matthew 3:11-17

When the fame and message of John the Baptist reached the ears of Jesus in Nazareth of Galilee, something stirred in his soul. Laying down his tools he went to hear John and be baptized by him. John knew, however, that Jesus had no need to be baptized for the cleansing of his soul. He knew the purity of Jesus' life. Yet Jesus insisted on being baptized. So John the Baptist, who knew himself to be unworthy even to carry the sandals of Jesus, had the glorious privilege of baptizing the Son of God.

I had often wondered why Jesus insisted on being baptized when clearly there was no need, until my eyes fell on these words: "It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." This, then, seems to be the answer: it is right and proper and our bounden duty to do that which God asks of us even though to our reason it may seem useless.

It seems to me that these words speak to us of the constant decisions that are placed before us all of our lives. "Choose ye this day whom you will serve," Joshua of old demanded of Israel. But it is not only this day but every day is a day of choice of whom we will serve. In life decision is all important. There are constantly before us the choice of whether or not we will do what God asks of us, whether to fulfill or leave unfulfilled the righteous acts he demands.

Our religious lives are filled with just such decisions. We have to face constantly whether or not we will partake of the sacraments, whether or not we will develop such holy habits such as Bible reading, prayer, church attendance and tithing that could so enrich our lives. The decision to fulfill these righteous acts constantly face us. Some neglect to cultivate them. Others do them half-heartedly. Still others promise to start tomorrow. Time flies and life goes on and we remain as we are because we will not decide to fulfill the acts of righteousness to which God calls us.

Jesus did not hesitate that day. John had said, "The kingdom of God is at hand," and Jesus knew that it was fitting to fulfill all righteousness. He consciously identified himself with sinful men in his baptism. It was not that he had any of sin's guilt, but he was willing to bear its shame and pain.

As he fulfilled that righteous act, God's spirit descended upon him.

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It is far easier to persuade ourselves that we have been victims than to admit that we have been sinners.

Build a Devotional

This is the second of four devotionals emphasizing the spirit of Thanksgiving for the month of November by the Reverend W. P. Connell, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

"THE FINE ART OF GRATITUDE" Ephesians 5:15-21

Can anything new be said about Thanksgiving? I dare say most of us find it difficult to express some new (never before thought of) expression of gratitude. I actually feel that gratitude like manners, co-operation, neatness, cleanliness, etc., needs to be cultivated. We take for granted, like children snatching up a present and running to open it and use it, all of God's gifts and man's gifts without saying a heart felt, sincere "Thank you." For instance, how often do you thank God for good health until after you have recovered from an illness?

We might today with a large number of school children turn back in history to the other pictured, written about, thought of, Pilgrim. How easily they could have remembered their afflictions, disappointments, and griefs. Yet they turned with gratitude to God. We find Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus urging that band of Christians to "give thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." We need to turn more often to that admonition of Paul in our present age. Remind yourself to check your local church school's attendance, your local church's attendance on Thanksgiving Sunday to see how much we practice the art of gratitude.

I would not insist for everyone to practice gratitude to God like good manners to one another (but it would not hurt). Still, it is so much like we human beings to be gracious to one another and ungracious to God. We train ourselves to say "Thank you" to everyone but God. Our gratitude to one another is based on good manners and our gratitude to God is based on our faith. You can see that if our

gratitude is small so is our faith (and exercise of it) in God.

I remember an evangelist who used to ask the congregation, "How many of you are glad you are alive?" Usually everyone was so shocked there was an audible response from the congregation. Then the evangelist would call out, "Come on now, speak up! How many of you are glad you are alive?" Getting into the spirit of a revival there was usually a good loud "I am!" Next, the preacher would ask, "When was the last time you told God about it?"

You should tell God about it. You should tell Him when you are asking, proclaiming, or just plain meditating with Him. If you are glad you are alive and you have spoken to God about it, your life will show it.

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Let the Children Come

November is the month of Thanksgiving. This is not a new idea that began with the Pilgrims. Neither is it an "American" day. Almost every country in the world has a time which they

set apart for a special ceremony of gladness and thanksgiving to their gods. Not all of these seem to be Christian to us.

The Old Testament stories are filled with accounts of special feast and fast days upon which the people remember some special blessings or needs. The seasons—hot and cold, dry and rainy—provide good crops and have always meant life or death to these desert people. Their food supply in those olden days, and even now, were closely associated with their religious customs.

Each year they looked forward to their rain season which begins in Palestine in the fall. The weather here has always been very uncertain. One year may be rainy and perfect for their crops of grain, wine, olives and pulses. Then again the rains may not come and food is very scarce.

During the parched days of the autumn "siroccos" or hot winds, they celebrate the feast of the "New Year" and look forward to the fall rains. Then when the rains do come, the mountains are covered with thick grass that springs up and grows overnight. The land is plowed and planted. Then the growing season comes:

"first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear." Mark 4:28.

By the end of April the weather turned fine and hot and they called the April showers the "latter rains" because they were needed to make the crops develop fully. During these months the grain turns yellow and ripens in the heat of the spring sun until at last the first ears can be picked. These are called the "First Fruits."

The whole family worked together to plant, protect and gather the food. Here are some verses that remind us of their working together:

"You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy and it shall be well with you."

Psalm 128:2
—Aunt Feather

Poem For The Week

ON ENTERING CHURCH

I never feel so humble as
When I see
This beautiful church with spire that
Points to Thee.

This monument of glass, steel and
Lasting stone
Becomes a bridge of thought that I
Walk alone.

A sermon on Divine Love for
All mankind
Is written on the walls, ivy
Overtwined.

And as I pause and gaze the spire
Marks the way
To Eternal Life on this
Sabbath day.

Anna Nash Yarbrough

NEWS

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Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



Our first workshop on "Christian Studies for Methodist Children" was held at Cedar Grove Methodist Church (Shreveport), October 24, with very gratifying results. About one hundred and thirty-five leaders gathered to hear all they could about the new curriculum for the children's division. Seven more of these workshops will be held during November, beginning immediately after our return from the Methodist Conference on Christian Education, in Chicago, which closes on November 10. Let us try to make these workshops as helpful as possible by having as many of our leaders and teachers in the children's division present as we possibly can.

Since there have been so many inquiries about the matter, it would be well if you read carefully the following statement: "A new curriculum order blank for the September-October-November, 1964 quarter will be distributed in June, 1964."

The purpose of "C" Day, January 5, 1964, is to provide a time when local churches can formally announce details of the new curriculum to their membership. The "C" Day Preparation Kit, for use in projecting the new curriculum during the week of "C" Day, is scheduled to be sent from the Nashville office to the pastor in charge of each Methodist church, on December 1, 1963. The kit will include a presentation chart, interpretative pieces, and a report form. The report form will permit the church to designate its preference of the Wesley or Asbury Series. This form will also permit the church to note the estimated number of copies of new curriculum materials which it will require on September 1, 1964. THIS WILL NOT BE A FIRM ORDER, but it will provide valuable information.

The "C" Day Preparation Kit will also include a special order card, addressed to Cokesbury, which the church can use to purchase an Advance Leadership Curriculum Kit, containing selected copies of materials in either the Wesley or the Asbury Series. The purpose of the Advance Leadership Curriculum Kit will be to provide selected copies of the new curriculum materials for the local church. Advance copies of the new material will be available about June 1, 1964. None will be provided before that time. Additional information about "C" Day will be found in THE CHURCH SCHOOL (December, 1963), CHILD GUIDANCE (January, 1964), and FORECAST for January-March, 1964. You can get some information from pages 1, 3, 4, 17, and 33 in the booklet "Are You Ready?"

DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR RALLY DAY OFFERING TO THE REV. J. E. HEARN JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



I recently returned from the first National Workshop on Lay Speaking held by the General Board of Lay Activities. For two days and nights I was privileged to work with Conference Directors of Lay Speaking from conferences scattered across the country and I received a renewed appreciation of the work that literally thousands of laymen are doing in this area.

On October 20 we observed Laymen's Day around the world. This is the outstanding event of the year when these men, with varying degrees of proficiency stand in holy places and give their witness for Christ. This is indeed a meaningful experience, both for the ones who take part on the program and those who sit in the pew.

I think I am more concerned, however, with what happens now that Laymen's Day has passed. What will all of these speakers and the rest of us do between now and this time next year? There are areas where the number of ministers does not equal the number of pulpits. Here the lay speaker can and is doing a magnificent work by supplementing the ministerial task force. With the fine lay talent that is available and willing to extend the effectiveness of the minister, we should never have a silent pulpit. On the other hand, many areas have more ministers than pulpits. Here there is little

or no need or opportunity for the lay speaker in the filling of pulpits, for the program of lay speaking is not designed or intended to invade the domain of the pastor. I believe we limit or place a ceiling on this fine program when we think of it only in terms of our substituting for the minister in the pulpit. Across the church perhaps 95% of the opportunities for the lay speaker lie outside the formal worship service. The possibilities are unlimited. Lay speakers can do a tremendous work with Methodist Men, adult discussion groups, on stewardship, in homes for the aged, in prisons, leading in prayer groups. With a little imagination we can build a long list of opportunities.

An unusual opportunity exists with our migrant workers. Our lay speakers could multiply the fine work already being done here. Another excellent place of service is our Inner City work. Here the need is truly great and the workers are few. We could establish outpost Sunday School Classes and missions manned by laymen in cooperation with our ministers.

I was inspired as I listened to the Rev. Hubert Mitchell as he talked of his work with laymen in Chicago's Loop District. Every workday there is a luncheon for fellowship and witnessing at the YMCA or the Engineers Club or the Temple Building. Prayer meetings are being held every week day also in more than a dozen of the large office buildings which include the Board of Trade Building, the Merchandise Mart, the County Building and the State of Illinois Building.

Here men of high and low estate meet and pray together. There are bank officers, elevator operators, industrial executives, engineers, salesmen and lawyers. People from all walks of life meet together and pray for each other. They pray for their neighbors and for leaders in government—whatever their need. Here in the heart of the business district of one of our great cities men are witnessing for Christ and His power is being felt. Men are getting close to God and lives are being changed.

These and many others are opportunities for our laymen and lay speakers to "Speak a good word for Jesus Christ."

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



Evangelism involves a witness we are called to exercise in many areas of life. At the risk of having my motive misunderstood, I suggest in these days we give serious thought to our witness in the area of politics.

Few will deny that there has been a shifting from morality to expediency in the American political scene. We have many sincere and devout men in public life, but the more flamboyant practitioners of political expedience stand so vividly before the public eye that the conscientious public servant often goes into eclipse simply because he will not sacrifice what he believes is right for what he knows will get votes.

An election is coming up for major offices in our state and parish governments. As Christian people we should again remember some of the great men of our past and recall what made their greatness so enduring. They had deep moral convictions and spiritual insight; they thought not so much of the next election as the next generation. Every citizen of religious faith should watch for such men today and support them, even when the opportunists kick up such a dust that the men of true worth can hardly be seen. The politician looks too often at us and wonders what he can do to get our vote. We ought to look at the politicians and vote for the one who wants what is right. We have a witness to make by the candidate for whom we vote. If church people are not sufficiently interested in looking for the right, in examining our candidates and voting for what is right, we then have failed ourselves, our church, and our country. We have a moral obligation to vote—not for what is expedient, but for what is right. Religious conviction applied to the political scene is the only way we shall guide our democracy toward enduring strength. Exercise your witness.

If you are a commission chairman, lay leader or Sunday school superintendent, you should be receiving "The Methodist Story," our church-wide program journal. Each issue brings plans and suggestions for various commissions and committees of the local church as well as articles and information of wide church interest. Church leaders are entitled to this publication free of charge. If you are not on the mailing list, see your pastor. Be an informed and improved leader.

Have you planned a revival for Lent? Several churches have indicated early planning for evangelistic and spiritual enrichment services next spring. It is not too early to invite a guest minister. At a later date you

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COMMENT

----- of Martha Overbey

CONCERNING THE MIGRANT MINISTRY

The school for children of Texas—Mexican migrants, who came to pick berries in the area was held in the Natalbany public school April 16th to May 10th, 1963.

The school had twenty-six pupils the first week and had twenty-three remainder of the term. One family left due to short crop.

We had eighteen students from Southeastern College who came and did most of the teaching the full four weeks of the school. Eight came at the beginning but had to drop out for different reasons. Part of the students came Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the others came Tuesday and Thursday. The students received laboratory hours for the time spent teaching these children.

The pupils ranged from six to seventeen years of age. Two beginners could not speak English and the other two could speak very little English. Tuesday and Thursday most of the pupils had individual teaching which was a splendid experience for all concerned. Although the school was only four weeks, the children receiving individual attention gained a great deal.

This is the fifth year the school has been conducted. Three of the same families have been here each year. One of the families came this spring with six children leaving the remainder of the family in Missouri. This spring we had four new families with eleven children.

I realize the educational growth of the children in the five years. They speak better English but use the Spanish language a great deal. The two beginners learned many English words, both little girls had sweet soft voices. They would give their names in soft voices, "Yolanda." They each said their last name so fast and low it was hard to understand. One was Ramirez and the other was Martinez.

There was a noticeable change in Domingo Sylvas. The first year he was withdrawn, timid and impolite. This year he was doing sixth grade work and ready for the seventh, very polite, always clean and willing to help. He is sixteen years old.

One student brought a recording instrument and recorded the children's voices and played the record back, this was completely new for the school.

The three older girls, fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, had instructions in sewing and sixth grade level work in school.

The men's group from a church in Baton Rouge came over with a bus one Saturday and took seventeen of the children to dentist and oculist. The children have very strong teeth, the few cavities found were filled. Two of the girls needed glasses which was supplied by the group. The children were given breakfast and lunch in the church.

During the recreation period the children and students from Southeastern College played outdoors. The older group with several students played baseball. This was a high point in their life because they learned cooperation and respect for each other. The younger children played sharing and singing games.

The time spent at the school was very rewarding. I recommend the continuance of the school as a missionary project.



TWENTY-EIGHT ministers' wives of the New Orleans District were present when Mrs. Aubrey Walton (left), wife of the Louisiana bishop, was honored with a surprise birthday party in the home of Mrs. Carl F. Lueg (right), wife of the district superintendent.

PARSONETTES pictured are, from left: Mrs. Don Hall, Mrs. Albert Hurley, Mrs. Ray Branton, Mrs. Lueg, Mrs. Benedict Galloway, Mrs. Bill Finnin, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. A.W. Townsend, Mrs. Taylor Wall, Mrs. James Adams (pouring) and Mrs. Jack Cooke.



News in Brief

THE MID YEAR executive meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is in session this week at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, with Mrs. G. W. Dameron presiding.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS on "The Changing City Challenges the Church" held in the University Methodist Church, made a tour of Lake Charles in a school bus.

THE NOEL MEMORIAL Wesleyan Service Guild observed "A Call to Prayer" at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, October 26 with a program and communion service.

THE LAFAYETTE District Wesleyan Service Guild held a district meeting in Houma First Church on Sunday afternoon, October 13.

MRS. JACK WINEGEART was in charge of the study of Southern Asia held in the DeQuincy Methodist Church.

MISS SOPHIE KUNTZ led the district-wide study on "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia" held by the Wesleyan Service Guilds of New Orleans area in the First Methodist Church. Miss Kuntz is a retired deaconess and an active member of the Guild at Carrollton Methodist Church.

THE GREYNA AND ALGIERS Woman's Societies held a unison "Quiet Day" in the Algiers Church on Tuesday, October 29.

CARL WILLIAMS, missionary to Bolivia, was the speaker on the final program of the mission study held by the Napoleon Avenue Woman's Society on Tuesday, October 22. The same day he spoke to a church-wide group at night.

MRS. E. C. BOX led the study of "Three Spiritual Classics" in the First Methodist Church of DeRidder during the last two weeks of October.

MRS. HENRY COLLINS was the speaker when United Church Women of Baton Rouge observed World Community Day in Broadmoor Methodist Church.

THE KILBOURNE WOMAN'S SOCIETY sponsored a church-wide chicken-spaghetti supper on October 3. The net profit of \$264. will be used to buy items for the parsonage. The Rev. C. J. T. Cotten is pastor at Kilbourne.

MRS. MARVINE MOORE is leading the study of Southern Asia being held by the Woman's Society of the Wisner Methodist Church. The Rev. N. D. Pearce is pastor.

THE ALEXANDRIA-PINEVILLE World Community Day Sponsored by United Church Women, had Carl Williams, Methodist missionary to Bolivia, as guest speaker. The meeting was held in Trinity Methodist Church.

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Sicily Island Parsonage Dedicated



THE PARSONAGE COMMITTEE of Sicily Island are pictured: from left, Mrs. A. B. Chisum, Mrs. W. P. Carter, Sr., Miss Willy Woodward, Mrs. Willie Knight, and Bruce Edmonds and Mrs. J. W. Peniston.

(Above) The Rev. Edward Haug (left), Monroe District Superintendent, dedicated the parsonage at Sicily Island recently. Pictured with him are the Rev. L. W. Taylor, pastor, Mrs. E. W. Chisum, Sr., Miss Maggie Knight, and Bruce Edmonds.

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will need to arrange for committees on entertainment, prayer groups, visitation and other concerns for the week. Whatever the details you may decide upon, consider the possibility of Lenten services for in-gathering, for new warmth and fellowship, for renewed zeal and inspiration, for new members. Lenten services will make your church a better church and is a joint responsibility of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism and the pastor.

Missions

Church Extension and Money

By B. P. Murphy

(Editor's Note: Dr. Murphy is the executive secretary for church extension of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions. His office is in Philadelphia, Pa.)

Methodist church extension is big business—big in dollars and big in the sense that it is of major importance in the work of the Lord.

There is the big money aspect: value of local church property—\$3,815,000,000; debt on church property—\$364,500,000; paid last year on buildings—\$104,600,000; paid on debt—\$75,500,000. The work of the Division of National Missions involves large figures: \$19,000,000 outstanding in loans to churches for building; donations and loans made last year to churches—\$9,700,000; assets in Methodist Investment Fund—\$6,300,000.

We must think in such figures in a church like ours in a nation like this. Consider the United States gross national product of \$553,900,000,000 per year. Or consider the disposable income of \$382,900,000,000, amounting to \$2,050 per capita.

But you should look ahead to 1973 with the National Planning Association, a private non-profit group. Ten years hence they see a national family average income of \$9,300 (a rise of \$2,200) and a gross national product of \$904,000,000,000.

Then think of the Methodist share of all this money about us, even these days. We Methodists have a median family income of \$5,329 per year, which is higher than the median family income of \$4,687 for the United States.

What is done with this Methodist money? Well, \$581,500,000 was contributed to local churches last year. This does not represent all of Methodist benevolent giving, nor do all local church gifts come from Methodist members. These gifts represent \$58.15 per year for each Methodist, or less than \$5 per month. More than twice this amount was saved by each Methodist last year. More than four times this amount was paid in personal taxes last year by each Methodist.

Just think, if each of us gave as much to the church as we paid for taxes, we would have contributed \$2,326,000,000 to our churches.

Wherever Methodist dollars are contributed, the work goes forward. The Kingdom languishes for lack of devoted dollars to join the stream of income. There is usually a story of personal spiritual renewal behind the giving of money. Olive Methodist Church in Waihaiwa, Hawaii, recently engaged in a financial crusade to build a new church.



The man behind the picture in front.
Miss McConnell and Mr. Rickarby

"The man behind the camera gets his picture taken." That might well be the caption of the photo above, as it shows the veteran photographer of the Methodist Board of Missions, Reynold Rickarby, having his own picture taken. This is a most unusual circumstance, as Mr. Rickarby is usually on the other side of the camera, taking somebody else's picture.

"Photo by Rickarby" is a credit line that has been used on pictures often in Methodist publications for more than four decades, and the occasion for this photo was the honoring of Mr. Rickarby for 45 years of service with the Board of Missions. He was recognized along with other long-time employees of the Board at the annual Employees' Dinner of the Board October 2 in New York City. Mr. Rickarby received a

cash gift from the Board for his long service.

The presentation was made by Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of *World Outlook*, Methodist magazine of missions, and one who has selected hundreds of Mr. Rickarby's photos for use in that publication. In addition to taking pictures, Mr. Rickarby, or "Rick" as he is called by his friends, performs many other services in the Board's Department of Visual Education, including developing and printing thousands of photographs each year.

Before joining the Board's staff in 1918, Mr. Rickarby had been a newspaper photographer. Since 1961, he has been assistant secretary of the Department of Visual Education. He lives in New York.

SPECIAL-TERM MISSIONARIES

Needs for U-2, U-3 Announced by Church

The Methodist Board of Missions is making an earlier-than-usual announcement this year of its needs for special-term missionaries at home and overseas. Usually the announcement is made in

the spring, but because college seniors and other potential special-termers are making vocational decisions now for next year, the Board said it has moved up the time of announcement of 1964 needs.

As the campaign progressed, the spiritual vision increased. The pastor preached on the joys of giving and the duty of tithing. In the congregation was a layman from California. After one service, he called upon the pastor and said, "I have found Christ anew in this service. I wish to pledge \$5,000 per year for the three years of this campaign."

It is so all across the church when spiritual sensitivities are aroused. The great thing about it all is through the giving of money (mere money,) a religious revival can be started.

This is the thrill of church extension. It challenges us to think big, to plan for great things, to expect great increase in the outpouring of means for God's work!

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As in past years, the Board is seeking highly - qualified, highly - motivated young men and women to serve in a variety of missionary positions in the United States and overseas. The call in 1964 is for 56 women and 31 men to serve overseas for three years and for 35 men and women to serve two years in the U. S.

A special feature of the 1964 special-term program is a call for 15 young men to serve as a mobile emergency missionary force in the Congo. These men will work basically in the field of education, but they are to be prepared to move into difficult situations on short notice and to be flexible enough to fill almost any job.

Though the Congo emergency force is a special call in 1964, the Board said,

Cuban Methodists, With Membership Up, Still Work, Witness

News of The Methodist Church in Cuba is scarce, but a report received by the Methodist Board of Missions about the annual meeting of the Cuba Conference shows that the church is alive and continues actively at work.

Probably the most important action of the conference was its decision to move ahead with the four-year-old "Plan of Advance." The goals of the plan, as adopted by the conference, are: 1. A deepening of the spiritual life of each Methodist believer. 2. Theological training, especially related to basic Christian doctrine and The Methodist Church, to be given to church members and friends. 3. Each believer acting as an evangelist, sharing his faith and a personal testimony with everyone. 4. Cuban Methodists completely supporting their own work.

The significance of the Cuba Conference's decision to go ahead with its "Plan of Advance" is perhaps best seen against the background of the political situation in Cuba under Castro.

Another optimistic note was sounded in a report to the conference that membership in the church is 9,009, slightly higher than in 1962. However, the church school enrollment has decreased considerably. Other statistics, indicating the on-going life of the church, include: 363 youth and adults preparing for church membership; 4,404 children enrolled in daily vacation Bible schools; 453 children baptized during the last year; 222 youth and adults received into the church on profession of faith during the year.

The conference learned that Cuban Methodists provided 50 per cent of the financial support of the church's full-time workers last year.

The conference received five persons into full ministerial membership. It was reported to the conference that four Methodists graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas last year and that there are currently 17 Methodist students enrolled there.

The report from Cuba to the Board of Missions concluded with the statement that "in spite of difficulties, we are determined to move ahead for Christ and the Church in Cuba."

all of the openings for both the 3's, as the overseas missionaries are called, and for the U.S. -2's, as those at home are called, are urgent and must be filled. All call for young persons with high qualifications and with a deep desire to participate in the Christian mission in a tangible way.

The Board, through its Office of Missionary Personnel, addresses its call for special-term missionaries not only to college seniors and others who themselves might serve. It also asks that Methodist pastors, chairmen of Commissions on Missions in local churches, members of Woman's Societies of Christian Service, campus ministers, and others working with young persons become familiar with the openings and present them to potential candidates.

Since 1948, when the overseas special-term program was begun, 858 persons have served as 3's. The number of U.S.-2's who have served since that

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In Memoriam



Horace P. Holley

Horace Preston Holley was born on November 25, 1924, in Aiken, South Carolina, where he grew up and was educated in the public schools. During his service as a pilot in World War II, he was married to the former Miss Patsy Baker of Gibsland, La. and made a decision to enter the ministry. Following his discharge from military, he enrolled in and completed the three year theological course in Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Entering the Louisiana Conference, Mr. Holley served as pastor of the Dubach Methodist Charge, Associate Pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, and pastor of Grace Church, Ruston, before leaving the active ministry for reasons of ill health.

For the past several years the Holley family lived in Aiken, South Carolina, where he was in personnel work for a large atomic energy center, and in Damascus, Maryland, after his promotion to a position of high responsibility in the area of personnel recruitment for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Preston Holley died suddenly on October 14, 1963, in his home in Damascus, Maryland, and was buried on Thursday, October 17, in Aiken, S.C. He is survived by his widow, three children, his father and step-mother, and one sister. The high esteem in which he was held is indicated by the position he occupied in his work after a relatively brief service, and by the observation of an aunt-by-marriage: "The world needs desperately more men like him. He was truly a Christian gentleman."



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NEEDS FOR U-2, U-3

program was started in 1951 is 350.

The opportunities open for U.S.-2 service in 1964, as usual, are varied and include nursing in mission hospitals and clinics, teaching in mission schools, social work in community centers, rural church-and-community work, serving as houseparents in children's homes and directors of Christian education, and

being recreation and camp leaders.

The home mission workers serve two years each, except those in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico who serve three years. They work under the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

In the overseas field, special-term missionaries are needed for service in Algeria, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, the Philippines, Burma, Indonesia, Malaya, India, Brazil, Costa Rica, Congo, Panama, Chile, Liberia, Tunisia, Pakistan, Sarawak, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong.

The openings call for teachers on all levels and in many fields, youth-workers, medical technologists, evangelists, directors of Christian education, nurses, social workers, student workers and a doctor.

Qualifications for special-term missionaries include:

Religious experience and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

A conviction of the world's need for Christ and a genuine desire to share one's faith and to minister to the needs

of others.

College graduation.

Age between 21 and 28.

Good health and emotional stability, checked by medical examination and psychological appraisal.

Agreement to remain single during the term of service.

Membership in The Methodist Church (with some exceptions made).

Those desiring further information about the special-term program may write to: Office of Missionary Personnel, 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, N.Y. 27, N.Y.



Mrs. J. Richard Spann died Oct. 16 in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital. She was the wife of the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann, who before his retirement in 1961, was director of in-service training in the Department of Ministerial Education of the General Board of Education.

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LUNCH HOUR during the recent Curriculum Institute on the new children's materials held at Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport.



ONE OF THE few men who serves as a district director of children's work is Mr. Cliff Jones, Shreveport.



AT COTTON VALLEY CHURCH pins were recently awarded to this group of young people for perfect attendance records at Sunday School.



YOUNG PEOPLE from Sicily Island Church recently joined with the MYF of Waterproof Church for a skating party. The group is shown as they ate at Norris Springs later.



THESE FINE LOOKING groups of young people were recently installed as officers of the Senior High and Junior High MYF groups at North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport.



THESE MYF OFFICERS were installed at Algiers Church, New Orleans, at the evening worship service on Oct. 27.



THE YOUNG people in this picture recently received perfect attendance awards at Old Shongaloo Methodist Church.



LEADERS IN OLDER adult groups in the Ruston District are shown at a meeting at Trinity Church, Ruston.



THE REV. Cleburne W. Quaid, pastor of Simpson Church Lake Charles, on Sept. performed the wedding ceremony for Miss Gail Ann Granger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rhudell Granger, and Mr. Kenneth McCallister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McCallister of Arcadia. It was an event of special significance to Mr. Quaid because the bride was the first child he christened after becoming a Methodist minister. The Grangers were then members of the Westlake Church.



LAYMAN'S DAY speaker at Chatham Methodist Church was Mr. Tom Hightower of Jonesboro. The service was led by Mr. Herbert Womack, church lay leader.



THREE SISTERS have outstanding attendance records in the Sunday School at Jonesboro. They are Vickie Pullen (5 years); Sherrie Pullen (4 years) and Denise Pullen (2 years).



DR. CHARLES WHITTLE of the General Board of Evangelism, third from left, is shown as he met recently with the new Committee on Evangelism in the Shreveport District.

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The Bishop's Letter from Africa

Word from Southern Rhodesia

Nyamuzuwe
Mission Station
Southern Rhodesia
October 30, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

I am writing this letter to you a little earlier in the week than I have been accustomed to prepare the message for the Louisiana Methodist because Dr. Trice and I are leaving this station in the morning to go 195 miles south to Old Umtali, where we will probably be so busy that it will be difficult to get a letter ready and mailed to you in time to get it in the next issue of the paper.

On last Monday morning we left Salisbury and drove to Nyadiri where we spent the day and night, coming on here yesterday morning. I want to tell you something now of the work being carried in these two points.

Nyadiri is a mission center of the Methodist church located 80 miles northeast of Salisbury, between Mrewa and Mtoko on the road to Nyasaland. Reserve lands for Africans reach northward for more than 100 miles. This is a rapidly developing area which is undergoing a considerable growth in rural population at this present time. Methodist work was started at Nyadiri in 1922.

In 1922 Nyadiri was selected to be the medical center for the Northern part of the Rhodesian Annual Conference. The original 28-bed buildings served until the completion of the new hospital (perhaps the nicest, the best equipped, and the largest staffed of any Methodist hospital that we have seen in Africa). The Washburn Memorial Hospital at Nyadiri now has 166 beds, staffed by three doctors, one dentist, five missionary nurses and workers, assisted by a large and well-trained African staff. A nurses training school is operated with an enrollment of about 60 men and women. The patient figures for this calendar year reveal that to date 7,505 outpatients have been treated with the expectation that this number will reach 10,000 for the year—and that 2,800 in-patients have been served indicating that probably 4,000 will be treated by the end of the year. There is also a special wing in the hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis. In addition to the work at Nyadiri the hospital has expanded its services over a territory of 90 miles, one doctor going out each week to spend three or four days in the dispensaries located over this area. The patients in a critical

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New Adult Center Opened At First Church, Baton Rouge

Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of First Methodist, Baton Rouge, announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of their new Adult Center was held Sunday, November 3. The opening of the center, another historic occasion for First Methodist, came one week after the 129th anniversary of that church. First Methodist, Baton Rouge, now enjoys the distinction of being the only church in Methodism with separate buildings for children, youth, and adults.

One of the main functions of the new building will be to house the XYZ Club each day of the week. The building was designed with the activities of this group in mind, and boasts a photographic dark room, a carpentry center, and a general crafts room. A special feature is the parlor, exquisitely furnished, with a fireplace and television. The building, besides having these rooms for the daily XYZ activities, also has spacious rooms for every adult Sunday School Class, a modern kitchenette that will provide coffee every Sunday, and handle small luncheons

during the week, a stage with gold velvet curtains, which opens to the gymnasium of the church, as well as offices for James W. Ailor, Minister of the Parish and Director of the XYZ Day Center, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, and Mrs. William Galloway, Day Center Hostess-Secretary.

The center was completed a month ahead of schedule. The architect was

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Evangelism Committee Organized For Work In Shreveport District

Rev. Lonnie Sibley, Shreveport District Director of Evangelism, and other district leaders have organized within the Shreveport District a committee on Evangelism to act as a resource group for the District and to offer leadership in a general program of evangelism for the churches throughout the district. The committee is composed of the following persons: Dr. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport district superintendent; Rev. A. A. McKnight, chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism; Dr. James T. Harris, conference secretary of evangelism; Mrs.

Special Meetings In BR District

Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, has announced a series of meetings of circuit and supply pastors in the Baton Rouge District for the purpose of fellowship, study and planning. The first of these meetings was held at Camp Istrouma, Monday, Oct. 21, at which time each pastor gave a brief statement of his background and experience in the ministry. A discussion of some of the problems of the circuit church followed. Rev. Carey Martin, District Secretary of Town and Country Work is assisting in these meetings.

Meetings in January and March will deal with organization and program of the local church, circuit groupings, and areas of cooperation among the churches. Plans are under way for a series of study meetings for all workers in these circuit churches and a number of leadership education courses during the conference year.

In the Baton Rouge District there are 19 multiple-church charges (circuits) and 13 full or part time supply

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Ethel Yancy, Rev. Lonnie Sibley, Gerald D. Ross, Bob Lay, Shelby Smith, Rev. Otis Spinks, Rev. James Beasley, Miss Connie Peal, secretary of the committee, and Joe Carlisle, all of Shreveport. Also Willie Hartline of Vivian, Mrs. J. L. Barnes of Keithville, Mrs. Ross DeLee of Bossier City, Rev. Bob Lawton of Plain Dealing, and Jimmy Crone of Zwolle.

At its first meeting the following recommendations were made:

1. Place in the hands of the pastor and the chairman of each church's commission on Evangelism a copy of the Conference Board of Evangelism's recommendations.

2. Investigate the General Board's District Program of Evangelism (A committee was assigned this responsibility.)

3. Set up in the near future workshops in which the Commission on Evangelism and Education along with the youth leadership of each church would be invited to investigate the areas of common concern within the general area of evangelism in order to coordinate their work better. (A committee was given the responsibility for creating these workshops. Information

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RECENTLY-OPENED Adult Center at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Editorials

New Regime In South Vietnam

MOST OF THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD has breathed a sigh of relief with the arrival of a new government in South Vietnam. It is not usually within the province of American foreign policy to encourage the upset of governments, but apparently our effort in that country against the forces of communism could not move to a successful end under the old leadership. It may be a long time before we know all that was involved, but many of us had never been sure just why we were there and the longer we stayed the more obscure the whole situation became. Now it appears that goals will be apparent and progress toward them more sure.

We have previously mentioned the manner in which our partnership with South Vietnam was a source of constant embarrassment because of the religious complications. Because the Diem regime had let itself be typed as the avowed persecutor of Buddhism there was no way for previous guarantees of religious freedom to be restored without a change in governments. This was laid on our consciences in a dramatic fashion by the Buddhist martyrs. However strange it may seem for a Christian publication to come to the defense of Buddhism, it should be obvious that the question that needed to be resolved was that of religious freedom. It is our hope and prayer that the new government will not feel itself obliged to retaliate and persecute Christians.

Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu continues to be the mystery woman, or "tiger lady" of the whole drama and it remains to be seen whether she is entirely out of the picture. We have a feeling that she is not. News stories and pictures of the overthrow of the old regime were filled with pictures of the people celebrating in the streets and in night spots in demonstrations that many puritanical re-

strictions instigated by Madam Nhu were being ended. There is always danger when any people kick up their heels when released from restraints. If this sort of demonstration is a temporary greeting to freedom then it is understood, but if it should be the beginning of a period of undisciplined living then the new government is doomed before it begins.

Wherever the powers of government change, whether in South Vietnam or in Great Britain, the permanence of the new administration hinges more on the ability of the leadership to inspire living according to high standards than on the politics of the party in power. This is a principle of democratic living which ought never to be forgotten.



The Democracy Of The General Conference

JUST A FEW WEEKS ago we described the manner in which Memorials are to be prepared and submitted to the General Conference which will meet in Pittsburgh in 1964. This process is one of the most democratic in all church polity and offers to every Methodist group and individual that means by which he may communicate his convictions about changes that need to be made in the program and administration of The Methodist Church.

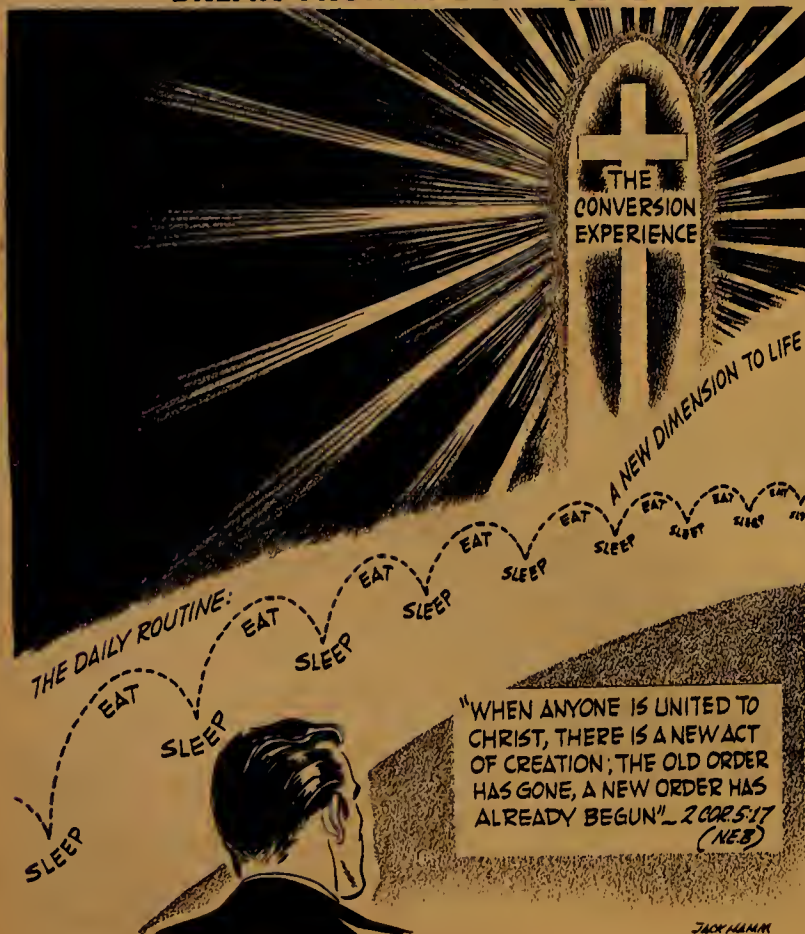
It is important that every Methodist who has something to say about changes which he feels should come use this official method of sending these suggestions along to General Conference since it is in that body that the program of our church is created and it is from that body that official statements about our stands on various questions emanate.

Persons who have served on the committee of the General Conference know that every Memorial receives individual attention from the group and each must be reported to the whole General Conference. It is through these communications that the voice of the church is heard and it is a result of action on them that the voice of the church speaks out. There is no more democratic procedure anywhere in church government and we should all be proud to be a part of it.



No man can be called a leading layman unless he is really going somewhere.

BREAK FROM THE OLD ORDER



the EDITOR'S CORNER

A visit to the National Conference on Christian Education meeting in Chicago last week was a most enriching experience because it gave us an opportunity to become more fully aware of the kind of program these leaders of our church's program of education plan for themselves when they come together every two years.

From early morning to late at night, for seven days, these Christian educators meet in what amounts to a period of post-graduate training in their special fields. They meet a great deal of the time in commissions in which they deal with the challenges of their specialties. The largest group is that made up of the directors of Christian education. The commissions are: executive secretaries and chairmen of conference Boards of Education; youth workers; children's workers; adult workers; camp and conference administrators; general church school workers; and professors of religion.

In the general assemblies during the week outstanding platform leaders included Bishop James K. Mathews, and Dr. Martin Marty of the staff of Christian Century. Bishop W. Kenneth Pope presided at the session on Wednesday evening at which Dr. Marty spoke on "Buffers, Barriers and Breakthroughs in Christian Education."

Throughout the period we were able to attend the meeting we were conscious of the fine contributions that were being made to all the sessions by the people from Arkansas and Louisiana. Perhaps the one who should have the prize for being at the session for the longest period was Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., who attended meetings for new executive secretaries and for new area secretaries for a week prior to the beginning of the conference.

What impressed us most about the education conference was the rich and heavy diet of training involved, which means that our leaders in Christian education are building their foundations for Christian teaching deep and strong and this will reflect in the program of education in every conference and local church.

The new children's curriculum, which is at the forefront of attention throughout the church, was visualized in a series of displays

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Publishing House Earns \$700,000 For Retired Preachers of Church

NEW YORK. — Retired preachers of The Methodist Church will receive as part of their financial support for the coming year \$700,000, appropriated for that purpose by the Board of Publication at its annual session in New York October 30. This tops by \$100,000 the largest annual appropriation made heretofore by this institution of the church during its 174 years in the publishing business. Total amount of appropriations during that time is \$20,968,198. Since unification of Methodism in 1939 the amount appropriated exceeds \$10,000,000. In addition to the retired ministers, widows and orphan children of ministers share in the fund.

In other actions, the board elected Eugene McElvaney and Ben A. Whitmore as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

McElvaney, retired senior vice-president of the First National Bank in Dallas, has been on the board since 1956 and has served as its vice-chairman since 1960. He fills the office left vacant by the death of F. Murray Benson, Baltimore.

Whitmore has been identified with church publishing throughout his career and was connected with The Methodist Publishing House for 20 years. In 1946 he resigned as publishing agent to accept the post of vice-president and trust officer of the Third National Bank in Nashville. He is now secretary of the bank's board of directors. In 1952 he was elected to the Board of Publication.

Named to the executive committee of the board were Allen Whitfield, member of the board since 1956, and Bradshaw J. Mintener, elected to board membership. Whitfield is senior partner in the law firm of Whitfield, Musgrave, Selvy, Fillmore, and Kelly, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mintener, a Washington, D. C., attorney and former Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (1954-60), has previously served on the board. He fills the unexpired term of Mr. Benson.

Dr. Claude Garrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Worthington, Ohio, was also elected to board membership. He fills the unexpired term of the late Howard C. Baldwin, Detroit.

The board also elevated the Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the Christian Advocate, to editorial director of the Christian Advocate and Together magazines. Dr. Wayland was editor of the Arkansas Methodist and the Louisiana Methodist prior to joining the publishing House staff in 1960.

Dr. Leland D. Case, who was editorial director, becomes editorial consultant for the two publications. He served as consultant for the periodicals prior to the publication of Together, a new type of church magazine, to which he gave journalistic leadership. In again serving as editorial consultant he is realizing a desire to broaden his service to Methodist publishing.

In 1964, The Methodist Publishing House, which is the operating name of the Publishing Division of the church, will celebrate its 175th year of service.

Lovick Pierce of Nashville, president of the Publishing House and publisher

for the church, pointed out in his report to the board that there were few businesses in America with such a long record of service. The publishing business of the church was organized in 1789.

Mr. Pierce, in commenting on the anniversary, said that the Publishing House "is without question one of the oldest of American businesses from the standpoint of continuous service; in truth the Publishing House and The Methodist Church and the nation have grown up together. Through all of these years the Publishing House has made a marked impression on American life. A history of the House, soon to be published, will tell of the impact of this business of the church upon Methodist—even to the far-flung corners of the world, upon Christian thought, and especially upon our nation."

In his statement to the board, Mr. Pierce remarked on the success of the business during the past fiscal year. "Our service to the church and its people was larger in the year just closed than in any other year. The combined net sales, used as a measure of service, was \$28,732,717 which was \$476,303 above the record for the preceding year." He sounded an optimistic note for the future service for the church-owned publishing business.

"Man has always needed to deepen his spiritual life as well as his storehouse of knowledge on all matters, but never quite as much as today," he said. "Divisions in countless forms vie for the interest and the time of man. He needs the church and its teaching of Christ as a means of rescue from the dilemma that the world is rapidly shaping for him."

Included in Mr. Pierce's report were the following items:

1. Total church libraries were increased by 1,171 during the past year, exceeding the goal of 10,000 libraries by September 1, 1963.
2. A five-color offset press installed in 1962 has led to increased offset printing. A new ten-color press is scheduled to be operation in the new year.
3. Abingdon Press, department of the Publishing Division, produced 66 new church music pieces during the year.
4. New and advanced computers are scheduled for installation during the new year to take on an increased load.
5. There was a distribution during the past year of approximately 110 million church bulletins in four colors, an increase of 17 million over 1962.
6. Distribution of the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, a four-volume work considered to be the most comprehensive Bible dictionary ever published reached 42,772 sets for the year.
7. Ninety-two new Adingdon books (titles) were published.
8. Parthenon Press, Printing Division of the Publishing House, received six awards for printing excellence.
9. A total of 31,846,983 pounds of paper and 276,244 pounds of ink were used in printing 6,439,325 cloth and paper-bound books.

The Rev. Carl J. Sanders of Richmond, Va., serves as secretary of the board.

The next annual meeting of the board will be held October 28, 1964. The meeting place will be determined later:

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When the Christian Church suffers a defeat anywhere it suffers everywhere.



DETROIT — A procession of brightly garbed clergy and laymen from the 800 congregations in the interdenominational Detroit Council of Churches opened a Festival of Faith rally in the city's huge Cobo Hall. The name of the event, previously called a Reformation Day rally, was changed this year to further the cause of Christian unity instead of emphasizing Christianity's divisions. Some 5,000 people attended.

DAILY BIBLE READING
Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 17 - Sun.	Ezek. 34:25-31
Nov. 18	Ezek. 37:1-14
Nov. 19	Dan. 2:17-23
Nov. 20	Hosea 6:1-10
Nov. 21	Hosea 11:1-12
Nov. 22	Joel 2:21-27
Nov. 23	Amos 5:1-9
Nov. 24 - Sun.	Zep. 3:1-10

SC Juris. Meet Topic: Young Adult Ministry

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (MI) — About 100 Methodist leaders from eight states are expected to meet at Trinity Methodist Church, Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 2-5 for a workshop on improving the church's ministry to persons in early adulthood.

The workshop is sponsored by the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church and the Board of Education of the denomination's South Central Jurisdiction, which includes Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

Participants, to be selected by the bishops of the jurisdiction, will include pastors of downtown churches, associate pastors, directors of Christian education, campus ministers, district superintendents, and conference board secretaries.

Workshop director will be the Rev. Charles E. Mowry, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Education. He will make a presentation on "emerging ministries with early adults."

Other workshop leaders include Dr. Ross Snyder, professor of religious education at Chicago Theological Seminary, who will discuss "enabling a Christian culture among young adults"; and Dr. Allen J. Moore, faculty member of Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, Calif., who will make two presentations, one on communication to transitive young adults and the other on ministries of the local church.

Registrar for the workshop is Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdictional Council.

Mr. Mowry said the workshop is designed to:

—introduce persons responsible for a ministry among older youth/young adults to the many factors which affect efforts to minister among them.

—better understand the nature of early adulthood.

—consider improved ways to work older youth/young adults in the present structures which exist in many local churches.

—"seek more creative and vital forms or channels through which we may allow the Christian gospel to encounter the older youth/young adult."

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concerning them will be distributed in February.)

4. It is requested that each pastor try to prepare himself and his lay leadership in order that they may be able to take a creative part in these workshops.

5. It is recommended that each church at some time during the next year devote at least a week to some kind of evangelistic mission.

6. It is recommended that each church strive to get at least one person into the church on profession of faith this year.

7. It was recommended that the district make available a list of teams (evangelistic and song leader) who would either hold the meeting themselves or assist the local church in preparing and holding an evangelistic preaching mission. (A committee was appointed, and the district superintendent now has such a list prepared.)

8. It was recommended that teams or individuals be made available to the local churches to help them in developing programs of visitation evangelism and small groups work in the local churches. (A committee is at work.)

This district committee on evangelism is unique in that it will offer help to local churches by sending an individual or a committee to that church to assist them in developing programs of visitation evangelism, rather than having representatives from the churches come together for instruction at district meetings. Of particular assistance to small churches will be recommendation No. 7 above.

Reports from each of these committees were heard at the second meeting of the district committee on evangelism held Oct. 7. At this meeting, Charles Whittle, director of the district department of evangelism of the General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, spoke to the group.

A District Evangelism Workshop is planned for February 10-12. The film "Conversion Plus" will be shown at this and other meetings.

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pastors. This group of churches have special problems that the larger churches do not have and will work together during the year. In addition to the group meetings with the supply pastors there will be other regional meetings of all pastors and also district-wide meetings of all pastors for special occasions.

Adult Center

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Sunday November 3, 1963 was also Dedication Day at First Methodist—the day on which all members made their financial pledges for the coming year. It was fitting that the opening of the new Adult Center should fall on this day, for the major goal of last year's financial campaign was the building of the center.

L. P. Manson and Associates; the contractor, Milton J. Womack, both of Baton Rouge. Members of the Building

Restoration of Rocky Mount Community Methodist Church

by Mrs. H.M. Locke

The restoration of the Rocky Mount Community Methodist church was just recently completed under the supervision of the Rev. W. G. Stegall, pastor, and the co-operation of others helped make this project a success.

"THE COUNTRY CHURCH"

"There is a love for the country church
On a winding, shady lane
Under the green of hickory trees
People come — sunshine or rain
Happily they greet old neighbors
Sing songs of joy and praise
Silvery voices singing, singing
Of the blessed homespun days.
Silver voices singing softly,
Muted into humble prayer,
Hearts aglow; eyes that shine,
Songs for every heart to share.
This is the house we love so dearly
This sacred little timeworn country church."

This poem by Mamie Ozburn Odum expresses the sentiments of all its members and of many others who in some way have been touched, influenced and inspired to be better Christians.

The small one-room structure, with only a tiny membership nestles in a setting of natural beauty atop a high rocky hill surrounded and shaded by old hickory trees.

It is located on a four-acre plot that was donated Aug. 26, 1886 as a home-site for the Rocky Mount church and cemetery by W. T. "Billy" Franklin, who was one of its charter members and a brother to F. E. Franklin, lay leader noted for his Christian dedication and uplifting prayers. The church was built facing the old "Military Road", now in disuse and is six miles west of Ringgold just off highway 154. The old spring that originally furnished the water supply is pure, cold and useable; and the timeworn trail that lead downhill to it was a favorite path for the romantically inclined. One incident recalled was a timid young couple who were married by the Rev. J. F. Dring, just outside the church while the congregation waited within.

The church, the spring and the cemetery, which had a real facelifting about three years ago, are only landmarks remaining of a one-time little village whose name on the map of Ward Four Bienville parish and on its postoffice read "Manning, La."

In the earliest part of this century it had boasted of a sawmill, gristmill, cotton gin, the very necessary blacksmith shop, a school and two practicing physicians who ministered to the community sick by means of travel on horseback or by horse-and-buggy if the weather and the rough dirt roads permitted. All evidence of these buildings and the nearby Prospect Baptist Church have been obliterated by time.

Located on the same four-acre grounds was an old building, back in the last quarter of the eighteenth century that housed both the community school and the church. After being pastored by circuit riders, some of the later ministers were the Rev. Philip Burkett, the Rev. H. W. May, the Rev. R. Parvin

Committee of the church are: Albert R. Levingston, Chairman, W. Ben Blackwood, Walter H. Brock, Jones S. Davis, Robert S. Greer, and Ira J. Woodfin.

and one of the best-loved, the Rev. Thomas J. Martin, who figured distinctively in the growth of both churches and the old fashioned camp meetings; "Brother Martin," a large man, rode a big boned chestnut horse whose name was "Jim". His regular hitchingpost was a thin scrub oak, gnarled and stooped now but a treasured part of the familiar scenery.

At the turn of the century, when the old building was considered unsafe it's people knew that God had been and was still there and that a church had better be; a small white church was envisioned by one of His dedicated followers, Mrs. Fannie E. Mayfield, who with her husband sought and secured funds and materials as well as labor to make that dream come true. They, with others of like mind and faith came together and in their spare time and often at night, worked by lantern light, in order to make an altar to the Lord. Thus the present Rocky Mount Church came into being.

After three-score years the pretty little new church fashioned of rough pine siding and flooring was badly

worn and in need of repairs. Its people, loth to see torndown the familiar and beloved church that held so many fond memories of a genuine living religion, frontier style, decided to restore the place that had meant much to the community as a whole. One that had weathered the storms of nature, witnessed their good times and bad; their happier days and the sad with the peaceful serenity that only a rural church can know.

An initial bequest by Mrs. Maude W. Burkett marked the beginning for plans formulated to restore the church that she loved so well. Enough funds were secured this year and the work completed debt-free in time for Brother Stegall's sermon here on world wide Community Sunday, October 6, 1963.

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Council on Evangelism To Hear Three Bishops

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Three Methodist bishops will address the annual meeting of the national Council of Evangelism of The Methodist Church to be held Nov. 19-22 at the Sheraton Hotel, Louisville, Ky. They are Bishop Walter C. Gum, Louisville; Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis; and Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio. The Council of Evangelism is an auxiliary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which promotes The Methodist Church's evangelistic program. Membership in the council is open to anyone interested in evangelism, said Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

WILL HONOR DR. JONES

NEW YORK—Under the sponsorship of 80 leading clergymen and laymen, eight birthday dinners in as many cities and states will be held in December and January to mark the 80th birthday of the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary, evangelist, author and "apostle of peace."

Dr. Jones will speak at each of the birthday dinners, beginning with one in Chicago on Dec. 30 and ending with a dinner in San Francisco on Jan. 14.



Rocky Mount Community Methodist Church

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE REV. DONALD R. AUTREY, minister of education in the Houma First Methodist Church, led the devotionals on radio station KCIL the week of Oct. 28.

THE WEST CARROL PARISH Ministerial Alliance sponsored a parish-wide "Church Loyalty Campaign" for six weeks, ending Nov. 17.

A.C. CLEMMONS, state senator from Jennings, spoke on the subject "Mission Accomplished" in the First Methodist Church of Welsh, where the Rev. Oakley Lee is pastor, on Sunday morning, Oct. 27.

THE REV. WISLY NOLAN of Centenary College was guest minister at the Sevier Memorial Methodist Church recently while the pastor, the Rev. Jerry Means, was on vacation.

THE REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church of Ruston, was the guest speaker at Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, the week of Oct. 27. The Gentilly pastor is the Rev. John B. Koelemay.

DR. HENRY A. RICKEY, RUSTON District superintendent, was the evangelist in revival services held in the Sibley Methodist Church, Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Alton Hortman of Minden, led the singing. The Rev. Frank Lankford is the newly appointed pastor.

THE OCTOBER 27 BULLETIN of Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans honored Dr. W.L. Duren on the celebration of his ninety-third birthday. Dr. Duren was pastor of that church from November 1920-1926. The Rev. Benedict A. Galloway is the present pastor.

THE REV. W.E. NOLAN, director of enrollment counseling at Centenary College, spoke to the MYF of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, and also at the evening worship hour on Nov. 3. The Rev. Louis M. Coppage is the pastor.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH in Baton Rouge had Tom Metheny as guest speaker on Sunday morning, Oct. 27. Mr. Metheny is a member of the Hammond First Methodist Church and is a lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. The St. Paul's pastor is the Rev. John Winn.

THE REV. ROBERT ED TAYLOR, minister to the students of Centenary College, will conduct a preaching mission in the First Methodist Church of West Monroe beginning Sunday, Nov. 17. Robert Ed was licensed to preach while a member of the West Monroe Church, of which the Rev. E.B. Emmerich is the present pastor.

THE REV. JEROME CAIN, Lafayette district superintendent, was evangelist for the revival held in the Sicily Island Methodist Church the week of Oct. 20. The Rev. L.W. Taylor, pastor, reports the following additions to the church: Mrs. A.S. Krause, Thomas L. Jackson, Mrs. Della Walker, and James Walker.

OAK RIDGE METHODIST Youth Fellowship was host for the MYF Sub-District Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27. After games and refreshments, the large crowd of young people gathered in groups to continue the study, "Methodist Profile". The Rev. George

B. Cunningham is pastor at Oak Ridge.

WALTER HOHMANN, Dean of Students at Centenary College, filled the pulpit of the Springhill Methodist Church on Sunday morning, Nov. 3. Mr. Hohmann, a layman, accepted the Centenary Post after being Superintendent of Education in Morehouse Parish. The Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor of the Springhill Church.

E.C. NEELEY, layman from the Wesley Methodist Church in DeRidder, was guest speaker in the DeQuincy Methodist Church on Oct. 20. Planning the service was D.E. Lamb, and laymen assisting in the program were Robert Earl Smith, Donnis Hines, Dick Quinn. Pastor at DeQuincy is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

THE ALGIERS METHODIST YOUTH Fellowship held a Prayer and Self-Denial Breakfast, which was attended by forty-seven young people on Oct. 29. Mrs. Edgar Cayard was the speaker. After breakfast the group went to the sanctuary for offering and prayer. The Rev. John T. Redmon is the pastor.

A PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED to John Munch honoring him as the "Layman of the Year" on behalf of the Men's Bible Class of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie. Fred Cathey expressed appreciation for Mr. Munch, who had recently retired from the Intelligence Division of the Department of Internal Revenue, and for his work and interest in the class.

THE REV. GEORGE W. HARBUCK, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Monroe, will be the guest evangelist at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, beginning Sunday, Nov. 17. The Rev. George Dent, associate minister of Park Place Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, will be song leader and soloist. The Rev. Wilson L. Watson is the pastor of Grace Church.

THE INDEPENDENCE METHODIST Church revival in October had the Rev. Phil Woodland, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in New Orleans, as guest evangelist. Special music arranged by Mrs. Frankie Robertson brought choirs from different churches including the Baptist Church. The Rev. John F. Kellogg is pastor of the Pine Grove, Montpelier, and Independence churches.

THE NORTH HIGHLANDS METHODIST MEN, in Shreveport, sponsored family night in October with the Rev. John Kilpatrick of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church bringing entertainment in song and music. Mr. Ross Woody, president, stated that 196 turned out for the family night supper. The Rev. George Harkins is pastor of North Highlands.

FOUNDER'S DAY at Baton Rouge's First Methodist Church was observed on Oct. 27. At this 129th anniversary, all members of fifty years or more were honored. Among those listed were Mrs. Sadie S. Butler, Dean C.A. Ives, Mrs. R.A. Stafford, Mrs. D.H. Taylor, Jr., Mrs. O.C. Umberhagen, Mrs. Guy Howard Sommers, Jr., and Mrs. C.O. Bozeman. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is pastor.

THE EVERGREEN CHURCH in the Ruston District gave an offering of one-hundred dollars to the Presbyterian Vocational School for Boys which suffered a heavy fire loss recently. The school is in Evergreen and many of the boys attend the Evergreen Church, which is a communion church of Methodist and Baptist. The Rev. John Lee is pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE COLFAX Methodist Youth Fellowship participated in the morning services of that church on MYF Sunday, Oct. 27. Assisting the minister, Dr. C.B. White, were Laura McCain, Frannie Bowers, Dean Nugent, and Dickey Dean. Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hankwitz are MYF Counselors, and Mrs. Odell Hodnett and Mrs. Lynwood Vallee are the assistants.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of the Southside

Methodist Church, Monroe, sponsored two missionary speakers at the church in October. Carl Williams, missionary to Bolivia, spoke on the 13th, and on Oct. 27, the Rev. Russell Stellwagon, missionary to Japan, showed colored slides of his work in Japan. Mrs. Mae Goode is chairman of the mission commission and the Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor at Southside.

THE FIRST NEW METHODIST CHURCH to be organized in the Ruston District in twelve years will be at Sarepta. Services will begin on Sunday, November 10, at 9 a.m. with the Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr., of Cotton Valley as pastor. Temporary quarters will be the new \$35,000 City Hall in Sarepta, a beautiful new air-conditioned building. This new church is sponsored by the Ruston District Board of Missions, of which J. Davidson Brown is president.

LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH in Minden gave promotion certificates and Bibles on Rally Day; two two-year pins were presented to Rob and Scott Lary, and two three-year perfect attendance pins were presented to Donnie and Sondra Cockrell. After promotion, the classes moved to their new rooms in Faircloth Hall, just completed by the help of the Methodist Men's Club. This is the second addition added to Faircloth Hall to serve the growing need in the Church. The Rev. L. Gray Wilson is pastor.

SLIDELL HIGHLIGHTS from the recent Quarterly Conference: formation of three more classes in the Children's Division, and one more in the Youth Division; organization of two youth choirs; addition of a day kindergarten; \$4500. paid on debt; thirty-six new members; fifty percent increase in adult choir; increase of members in WSCS and WSG; increase of 150 per Sunday in attendance since the addition of a second morning service. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN OF ARCADIA will hear J.C. Love prominent business and Methodist layman of Ruston, at the monthly meeting, November 20. Mr. Love is national chairman of the Methodist Joint Radio Committee, and is a member of other important committees and boards, including the Centenary College Board of Trustees. He will speak about the tour he made recently to U.S. Strategic Air Command (SAC) Installations. The pastor at Arcadia is the Rev. Beverly E. Bond.

A FIRST SERIES COURSE Training School was held at Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, on the nights of October 15, 16, 17. The course "Teaching Children" was taught by Miss Sheila Nuttall, a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference Area Council staff. A total of twenty-one enrolled and sixteen received certificates in the school planned by Mrs. L.B. Fargerson, Jr., children's division superintendent, Mrs. M.R. Dear, chairman of the commission on education and T.W. Scott, church school superintendent.

LOUISIANA MEMORIAL METHODIST Church in Opelousas had as guest speaker Mr. G.H. Bordelon, principal of Melville High School, at the 8:30 service, and Mr. W.D. Cotton, attorney from Rayville, at the 11 a.m. service on Oct. 20. Laymen participating in the two services included: Herbert Brown, R.P. Walker, Jr., John Lee, John Boagni, Jr., Bob Casanova, Jack Lane, Jack Harris, and Ira Burleigh. Wayne Gilmore is lay leader and the Rev. Henry C. Blount is pastor at Opelousas.

A SPECIAL EMPHASIS, "Sunday Nights for God", during the month of October at the Blackwater Methodist Church was most successful, according to the pastor, the Rev. Angus Carruth. The attendance goals of two hundred persons was exceeded at each service with an average attendance of 248. The program was sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism under the leadership of H.C. Carter. The choir, under the direction of T.N. Retif, presented special numbers accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Stockwell at the organ and Mrs. Inez Morgan at the piano.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 24, 1963:

"GOD WORKS THROUGH US"

By DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5 through 7. Printed Lesson Text, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.

MEMORY SELECTION: God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself . . . entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the fact that God, through the death of Christ on the cross, did open the way for sinful man to find forgiveness for his sins, reconciliation with God the Father and a sense of responsibility to preach and teach this doctrine of reconciliation to others.

Our lesson today is taken from 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. It is very necessary for us to read the first ten verses of this chapter in order to better understand the last eleven verses which are our lesson text.

In verse 1 of this chapter Paul says, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (RSV)."

With this thought firmly fixed in his mind, Paul then discusses the alternatives that sometimes confronted him. He raised the question as to whether he had rather go on and enjoy what God has prepared for his children in the next world or continue to live and serve him here. His conclusion is quite proper. He decides to do what he thinks is pleasing to God. He came to this conclusion because, as he says in verse 10, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may receive good or evil according to what he has done in the body (RSV)."

"WE PERSUADE MEN"

The opening verse of our lesson text, which follows, reads, "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men (RSV)."

Because of the things he had discussed in the first ten verses of this chapter Paul is moved to "persuade" men to be reconciled with God. The phrase, "Terror of the Lord," as found in the King James Version is translated "Fear of the Lord" in the Revised Standard Version. The word fear, as used here, denotes more of respect for or reverence for God than fear as we commonly use the term.

While Paul was so pronounced and positive in his views as at times to appear rather harsh or stern, his normal attitude and more common approach was as one who would "persuade" rather than command. In Romans 12:1 Paul says, "I beseech you therefore brethren." In RSV this clause is translated, "I appeal to you therefore brethren." Phillips translates it, "I beg you my brothers." Hence in these translations we have Paul beseeching, appealing, begging. Add persuade, as we have it in our lesson text, and you have in general Paul's method of reaching people.

Paul says, in this opening verse, that what he is doing is plain to the Lord and he is hopeful that it is plain to the Corinthians. He tells them that he is not trying to commend himself to them; rather he is trying to give them something about himself of which they could be proud and with which they could meet the criticism some were expressing of Paul's work.

MEASURED BY HEART POWER

From what little we know about the personal appearance of Paul, we are led to believe that he was not of commanding stature. In the second half of verse 12, Paul speaks of "them which glory in appearance and not in heart."

By this statement we are led to believe that there were those in the Corinthian church who thought more of personal appearance than they did of personal character. They had higher regard for man-power than they had for heart-power. Paul wants the church at Corinth to judge him more by the sincerity of his motives and purposes than by his physical personality. It was the Lord who said to Samuel, in 1 Samuel 16:7, "For man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart." Paul wants the Corinthians to judge him by character, service rendered and heart-power.

Paul appears to be ready here to confess that at times his actions were "peculiar." He declares, however, that if he ever appeared to be "beside himself" it was the result of an uncontrollable desire to serve God and be helpful to others.

CONTROLLED BY CHRIST'S LOVE

Paul's statement, "The love of Christ controls us," according to Greek scholars, could refer either to Paul's love for Christ or Christ's love for Paul. Some feel that it is more in accord with Paul's general conception of his relation to Christ to interpret it as referring to Christ's love for Paul, as the controlling factor in his life.

Christ's love for man, which led him even to death on the cross for man's redemption, should be the controlling influence in every life. Christ's love not only controls us, if we but let it, but it also works through us to accomplish God's purposes in our lives.

We have but to remember the constraining and controlling influence on our lives of some one who loves us, to understand something of what Paul means when he talks of the influence on life of the love of Christ.

LIFE'S PURPOSE CHANGED

In verse 15 Paul tells us that Christ "died for all." It is quite common for us to talk of Christ dying to save us from our sins. That was one purpose of Christ's death. However, in this verse we are told also that Christ died, "That those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

Christian people, who have been redeemed through the death of Christ "live no longer for themselves." The center about which their lives revolve is not self but Christ. In this change of life's purpose, we do what Christ talked about when he said, "Whosoever will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." We dethrone self and enthrone Christ as a worthy center about which the only life we have can revolve. Thus it is that Christian people "No longer live for themselves but for him."

A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST

Paul tells us in Verse 17 that, "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come (RSV)." "Creature," as found in the King James Version is more meaningfully translated "creation" in the Revised Standard Version.

Let us keep in mind, in the study of this

lesson, that Paul was writing to adults, many of whom had formerly been a part of the sinful life of Corinth, reputedly the most sinful city in the Roman Empire. If such people became Christians it would mean that they had literally become "new creations," so far as life and character was concerned.

If Paul were writing today, it is our feeling that he would still hold the same standard in conversion for adults who have known the ways of wickedness. In becoming a Christian it would still be necessary for such a person to become a "new creation." If Paul were writing today for what we call good moral people or for children who have dedicated their lives to Christ he might not expect them to become a "new creation" as compared to their former lives, but he would expect them to be a "different creation" from the people of the un-Christian world about them. The standards for Christian living are just the same for all people regardless of the character of life lived before life was surrendered to Christ.

RECONCILED TO GOD

In studying the matter of reconciliation let us remember that it is man who is being reconciled to God, not God to man. God is not mad at man. It is man who has turned his back on God.

Phillips translates verses 18-19 as follows: "All this is God's doing, for he has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ; and he has made us agents of the reconciliation. God was in Christ personally reconciling the world to himself—not counting their sins against them—and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation."

God in Christ is not only reconciling the world to himself, he is commissioning all who accept his forgiving grace to become ministers of reconciliation to people of the unsaved world.

AMBASSADORS TO CHRIST

We are all somewhat familiar with the work of an ambassador. An ambassador is one who acts as a representative for his government in a foreign country. He tries to adjust or reconcile differences which have developed or may develop between his own government and the government to which he has been sent as representative.

That is the primary business of an ambassador for Christ. His first responsibility is to help those away from Christ to adjust any existing differences between them and Christ and come into full friendship and fellowship with the Lord as a personal Saviour.

As ambassadors for Christ it is our responsibility also with our lives to so represent the beauty of character, the unselfish love and the forgiving grace of Christ that unsaved people will want to become his disciples. If we fail in this we are not good ambassadors.

CHRIST BECOMES SIN FOR US

There are two profound mysteries in God's plan to save the world that we will never fully understand until we reach a better world and have the light from the world thrown upon them.

1. There is the incarnation. No one can explain how it was possible for Christ to become incarnate in human form and have in the same life all of the frailties of human life and also have all of the powers and character of a God. While we cannot understand it the record of the life of Christ indicates that it was true.

2. Akin to the mystery of the incarnation is the mystery of the atonement. Paul says in the closing verse of our lesson text, "For God caused Christ, who himself knew nothing of sin, actually to be sin for our sakes, so that in Christ we might be made good with the goodness of God (Phillips)."

Christ, of course, never sinned but, in God's eternal plan, he was made sin for us. Christ simply accepted the penalty for sin as if he had sinned and, in our place, suffered for our sins. We cannot understand this but we can believe and accept it and thereby become ambassadors in His service.



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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Criticism of Gov. John H. Reed of Maine which cited that he did not smoke or drink has been assailed by the Rev. Benjamin C. Bubar, superintendent of the Christian Civic League of that state. He asked that two state senators apologize for permitting the release of part of a speech made at a recent convention of the Maine Hotel Association. Senator Ralph M. Lovell had told the convention that their state was "the most uncompetitive state in New England for the tourist dollar," and was quoted as saying, in referring to the state's ban on Sunday liquor sales, that "we aren't helped much by a governor who doesn't drink or smoke."

Here is one of those often-found examples of persons who demand the freedom to drink if they choose and then use every kind of pressure to deny others the right not to drink if they so choose.

Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, the self-confessed "tone-deaf" leader of an aging quartet, has admitted that his baritone voice was countenanced in the group only to prevent crowds from walking out or throwing things at the singers. This extreme "soft-sell approach" was used by the prelate as he advertised in his weekly column that fact that the quartet of which he is a member would appear at a benefit. The group includes three priests in addition to the Cardinal.

This is an other example of a characteristic that is winning Cardinal Cushing friends all over New England. This is a new image of one so high in the Catholic hierarchy, when we read that he says, "when I ask you to purchase tickets, please don't buy them to hear our quartet sing, because we are not worth the price of admission."

Union of South Africa authorities have withheld an entrance visa from Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of Christianity Today, conservative fortnightly published in Washington. According to his associates, Dr. Henry tried for two months to secure a visa from the South African consulate in New York without results.

South Africa continues to use all kinds of pressure against those in other lands who speak critically of their racial policies. We have heard of other ministers who were asked to sign agreements that they would neither speak nor grant interviews while in South Africa.

Father Morton A. Hill, a militant Jesuit fighter against pornography staged a 75-hour fast until Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York appointed a coordinator to push that city's anti-obscenity drive. For three days the priest took nothing but water and promised to continue his hunger strike until the mayor took drastic action to curb obscene materials that are getting into the hands of children.

Perhaps there are other cities in which some such drastic action will have to be taken before this filthy flood is stemmed. We praise Father Hill in prompting an action that could well be a nation-wide "call to arms" on this matter.

Former Arkansas Representative Brooks Hays,

prominent Baptist layman, has taken a leave of absence from his duties as a special assistant to President Kennedy to accept the invitation to serve as national chairman of Brotherhood Week, Feb. 16-23, sponsored annually by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

We feel that this outstanding Arkansan will bring a new dimension to this annual observance of Brotherhood Week. We think that it is quite significant that President Kennedy asked him to take a leave rather than resign to accept the post.

A cookbook compiled by a Greek Orthodox congregation in Hempstead, N.Y., to raise church building funds has proved so successful that the volume has been expanded and published by Doubleday and Co. The book was issued as a paperback a few years ago by members of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church to benefit their building program and to preserve Greek "culinary culture in America for new Greek-American generations."



NEW YORK — General Douglas MacArthur greets Dr. Nobushige Ukai, president of the International Christian University of Japan. The Japanese educator called on the general in New York to express appreciation for his efforts in helping to establish the university, supported by 14 U.S. Protestant churches including The Methodist Church, now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit was recently presented in New York by the Federal Republic of Germany to the Rev. Raymond E. Maxwell, associate executive secretary in the U.S. for the World Council of Churches. Mr. Maxwell, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was honored for his work in the field of church aid to Germany as an officer of Church World Service.

The Italian bishops of the Roman Catholic Church will issue a joint pastoral letter during November setting forth the Catholic basis of opposition to communism, according to an announcement in the Italian press.

In one of the closest votes taken on any issue, the Second Vatican Council voted to debate the "scheme" on the Virgin Mary as a part of their total discussion of the nature of the church. The vote of 1,114 to 1,074 was interpreted as a victory of the "liberal" element, since the conservative bishops were

said to have favored a long, separate document on Mary.

Delegates to the annual Assembly of the Baptist Union of Scotland in Glasgow voted to continue the denomination's "disaffiliation" with the World Council of Churches. By a vote of 316 to 59, the assembly approved the recommendation of a study committee to remain out of the WCC. The Scottish Baptists withdrew from the world organization in 1955.

Dr. Fred Aden, a Methodist lay missionary in Argentina for 37 years before his retirement in 1954, returned to Buenos Aires recently for dedication ceremonies for a new center named in his honor at Ward Methodist College. Dr. Aden was director of the college for about 35 years of his missionary career in Argentina.

Dr. Elfan Rees of Geneva told a Reformation Day service in Dallas, Tex. that Protestantism's disunity is one of the "sad legacies of the glories of the Reformation." "But now is the time to dwell no longer on the divisions, but on the ultimate goal that will unite us," declared the secretary of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs' Geneva office.

Churches have played a pioneering role in bringing about world-wide recognition of the importance of welfare services, national and international social welfare leaders said recently in addresses before the National Council of Churches' Department of Social Welfare. Dr. Julia Henderson, director of the United Nations Bureau of Social Affairs, specifically cited the contribution of churches to the U.N. Affairs, specifically cited the contribution of churches to the U.N. charter and said religious groups have been influential in focusing attention on human needs in developing countries.

The American "pursuit of happiness," today challenged by powerful forces of social and technological development, "is linked as never before to the pursuit of knowledge," Dr. Dumont F. Kenny said recently in his inaugural as second president of Queensborough Community College in New York. He declared that current world events "are a grim reminder of how technological development has outstripped mankind's moral development and political institutions."

The creation of theological panels for the study of doctrinal questions has accelerated the exploratory effort toward greater unity among Protestant denominations in East Africa, Bishop Stefano R. Moshi, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanganyika, recently declared on his arrival in this country for a two-months visit at the invitation of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

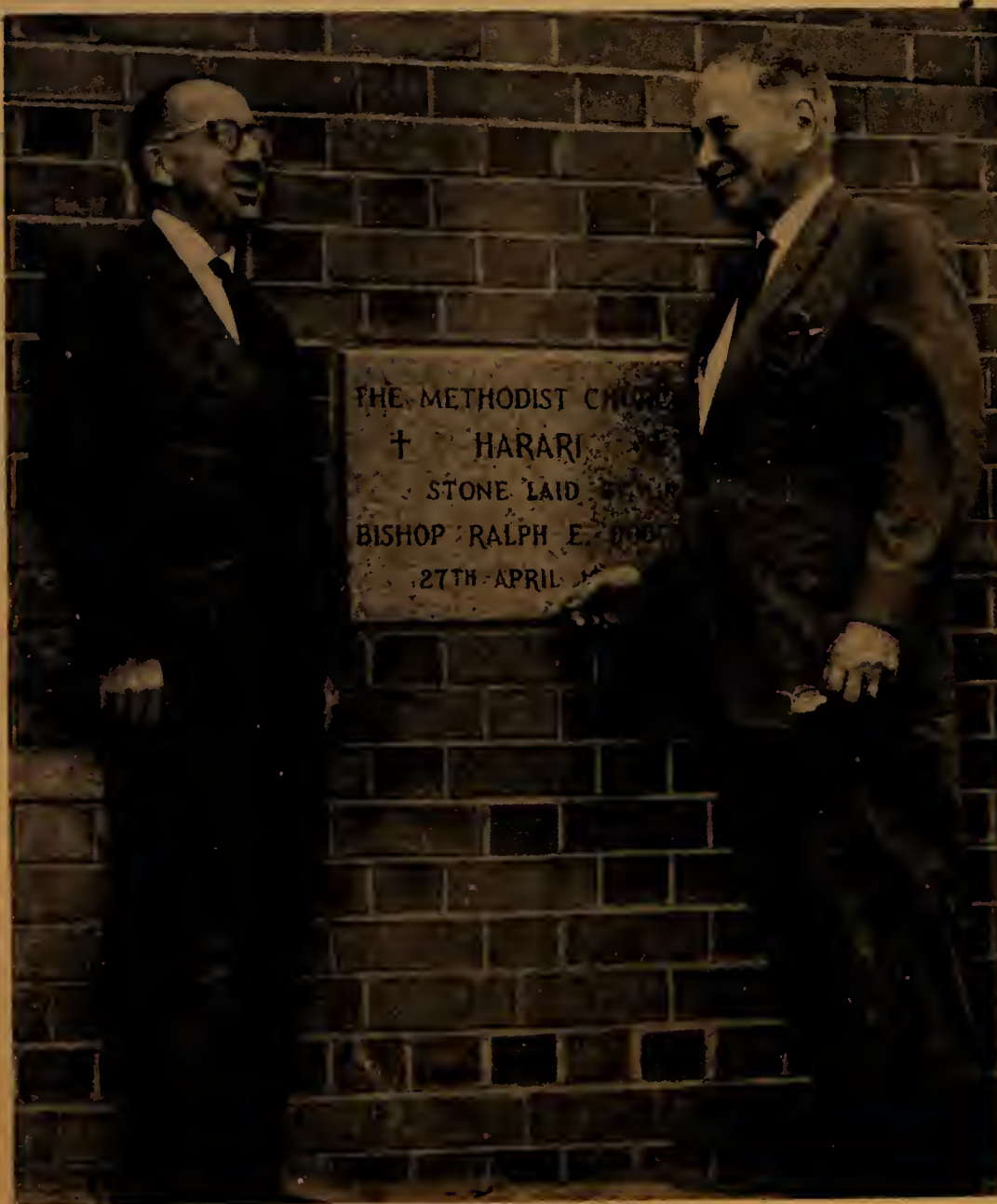
Evangelist Billy Graham, at a breakfast held for him in Houston by some 400 clergymen, accepted the invitation to hold a crusade in that city in November, 1964 in the new Harris County domed stadium. A formal request to hold the Houston crusade was made by the Rev. George Reck, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and president of the Association of Churches of Greater Houston.

Any amendment to pending federal aid to education measures in Congress which would extend government assistance to parochial schools is strongly opposed by Seventh-day Adventists, one of the denomination's editors, Roland R. Hegstad, said recently in Atlantic City, N.J. as he addresses the biennial meeting of the Adventists Columbia Union Conference's Department of Education. "Parochial schools, particularly ones operated by Adventists," he said, "are established to teach religion and prepare youth for service in the church."



Dr. William E. Trice and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton at the well known and much-photographed balancing rock on the Epworth Mission grounds near Epworth Theological College, Southern Rhodesia.

Dr. Trice and Bishop Walton examine the cornerstone of the Herari Methodist Church, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.



Bishop's Letter

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condition discovered in these visits are brought to the hospital for attention.

The station at Nyadiri consists of 4,400 acres—some of which is in cultivation. There are twenty-five adult missionaries on the station engaged in various activities carried on here. There is a Teacher Training School with an enrollment of 94. The students come to this school when they have completed what is equivalent to two years of high school work and take two years more in special preparation to teach in primary school operated in Nyadiri with an enrollment of 540 students. There is also an orphanage with 32 babies being cared for. This, in brief, is something of the work carried on at Nyadiri.

Our Louisiana missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Dewey are stationed here. Lloyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dewey of Merryville, Louisiana. He grew up at Merryville and attended Southwestern at Lafayette. He served with the Marines in World War II, and later in Korea. He then went to the University of Minnesota for graduate work in science. There he was married to Miss Joyce Johnson who was specializing in home economics. They are both teaching at Nyadiri. They came to Africa as missionaries in 1960. The Deweys have three children; Susan age 12, William 10, and Frank 9. We have had a good visit with them while at Nyadiri and Lloyd is driving us to Old Umtali tomorrow.

The work here at Nyamazwe is perhaps one of the most encouraging projects that we have observed. This station is the newest in the conference and, perhaps, the most remote. It is located in the heart of a native reserve 10 miles north of Mtoko. The property here was acquired in 1955. The work here is used as a sort of pilot project for the Mtoko-Nyadiri District of which the Reverend Leunart G. Blomquist is the district superintendent. Dr. Trice and I have spent today driving over a part of this district with Mr. Blomquist. We have been thrilled and encouraged by what we have seen in the way of community development, church and school buildings being erected, paid for, and the work supported by the people themselves. Nowhere in Africa have we seen such a spirit of independence, spiritual concern, and self-reliance as we have observed here at Nyamazwe and in this district. The policy is, as far as is possible, to locate the church in the village away from the school making the church definitely a part of the community. The people put up most of the money, provided a large part of the labor, and are responsible for the planning and execution of the project. They follow this same procedure in erecting the school buildings. We have pictures of some of these many projects in this district which we will share with you, giving you more information about them when we get home.

Dr. Trice and I have both been well the entire trip which was half-concluded at noon today. We plan to complete our visitation in Rhodesia perhaps three days ahead of schedule and will use those days in Salisbury for organizing the material which we have secured and in study in preparation for the rest of the journey.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton



At the Methodist Mission, Ganta, Liberia: Bishop Walton, Dr. Trice, Miss Dorothy Hughlett, missionary nurse, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Hughlett, Wembo Myama, the Congo, and Miss Gwendolyn Dunham, missionary nurse.



Dr. Trice and Bishop Walton sitting on brick pews with members of the Herari Methodist Church, Salisbury.



Mr. Larry Pleimann and two helpers outside the church at Wembo Nyama, Congo. The Pleimanns are sponsored by Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and First Church, Lake Charles.



**Pictures of
Bishop Walton
and
Dr. Trice
in Africa**

At the top of the Salisbury Kopje overlooking the modern city.

Bishop Walton and Dr. Trice look at the impressive cross, made of Rhodesian copper, in the chapel of Epworth Theological School, just a few miles outside Salisbury. This is the major training center for Methodist ministers in Rhodesia.

Mr. Emmson, a student helper, Dr. Trice and Bishop Walton outside Herari Church, Salisbury, as a wedding procession forms in the background.



The Rev. U.S. Gray, a missionary from Texas, Dr. Trice, and Dr. William Brown, a U.S. missionary on the parsonage steps at Bonga, Liberia.



A native flautist gives a concert of native tunes at Katabue, Congo.



Dr. Trice, Mr. Moody, early Rhodesia settler and Bishop Walton at the Salisbury Kopje, Southern Rhodesia.





A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"THE HARVEST IS PAST . . ."

Driving from Jonesboro to Memphis a few days ago I was impressed with one unusual fact. Nearly all of the crops had been gathered. Field after field that had been in cotton were now bare. Some had even been planted to winter cover crops. The soy beans were not all gathered. But the cotton was as good as done. It is the first time in my recollection that this much has been gathered before frost. And I have been told by many that all of the crops have been unusually good. In addition to cotton, rice also produced bountifully.

As winter weather has begun to creep up on us, we look back upon a good season. God has blessed the earth and made it produce better than usual. The crops are gathered into storage and the warehouses are bulging with food and fiber. Now most people can look forward to a time of abundance in these material matters.

Sometimes, though, we pay so much

attention to material wealth that we forget about accumulating any spiritual wealth. Like the man whom Jesus talked about, we tell our souls to take their ease because our bodies are well cared for. But soul food is a lot different from body food. One can be wealthy in material things but a pauper in spiritual matters. The man in the Bible story paid a terrible price for forgetting about spiritual matters.

Many years ago the prophet Jeremiah said that,

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,

And we are not saved."

He might have been preaching to a lot of us in 1963. Truly the harvest is past. But much of it was planted and gathered on God's holy day. And there is little excuse for requiring people to work in the fields on the Sabbath day. Many of us mourn about teenage crime. But when the father takes no interest in recognizing God's day

or worshipping on that day, how are our children going to learn about their Christian duties?

"The summer is ended." The long days of making a crop now give over to the more leisurely days of enjoying the fruits of our labors. And rightly so. And in these winter days we take a little more time with our families; enjoy our children. Wouldn't it be fine if you, a father, took a second look at your responsibilities to your family? You are providing physical needs. You are sending your boys and girls to good schools and colleges. Now is the time to go a step further. Take a deeper interest in their spiritual welfare.

This is not just a job for the mothers of our children. A father can no more escape this responsibility than he can escape any other responsibility of his home. The harvest is now past. The summer is now ended. Let us attend now to the spiritual matters that need attention so critically.

That Power we call God. From that God and his laws, we believe, man has his being, his freedom, his will, his worth, and his possessions.

Because Communism denies the existence of a Divine Power, asserts that the state is man's only master, it sees no purpose in life beyond the economic goals of food and work; there is no value in the individual. Thus, in action, Communism can easily deny the doctrines (some near-Christian) it preaches. Proclaiming a "new democracy," it is despotic: it punishes dissenters by deportation, property confiscation, execution. It teaches and practices that "the end justifies the means" in pressing towards its goals. With man's desires the only source of morality, it can condone and practice "sins" and "crimes" that other societies shun.

To sum it all up, Jim, I do not believe that immoral and socially-evil acts can ever be justified in reaching toward what may seem to be valuable goals. I do believe that all values of good are achieved by adherence to moral laws—laws that come from a Power higher than man himself. That's why I "stick" to the church — and try to move it faster.

Sincerely,

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ENROLLMENT INCREASES AT ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Significant growth continues to be the rule at Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, with the enrollment this fall being 30 per cent above last year and more than twice as large as in the university's first year.

Total enrollment for the fall semester at AMU is 316, as compared with 244 in the fall of 1962. The enrollment during the fall of 1960, when AMU opened its doors for the first time, was 152.

Dean O. W. Frost of the university

said: "The number of students enrolled this semester exceeds our expectations. We look forward to a continuing expansion of our total academic program."

Alaska Methodist University is a project of the Methodist Board of Missions. It was brought into being largely through the contributions of thousands of Methodist churches through the Advance Special program of missionary giving. Board of Missions leaders emphasize that continued financial support is needed for AMU to enable the operational budget to be met in full and to allow construction to proceed on much-needed new buildings.

Though the preponderance of students at AMU this fall come from the Anchorage area, students are enrolled from almost every other Alaskan community. Students are attending from California, Idaho and Oregon, and from Kenya and Nigeria in Africa.

University officials say the larger enrollment, along with the increase in graduates each year, shows that AMU is making an even greater contribution to the future development of Alaska through providing trained leaders in many fields.

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16 METHODIST DEACONESSES COMMISSIONED IN DETROIT

The commissioning of 16 young women as deaconesses of The Methodist Church in a special service Sunday, November 10, at the Central Methodist Church in Detroit, Mich., climaxed the observance in 1963 of the 75th anniversary year of the Methodist deaconess movement. The commissioning service was also the opening of the annual meeting of the national Methodist Commission on Deaconess Work November 10-11.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif., chairman of the Commission on Deaconess Work, preached the sermon at the special service and officially commissioned the new deaconesses. Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit presided. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central church honored the new deaconesses at a reception following the service.

The business session of the Deaconess Commission's annual meeting was held Monday morning and afternoon, November 11, at Central church. Bishop Kennedy presided.

Miss Mary Lou Barnwell of New York, executive secretary of the Commission, gave her annual report, and the Commission discussed plans for deaconess work in the 1964-68 quadrennium. Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, discussed major issues to be considered at the Methodist General Conference, which will begin April 26, 1964, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Commission also heard reports on the observance this year of the 75th anniversary of the Methodist deaconess movement. Organized in 1888, the movement now comprises about 400 deaconesses who are engaged in full-time church work of many kinds. Among the types of work are teaching, nursing, Christian education, campus ministry, town- and -country church work, house parents in children's homes and social work. The 16 young women commissioned in Detroit are representatives of the 400 women already in deaconess service.

A Letter to a Communist Friend

Dear Jim:

You and I have known each other for almost a score of years now. We have talked on many subjects, many times. I believe — even though we have frequently reached different "conclusions" — we have mutual respect

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

for each other's efforts to grope toward some high goals, and respect for each other's efforts to maintain intellectual integrity. It is because of this rapport that I feel free to put on paper some thoughts on a principal issue on which we do not see eye to eye.

I must confess that — as

one of your old Sunday school teachers — I was a bit hurt the other day that when I mentioned something about church, you asked me (in what sounded like, but may not have been, a tone of pity), "Do you still believe in that stuff? . . . Yes, I still believe that the Christian way, the Christian goal, and the ideals and the God of Christianity — short as we may be and are in following and reaching them — point to the only way out of the despairs, the fears, the wars and threats of wars, the injustices, the frustrations, the poverties, the enslavements, and the social and economic wrongs in which the race seems engulfed today. It is "Christ or chaos" quite literally.

You, of course, look at the present "Christian world" (sic) and see its failures to reach the goals and the ideals which it proposes and to which it aspires. You are young and idealistic

— you are in a hurry — you are impatient to achieve. So you look about you for a more speedy way to the high goals you envision. No other "organized religion" seems to meet your need; they are even more static than Christianity appears to you.

Communism makes a powerful appeal to you: it has goals that — on paper at least — would seem to stretch toward the aims of equality, justice and plenty for all — aims of your idealism, yes, even among the aims of Christianity.

Now I make no defense of the people of the churches (the mass of us) who, after centuries of Christian teaching are far from the goals envisioned by Christ and proclaimed by the church. But that does not invalidate the way Christ marked, nor the "Kingdom" he saw at the end of the road. It does, however, indict us all for our slowness — our painful slowness. Yet, I submit, some progress has been made. I can see in many areas of social concern that we are moving toward a greater equity and justice for men than existed even in my boyhood. And the very fact that much of the agitation for social-economic reform basically stems from the churches gives me encouragement for the future, if the church will press more vigorously and single-mindedly toward its goals.

On the other hand, the basic assumption of Communism — that there is no God, and that all ideas and ideals grow out of the material — is a fundamental error, a snare, and worse than a delusion. But of that basic error grew all the new wrongs of Communism's teaching and its practice. Every developing science points to a power that created, controls, and holds within universal law, all matter, all mind, all spirit — a Moral Power upon which man and all creation are dependent.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Thanks for God

By the Rev. James E. Major
Vice-President, Hendrix College

At the season of the year when we are giving thanks for our blessings, we should above all give thanks for God himself. This is the highest form of gratitude—gratitude to God for being the kind of God he is, a God of love and grace.

Billy Sunday was preaching in Chicago once and he exclaimed, "I wish I were God for about fifteen minutes. I'd straighten this town out." Dr. Charles

Goff who heard him said, "Thank God, he isn't God." He knew that Billy Sunday would not have made a good God, and for that matter neither would Dr. Goff nor anyone else.

I would not want to trust the government of this world and its future and the souls of men to anyone other than the Almighty God I have come to know in Jesus Christ.

A famous English philosopher thinks that God, tiring of the praise of the angels, which He knew He deserved, made a new race of creatures and deliberately harassed them with pains and difficulties to see what they would do. And Man in his gallant fashion converted his hardships and sorrows into a ladder whereby he keeps climbing up above himself. One day, so this man believes, God will laugh and say, "It has been a good show. Sometime I will repeat it. Meanwhile, that is enough." Then he will brush it aside into annihilation.

That is, however, only an embittered man's idea of God. God is not like that. He is what we see in Jesus with his kindness, compassion and love. He is even still more than that. "O the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out," exclaimed Paul.

On this Thanksgiving Day, let us put above everything else our thanks to God for himself.

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Build a Devotional

This is the third of four devotionals emphasizing the spirit of Thanksgiving for the month of November; by the Reverend W. P. Connell, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

I Corinthians 14:13-19

As we come closer to Thanksgiving Day we need to dig down deeper into the meaning with which we have surrounded this day. Do we truly enter into spirit of giving thanks or do we just say words? In our worship services we sing words of thanks in hymns of praise and anthems, we speak words of praise in an affirmation of faith and responsive reading, we speak through out attendance at the worship service, but are these just words of mind and not of the heart?

Thanksgiving has a tendency to become a "thing" of the mind and not of the heart as far as its religious emphasis is concerned. It is a holiday of food, fellowship, and free time. The holiday spirit becomes the atmosphere that surrounds our would-be-worship of God.

Paul was writing the church at Corinth and trying to lift them above thanksgiving just by tongues (by the heart). He would have them speak with their minds as well as with their heart. We have taken the admonition of Paul too well. For we can speak with our minds through an order of worship but somewhere along the way we have lost our enthusiasm that comes from the heart. Our witness like the Corinthian church's is to non-Christian people in this land and others. How can we convince these people there is a God unless our thankfulness is convincing? Someone might well say, "are we trying to convince God or people that we are thankful?" I am saying that gratitude, unless it comes from both the mind and the heart, will convince neither God nor non-Christian people.

Our minds and hearts must grapple with and understand the idea that God is not like us. For example; what if God just intends to save us from our sins? What if He just intends to walk through the valley of the shadow of death with us? What if God just in-

tends to bless our efforts for His kingdom with success? The fact is that we so often intend to express our thanks and then something else steals our good intentions away.

Thanksgiving's thoughts should recognize that God is greater than man. He is Creator, Sustainer, and Savior.

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Jesus, kneel beside me

In the dawn of day;

Thine is prayer eternal—

Teach me how to pray!

from THE METHODIST HYMNAL
Allen Eastman Cross

Let the Children Come

Each year one of the special hymns which Methodist children like to sing is one called "Thanksgiving." It is found on page 544 of the Methodist Hymnal. Let us use this hymn as our special thanksgiving thought for this week:

We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to Him his children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

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Facts are either the friends or the enemies of theories.

One by one the churches of the Hawaiian mission are becoming self-supporting.

Poem For The Week

PRAYER POEM

Gentle
Savior, we thank you
for the gladness we enjoy each
day we live
on this lovely earth where Christians
sing praises in a language
of love.

A sweet
language of love for
one another, a joyousness
in living
and in singing praise to our Lord
for our abundance of rich
blessings.

Blessings
only a loving
Lord could bestow on creatures such
as we are,
prone to wanderings far afield
where doubts lie outside the Lord's
safe fold.

Inside
the fold we have faith
where peace and Christian love abide;
there, let us
sing songs of true adoration,
this we ask for Jesus sake,
amen.

—Anna Nash Yarbrough

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Here are some suggestions to serve as resources for workers with children when they begin to use Christian Studies for Methodist Children and will help in using all current studies.

1. Many articles describing and interpreting Christian Studies for Methodist Children have appeared in church school publications and more will be found in future issues. Read them carefully. Clip them and keep them in a permanent file for use of all workers with children. Some of the suggestions can be put into practice now—such as use of space and equipment, division organization, and group teaching.

2. If you are currently using closely graded literature, you may want to purchase, also, the teaching picture sets used with group graded materials. These pictures will not be available in this form after this year and they are a good resource.

Begin now to organize the pictures you already have, both teaching pictures and those clipped from magazines and other sources. The leaflet, 426-E "The Methodist Picture Filing System" (free from Cokesbury) will be helpful as a guide for organizing them. The pictures then will be available to all workers in the church in a usable form.

3. Secure a copy of Outlines of Curriculum, 1964-1965 (Order from Cokesbury, \$1.50). This contains the unit title, curriculum area, identification of problems to be dealt with, significance of the unit, possible outcomes or objectives, and possible Biblical material for each unit of Christian Studies for Methodist Children.

4. Get your workers to the Curriculum Institutes to be held in November, 1963.

Your Conference and District Directors are eager to be of service in answering questions and helping in whatever ways they can to prepare for the use of the new curriculum for children. Call on us.

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Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



I have just finished what to me was a most interesting and rewarding week. It started on Sunday morning, October 27, when I met with and spoke to the Methodist Men's Club at First Church in Pineville. This club meets for breakfast at 8:00 A. M. The men prepare their own meal and have a lot of fun and good fellowship together. Some forty men were on hand for the occasion. This might be something others might like to try. This day was also observed as Laymens Day and I enjoyed being the speaker at the 11:00 A. M. service which was presided over by Mr. Paul Taylor, the Church Lay Leader. Rev. K. G. McDowell is the pastor.

On Sunday evening we enjoyed being with the fine people at St. Pauls Church in Alexandria where we again observed Laymens Day. Rev. G. W. Dameron is the pastor of this new church and he and Mrs. Dameron are having a wonderful ministry there. This is one of our One Thousand Club churches and I was most impressed with the tremendous progress that has been made. They are worshipping in a beautiful new building that would make anyone proud to be a part of this project. St. Pauls is already filling a great need in a neighborhood that has a wonderful growth potential. I know we will be

hearing great things from St. Pauls as they continue to grow.

On Monday night we held the District workshop for the Church Lay Leaders and ministers of the Alexandria District at First Church in Alexandria. The session was presided over by Mr. Jim Fomby, the District Lay Leader, and Rev. Fred Flurry, the District Superintendent. Dr. Guy Hicks was the host pastor and arranged coffee for us during intermission. While in Alexandria we were able to help Jim put some of the finishing touches on the program for the first Alexandria District Laymens Retreat which will be held on November 30. The meeting will be held at Camp Mil-Mar near Pineville. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the program will be concluded at approximately 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday I went to New Orleans to hold the workshop for Church Lay Leaders and ministers. Dr. Carl Lueg, the District Superintendent, presided over the meeting which was held at Rayne Memorial Church. Rev. Benedict Galloway, the host pastor, provided for our coffee break.

On Wednesday night I was privileged to speak at the Every Member Visitation Congregational dinner for McGuire Church at West Monroe. We had a wonderful time and slightly over 51% of their financial goal was pledged that night. Those responsible for the project are Rev. J. P. McKeithen, pastor, Mr. Henry O. Hartman, drive chairman, Mr. T. Dupree, chairman of the Official Board and program chairman, and Mr. Ray Thomason, chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

Our people everywhere are involved in a real program of lay activities and are receiving a great blessing from their efforts in the Kingdom.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
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There are 175 Methodist churches giving \$10,000 or more to World Service and Conference Benevolences. First Methodist Church, Shreveport, ranks 46th in this group by giving \$15,000 during the 1962-63 church year, and is the only Louisiana Area church listed. This recent report of the Council on World Service and Finance of the Methodist Church lists the two top ranking churches as being in the Southern California-Arizona Conference, with 15 of the first 45 churches found in Annual Conferences along the Pacific coastline, and 12 of the first 46 found in our own South Central Jurisdiction. The smallest church, and listed at \$10,100.00, has only 964 members.

World Service is the foundation of our mission program in both our nation and in the world. The amount of each local church in Louisiana is apportioned to the church by a fair and equitable decimal system. Included in this "decimal" are the Conference Benevolences, or funds for operation of conference boards and committees and agencies serving our needs. The total being raised this year for World Service is \$150,675 and \$136,325 for Conference Benevolences, or a ratio of 52.5 and 47.5 per cent division of the dollar each church raises. It means that of our mission money we normally call "world service", almost one-half stays right in our annual conference to work for us in our own area.

All items of major importance in meeting the financial needs of our Louisiana Conference are apportioned on the decimal system. The total amount needed is ascertained and apportioned among the churches by a fair percentage, or decimal ratio, in the fairest and most equitable process we have yet been able to devise. The decimal ration is established by basing one-half its value on the church membership total in relation to the conference total and the other half of its value on the total of all salary and expense paid the minister, plus current incidental and Sunday school expenses, in relation to the total raised by the conference for each of these items. Whatever our percentage may be in relation to these others, the same percentage will hold true in apportioning to us our equitable share of World Service and Conference Benevolences.

Advance Specials are "plus giving" for the mission of the church. Large amounts of the operating budgets of many missionaries and mission stations come from "specials" we have voluntarily assumed. Churches with an advance special in each of the world, national, conference and M.C.O.R., and that have paid in full their acceptance for World Service and Conference Benevolences, are called "Four-Lane Churches." This is the elite classification among missionary minded churches willing to go the second mile.

The Commission on Missions has responsibility for the education, cultivation and promotion of Advance Specials and mission apportionments in each local church. Often it is left to the Finance Commission to devise a budget, have it passed by the Official Board, and pay it in full without ever a thought

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WOMAN'S PAGE



Louisiana Officers Met at Broadmoor, Baton Rouge

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service spent two days last week in retreat and business sessions at the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.



PRELIMINARY to general business, various committees made plans.



AMONG CONFERENCE OFFICERS present were: Upper left, Mrs. Wideman Watson, missionary education; Mrs. G. W. Dameron, president; and Mrs. Carl Gallaher, treasurer.

(Upper right)

Mrs. George Thomas, recording secretary, was one of the busiest ladies present.



Men guests present for the dinner included the Rev. Barry Bailey, left, host pastor who led the 'Day Apart' meditations, and Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge district superintendent, who later served Holy Communion. Between them is Mrs. G. Laskey of Ruston, Division officer. Mrs. Wade Stone cipher is seated, left.



Mrs. C. R. McCammon, missionary personnel, Mrs. John Howe, secretary students, and Mrs. Chas. Giessen, secretary youth, are responsible for youth and vocations promotion.

(Upper right)

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, secretary spiritual life, is pictured between Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Giessen.



News in Brief

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH in Alexandria completed the study on "Christian Mission in Southern Asia" on October 27 when the film "Bright Flame" was shown at the evening worship hour. Displays of India, Ceylon, Nepal and Pakistan were placed in fellowship hall by the Woman's Society and spiced tea and cookies were served. This same group held the annual rummage sale on October 4 and 5, the proceeds of which will go toward the pledge on missions. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is pastor.

THE HOMER FIRST CHURCH Woman's Society completed the study concerning Southern Asia in October under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Nash, secretary of missionary education. Eighty-four women met the requirements for jurisdiction recognition, with an average attendance of ninety-six percent. Twenty-three guests helped to climax the successful sessions.

ZONE I OF THE BATON ROUGE DISTRICT was entertained by the Woman's Society of Jefferson Methodist Church, 10328 Jefferson Highway, on Thursday, October 24. The program of the Woman's Society was presented under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Kelley.

THE PINE GROVE Woman's Society observed a "Quiet Day" program Wednesday, October 30, in connection with the Call to Prayer. This highly inspirational day was under the leadership of Mrs. Earl Davis. Meditation, Bible reading, prayer, and study were followed at noon with a "sacrificial meal" of bread, milk, and butter. The Rev. John Lee is pastor of the Pine Grove, Evergreen, and Bethlehem churches.

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as to how much more a church could do for missions if it were given the incentive. If your Commission is organized, encourage it, if it is a paper organization, call it together and help it organize for effective service in your church. It has a purpose. Give it the opportunity to serve your church's full program.

MRS. CLYDE FRAZIER of New Orleans reviewed the book "Leading Ladies" by Barbara Marinacci, for the Woman's Society of Algiers Methodist Church where the Rev. John T. Redmon is pastor.

THE ARCADIA WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD adopted the name "Martha Brown" in recognition of Mrs. Robert M. Brown, wife of a former pastor. Mrs. Brown was instrumental in organizing the local unit twenty-four years ago, and will be honored at a "silver tea" at Arcadia in January.

THE WOMEN OF UNIVERSITY Church in Lake Charles were in charge of the 5:30 p.m. service on Sunday, October 27. Mrs. Jessie Porter, Woman's Society president, gave the Call to Worship; meditations on a "Call to Prayer" were given by Mrs. Lamar Davis, vice president, and by Mrs. Florence Womelsdorff, Guild president. Recipients of the offering in the United States and India were discussed by Mrs. Tom McBride, Mrs. Billy Rentrop, Mrs. Lawrence Callahan, Mrs. Ross Crain, Mrs. W. A. Ford, and Mrs. Coy Duplechain. After expressing praise and appreciation for the work being done by the organizations, the Rev. James L. Stovall, pastor, pronounced the benediction.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN OF NEW ORLEANS celebrated World Community Day at Trinity Episcopal Church. The speaker was Dr. John S. Gillespie, assistant professor of Political Science at Tulane University.

THE BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE of Sunday, October 20, printed a half-page feature article about the First Methodist Church's pastor and family, Dr. and Mrs. Dana Dawson, Jr., and children.

PARTICIPATING IN THE NORTH BATON ROUGE Church's "Day Apart" observance were Mrs. J. O. Foil, leader, Mrs. Roy Mouser, Mrs. Chester Harris, Mrs. Fred Stout, Mrs. P. W. Howard, Mrs. Dudley Truax, Mrs. Terry Bordelon, Mrs. L. L. Beadle, Mrs. Lloyd Carruth, Mrs. J. W. Humphreys. It concluded with a sacrificial meal and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at noon.

WHEN THE ISTROUMA Woman's Society and Guilds held the "Call to Prayer", Mrs. C. C. Mainous, former district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was the guest speaker.

THE MONROE FIRST CHURCH had the "Call to Prayer" under the direction of Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. Woodrow Flanary, and Mrs. J. S. Drew. A sacrificial luncheon followed at noon. This group had the Quiet Day observance the preceding day.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY United Church Women observed World Community Day at Noel Methodist Church with Dr. Keith Mason as speaker.



(Editor's Note: At the Silver Bay Conference on the Christian World Mission, Silver Bay, N. Y., last summer, Dr. Edwards presented in vivid panorama the task of the church in urban America today. He lectured to the 600 persons present on the 1963-64 home missions study theme, "The Changing City Challenges the Church." This article is adapted from those lectures. Dr. Edwards is director of the Department of City Work of the Methodist Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa.)

New Vision for Urban Mission

By Philip C. Edwards

The urban situation in America today contains all of the elements of a major mission field. Mental underdevelopment, social starvation, religious and racial challenge. The church must face the task of being the body of Christ in our urban life. Through this body must pass the redemptive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ and released by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

History records not only the way in which men and women motivated by such a missionary and evangelistic zeal carried this Gospel to strange uninviting places and people. It also relates the unconventional, imaginative, often unaccepted, yet creative ways in which spiritual pioneers enlarge the borders of the Kingdom.

As the church faces the urban scene today, three words must be written large over its portals. They must be repeated over and over and over again by any and all who would make a relevant witness — IMAGINATION, CONCERN, COURAGE.

The program and ministry of the church in the city in our day must be imaginative, motivated by concern and implemented with courage. They must relate to the program and the leadership of the church.

We have developed some dynamic things in church extension around our great cities. There have been studies and surveys in which we could project the coming community, and we have used imagination and creativity in beginning churches in very strange places often times. We have been imaginative and creative in financing the new churches through builders' clubs, mothering churches, bishops' pathfinders, not to speak of bake sales and plays and bazaars and benefits. These can be called imaginative.

But then we turn to the inner city with its more critical needs, its overcrowded housing, its rapidly changing population, its deteriorating housing and churches, its high incidence of crime and extreme costs in civic and welfare services. These are challenges to the church to do some dreaming and daring far beyond that which we have normally expected of the average session or vestry or official board.

Let us look at the church building. It is a bulwark, a bastion, a barrier which repels a community more than it appeals to it. It takes much courage to tackle the nearly empty caverns occupied by half a hundred people. But we are beginning to learn how to replace large monstrosities with structures that are appropriate to the present day needs — street level doorways, suitable worship areas, classroom and activity areas, some of which will stand hard use many times a day seven days a week.

It is encouraging to see city churches placing emphasis upon color and beauty. What a difference it makes to a community when a church with its beauty makes an appeal for the things that are lovely and meaningful in life

to those who are living in squalor circumstances. As we look about us with the new schools, new offices, apartments, and stores, the city church can no longer be the symbol of a medieval monastery.

Let us think briefly of just certain phases of the program of the church. For example, the hours of services. Some have said that the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service was introduced primarily for the convenience of the farmers who were able to finish their chores in the morning and then after church have time for dinner before they began their afternoon and evening chores. Is it a sign of compromise, or creativity, for a church to have a "Sunday morning service on Wednesday or Thursday night because many people just are not there on Sunday morning?"

When we see about us bowling alleys and coin-operated laundries open on a 24-hour basis, when we see the advertisement of a drive-in theater listed as "From dusk to dawn," what does this say to the church and its ministries in a day like this?

But when we raise the question of additional time that persons will be asked to give to the church for services, meetings, etc., at "unusual" times, the answer so often is, "Please don't ask me to do anything more. I have so many demands now upon my time." My one question in reply is, "What are you doing with the time you are committing? Is the time being used creatively, dynamically? Is it imaginative?" Moreover, many people have more time now than they know what to do with constructively.

Let us think briefly of the matter of the type of service.

We have long associated food and clothing as a part of the church's mission to urban people in need. The so-called missions have often capitalized upon the sandwich and the prayer meeting.

But back of the concern of the church for the people who haven't enough to eat or to wear or have not enough heat in their homes, we must recognize that while we have outgrown the concept of Christmas baskets, the church now must accept its ministry to relate to the causes of poverty, unemployment, disease, and inadequate and oppressively expensive housing.

Let us think of methods of financing urban church work. No one will deny that communities around many of our inner city churches are low income. Many people have little or no employment. Many are on relief. Their very circumstances demand a quality of service which is costly.

However, we are beginning to evolve a system by which we are having sponsoring churches for the inner city just as we have had sponsoring churches for church extension. Just as a church often is able to carry all or part of the salary of a missionary in a world mission project, it can also carry all or part of the salary of a pastor or a worker in an inner city church.

It should be remembered, however, that someone has truthfully said that people do not give according to their means. They give according to their interest. In raising the money we need for the urban church, there must be imagination, creativity and courage. It is a sin to pauperize people by treating them as paupers. We should make them partners in Kingdom-building, contributing to a church program which is dynamic and makes the living Gospel relevant to the urban scene today.

We need workers for the urban mission field. A minister must have a full commitment to the call of God to this ministry and faith which will enable him to rely upon the available power of the Holy Spirit in his life to try and often accomplish the impossible. In addition, he must have the imagination to see the situation as it is in the urban scene today and picture himself deeply and personally involved in it. He must have creativity enough to choose continually new and relevant ways to make the Gospel redemptive in the lives of all of those in the community about his church.

We have been wont to think of sacrifice as an expected element of a missionary's life when serving in other parts of the world, but sacrifice and courage are absolutely elemental ingredients in an effective urban ministry today.

In view of what we have said, we now face the fact that we must recruit more men for the urban ministry. How many churches today have vacant pulpits or are seeking another man for their staff or need a minister with special skills to serve in a critical inner city area? How many such churches have never in fifty years sent one of their members into the ministry? Recruitment for the urban ministry must now be a regular and constant task of clergy and layman alike.

But all is not dark. Some of us who are in a position to see what is happening are gratified with the new interest men are showing in the urban ministry, particularly in the inner city churches. Young couples come and are sent, and most of them make good.

Just as we expect missionaries to take training and preparation for their service in mission situations overseas, our seminaries, should move quickly and with newly planned purposes and program to train men and women for the ministry in the urban church. Today an increasing number of field work opportunities are available in urban churches, but beyond this is the fact that such a large percentage of the seminary graduates will spend all or almost all of their ministry in urban churches. They must receive far more orientation to the forces and structures of methods related to the city than most of them get today.

I have dwelt at length upon the need for more and better urban ministers. Lacking this, much of the rest of what we would like to see the church do could not be done. But, we must turn now to see the pertinence of these

MISSIONS ROAD ATLAS PUBLISHED, AVAILABLE

A new resource material for missionary education and cultivation has been published by World Outlook Press, and is the National Missions Road Atlas.

It is a complete Rand McNally Road Atlas of the United States, Canada and Mexico, and shows Methodist conference and area boundaries and the locations of Methodist national mission centers and facilities in the fifty states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Santo Domingo.

It contains an index of over 850 mission locations and outlines additional services of the Board of Missions in home fields.

This book, with all the information and features of the well-known Rand McNally Road Atlas, may be obtained as long as the supply lasts at \$2.00 each from Methodist Literature Circulation, Room 1301, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y., and from Cokesbury and Literature Headquarters in Cincinnati.

three words, imagination, creativity and courage, to the lay leadership in the urban church.

Many laymen are currently engaged in imaginative, creative, and even courageous thinking in the realm of their so-called secular work — in science, medicine, business, industry. What business or industry can hope to survive without well-paid men who think and plan for the future? The church needs the same imaginative, and courageous opportunities for these same laymen to function in the realm of their religious life and particularly the organized church.

As I go from city to city across America, I am struck by the number of new bank buildings and building and loan offices in cities. Yet there is some evidence that the officers or members of boards of directors of these same financial institutions vote "no" in vestries or sessions or official boards, when a proposal is made that the church building have its face lifted.

Women of our churches give many hours as gray ladies in hospitals and in service for the Red Cross, as officers in P.T.A.'s, garden clubs, in the League of Women Voters and other important agencies. No one would belittle the significance of this time and volunteer service, but we must ask, "Has the church challenged these same persons to give time and apply themselves for training in order that they might render services for Christ in and through the church?"

Of course time is an important commodity. Today it is more and more a surplus. We are busier than ever, but busy doing what? The changing city challenges the layman of the church to reappraise the use they are making of their time. To replace selfishness with stewardship, personal satisfaction with prayerfully motivated services, recreational activities with recreative action.

The church should be on a mission and not a merry-go-round. The mission need is everywhere about us in our cities today. The effective church must make the Gospel relevant and redemptive. The leadership, both clerical and lay, must be committed and dedicated. It must move with imagination, creativity and courage. Christ in our cities demands all.

In Memoriam



Rev. Ingram Yoder

A young Methodist missionary has lost his 18-month fight with cancer. The Rev. Ingram Yoder, whose valiant struggle against the dread disease was told in several newspapers across America, died October 26 in his home in Falls City, Neb. He was 35 and had served as a missionary in Chile for eight years.

A moving account of Mr. Yoder's discovery of his illness and his courage and faith in the face of an increasingly grave situation was written by reporter Bill Schook in May in the Falls City Daily Journal. The article was titled "Falls City Missionary Faith Paramount in Battle With Cancer." It was subsequently printed in several papers in various parts of the country and was read in the May 28 edition of the Congressional Record by Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, along with a tribute by the Senator to Mr. and Mrs. Yoder.

Mr. Yoder continued to speak in and around Falls City about mission work in Chile until four months before his death. It had been his hope and that of Mrs. Yoder to return to Chile to resume missionary service.

From 1957 to 1961, Mr. Yoder was superintendent of the secondary department of the Iquique English College

in northern Chile and teacher of a variety of subjects including English, history, typing, mathematics, physics and religion. The school has 425 students from the first through the eleventh grades. It trains students to be secretaries and bookkeepers in English and Spanish. Mr. Yoder also did personal counseling and taught Sunday school classes.

Born in Falls City, Mr. Yoder spent his early life there and studied at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. He was graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of arts degree. He took ministerial training at Drew Theological Seminary and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1957. He returned to the United States in 1961 and was studying at the University of Kansas at Lawrence at the time he became ill.

Mr. Yoder is survived by his wife, Mrs. Delpha Yoder, and by a daughter, Kimberly, 5, and a son, Steve, 4. The funeral service was October 29 at the First Methodist Church in Fall City.

Mrs. John C. Hays

Josie Riggan Hays, daughter of John M. and Josie Elizabeth Riggan, was born at Prescott, March 4, 1894, and passed away at Longview, Texas, Nov. 4, 1963. Much of her adult life was spent at Oklaona where she was married to John C. Hays, to which union were born a son, John C. Jr., of Waco, and a daughter, Mrs. Ben Waller of Longview. Also surviving is a grandson, Tommy Waller, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Anderson of Malvern, and Mrs. Roy Fawcett of Little Rock.

Uniting with the Methodist Church early in life, she remained a devoted member of the Church of her childhood faith. Her later years were spent at Waco and at Longview, Texas, in each instance her membership being in the First Methodist Church. Her home-going was from the Church at Long-

view.

She was a devoted Christian of strong and unwavering faith. Although the way was not always easy, she was patient and uncomplaining. She was at all times generous and self-giving, thinking of others before she thought of herself, thereby drawing to herself a wide circle of friends to whom she was endeared by her thoughtful and unselfish concern for others.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Don Williams in the Methodist Church at Oklaona, with burial there in the family plot.

A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER AND DAD

by the Rev. Ivan O. Donaldson

The death of my mother was not sad. She had lived 84 years on this earth. My father died six years previous at the age of 80 years. His death was not sad. Just a few months before they passed away, each had become senile. This condition seems to be nature's way of preparing the older for departure. The technical explanation is simple that the blood no longer flows freely to the brain and the normal function is impaired. God designed it thus for it makes death a gentle event in both the life of the one effected and those who are near and dear. Death to them is a friend. To those who are left to continue life it opens up new vistas of memory which now are free to go back to a more vibrant period when these loved ones were in their prime of life.

So, now, I no longer think of my

mother as an aged person put on the shelf because of her worn-out body; but as one who spent her days in useful service to God and man.

It is much easier to recall the wonderful person she proved to be. She had the most unusual opportunities, and was capable of it, of being mother to three sets of children. Her own mother died early in life leaving teenage boys, which she took into our home to finish raising, her own daughter, and two sons, and then the oldest son lost his wife in an early death and she quickly took over that responsibility. Each and all "rise up and call her blessed."

Jesus, the son of God, often used the patterns of earth to teach the perfect patterns of Heaven. He said "if this be true, how much more so will your Father in Heaven" . . . we can trust God in His plan for all of life.

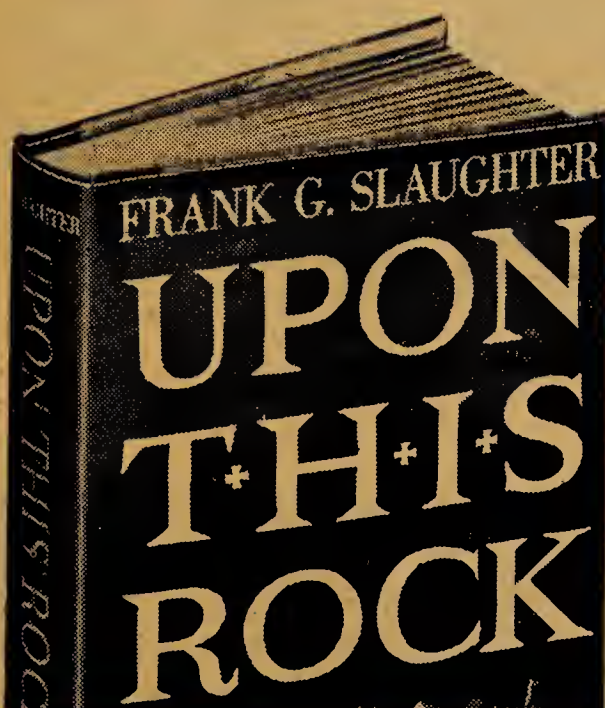
Mr. Donaldson born November 9, 1877—died April 5, 1958. Mrs. Donaldson, born 1879 at Rison, Ark., died October 8, 1963.

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NEW ORLEANS Workshop for lay leaders and ministers held recently under the direction of Tom Pitt, associate area director.



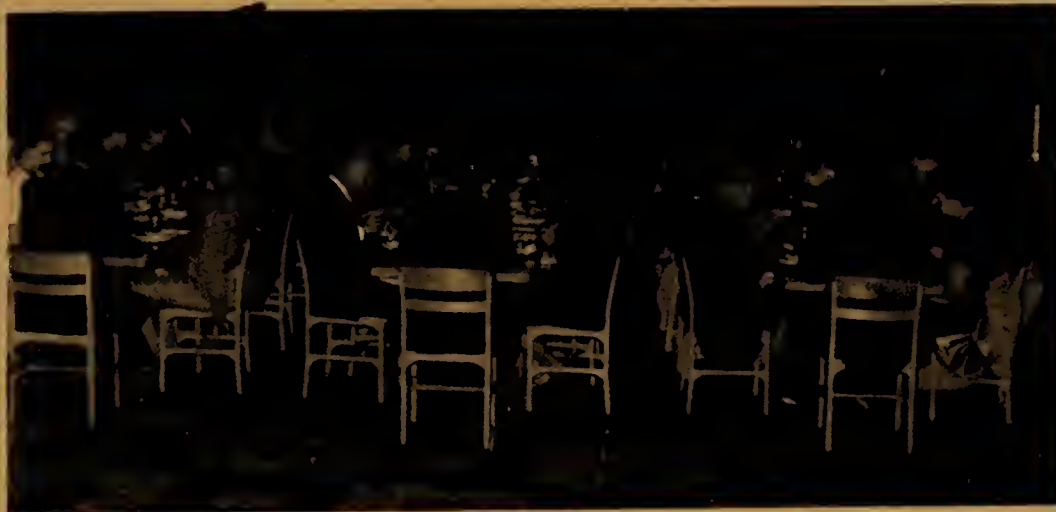
DR. CARL LUEG, New Orleans District Superintendent, shown at the recent workshop for lay leaders and ministers.



COFFEE BREAK at recent lay leaders and ministers workshop conducted in Alexandria District by Mr. Pitt.



THE REV. FRED FLURRY, Dr. Guy M. Hicks, and Jim Fombey, Alexandria District lay leader at recent workshop.



THE EMV KICKOFF DINNER at McGuire Methodist Church in West Monroe, recently. 51% of the goal was pledged at the dinner.



HEAD TABLE at the McGuire EMV Dinner, at which Tom Pitt was the principal speaker.

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DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, Sr. and the Rev. Fred Flurry at Alexandria District Council Meeting recently.



ATTENDANCE at the Alexandria District Council Meeting



THE REV. C.B. White, Colfax, the Rev. Fred Flurry, and Dr. Guy M. Hicks at Alexandria District Council Meeting.



THE REV. and Mrs. T.D. Lipscomb pictured at the recent homecoming service at Hopewell Methodist Church, at which Mr. Lipscomb was the guest speaker.



THESE LAYMEN recently presented Layman's Day Services at Vinton Methodist Church: (l. to r.) Floyd Kimball, O.D. Pickett, B.O. Stinson and W.A. Manna.





THE SENIOR MYF of Jonesboro Methodist Church has been engaged in a study of "The Dangers of Alcohol." Persons responsible for the study included (l. to r.): Mrs. R.L. Plummer and Mrs. Wayne Noland, counselors (Mrs. Noland prepared the altar arrangement); S. Grissom, who spoke to the MYF on the subject; and Mrs. E.M. Cox, Youth Division superintendent.

Dedication At Grand River

Dr. Bentley A. Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, officiated at the dedication service for the new parsonage at Grand River on the Ascension Methodist Parish on Nov. 10. The service was held at the evening hour just before the First Quarterly Conference.

The young people of all the churches of the parish met together for their service which was directed by Miss Patsy Jones and the Rev. Rose P. Carithers. The young people had charge of the evening worship service at which Dr. Sloane brought the message.

At the close of the service Dr. Sloane then burned the mortgage and dedicated the parsonage of the Grand

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the Rev. L. D. Haughton, superintendent of the Methodist Home-Hospital, New Orleans, whose father, Mr. Gayle Haughton, passed away Nov. 13 at the age of 91. Funeral services were held on Nov. 16 at Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he made his home. In his earlier years Mr. Haughton was quite active in the lay program of the North Alabama Conference.

Alexandria District Retreat Planned

Methodist men of the Alexandria district will hold their first annual retreat on November 30 at Mil-Mar Camp in Pineville. Mr. J. N. Fomby of Alexandria is the district lay leader.

The retreat program will begin at 3 p.m. with a song service. The Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria district superintendent, will speak to the group. The afternoon session will include reports on: Lay Speaking, J. N. Fomby; 1000 Club (contributors to new churches) Jo. O. French of Jena; Methodist Mens Scholarship Fund, Charles White of Alexandria; and Methodist Men.

Thomas A. Pitt, associate director of the Methodist Area Council, will address the group at 4:15 p.m. He will speak on "Lay Leadership."

Following dinner, the men will hear Mr. Kenneth Rigby of Shreveport, attorney and well known lay speaker. His topic will be "The Layman's Responsibility to His Church."

River Church, assisted by Mr. Hayward Seneca, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the pastors, the Revs. K. K. and Rose P. Carithers.

Following the dedication the Quarterly Conference was held with delegates from all the churches of the Charge present.



THE REV. AND MRS. DONALD K. SMALL, missionaries at Telok Anson, Perak, Malaya, are shown with the Opel Kadett car, which is being made available for their use through funds which have been raised by Christ Church, Shreveport, of which the Rev. Oscar Cloyd is the pastor.

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District Conferences Climax First Half of Conference Year

The 1963 District Conferences in the Louisiana Annual Conference will get under way Monday, Nov. 25, when the Shreveport District Conference will be held at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Ruston District Conference will be held at First Methodist Church, Springhill, Tuesday, Nov. 26, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The district conferences have come to occupy a place of increasing place of importance in the church year because of the opportunity offered to look at the accomplishments of the first half of the church year. Statistical reports will be published at each conference and these will be the basis of discussion and planning in the meetings.

In each conference a dramatic moment comes when the License to Preach is granted to young men who are beginning their process of entrance into the Methodist ministry.

The conferences are arranged so that representatives of the various institutions and programs of the conference may report on their work. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., director of the Area Council, and members of his staff, will be reporting on the work of this new agency during the first

half of the year.

Bishop Walton, who will be returning from his mission tour of Africa, Nov. 29, has indicated that he will be attending some of the conferences on the latter part of the schedule.

The schedule of conferences is as follows: Nov. 25—Shreveport District, Noel Memorial Church, 4:30 p.m.; Nov. 26—Ruston District—Springhill Church, 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 2—Monroe District—Memorial Church, Monroe, 9:30 a.m.; Dec. 3—Alexandria District—Natchitoches, 4:00 p.m.; Dec. 4—Baton Rouge District, First Church, B. R., 4:00 p.m.;

Dec. 5—New Orleans District, Munholland Church, 2:30 p.m.; Dec. 9—Lake Charles District—Jennings, 9:30 a.m.; Dec. 10—Lafayette District—Indian Bayou, 9:30 a.m.

The Bishop's Letter from Africa

Epistle from Salisbury

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia
November 7, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

After an eight-day tour of mission stations in Southern Rhodesia, Dr. Trice and I are back in Salisbury. We leave here on Saturday for Victoria Falls. Then on to South Africa and Mozambique. We will come back to Salisbury on Monday, November 25, to take a plane for London that evening.

We have visited the Methodist mission stations of Southern Rhodesia in the following order: Nyadiri, Nyamezuwe, Mrewa, Old Umtali and Mutambara. An active and varied program of mission work is carried on in each of these places. Work is also progressing at certain Methodist centers such as Arnoldine, Sunnyside, Nyakatsapa (the language school where missionaries learn the Shana language), Dindi, Chikwezo, and others.

Bishop Ralph E. Dodge is the presiding bishop of the Rhodesia Annual Conference. Angola and Mozambique are also included in Bishop Dodge's area, but at the present time he is not permitted to enter those countries. Some changes in area assignments to take care of the situation will be worked out at the meeting of the Africa Central Conference next year. The assistant to Bishop Dodge is Jonah Kawadze, an outstanding African leader, who was a delegate to the General Conference in 1960.

You may be interested in a few statistics taken from the Journal of the 1962 Rhodesia Annual Conference. The Journal for 1963 has not been published as of this date. Though the figures will be different for 1963, there will not be a tremendous variation.

In this Annual Conference at the close of the conference year in 1962 there were 75 missionaries, 832 local preachers, and 1498 exhorters and

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Editorials

The Grace Of Gratitude

OF ALL THE CHRISTIAN graces there is none to be more sought after than that of gratitude. When it is absent we are unable to reach out beyond ourselves to seek a way by which we may respond to the blessings which come to us in numbers far greater than we have ever deserved. When it is present we are enriched by every blessing because the gift triggers the chain reaction that makes it possible for us to breathe the atmosphere of thankfulness.

The Plymouth Colony was a strange place to turn for the spirit of Thanksgiving, and yet it was merely typical of the many unlikely environments in which this grace has grown. In many ways it was like the land of Canaan when the Israelites marched in to the tempo of the psalms of Thanksgiving. Neither grateful worshiper was blind to the stark realities that surrounded his thanksgiving but it was also this awareness of the facts that enabled him to see how rich were his blessings in contrast to that from which he had been delivered.

It ought not to be true that the grace of gratitude is greatest when the blessings are few. Yet when we take stock of our Thanksgiving in years of plenty that stretch back beyond the memories of a great many of us we are forced to admit that it is increasingly difficult for an affluent people to keep aware of all for which they should be thankful. Our sincere desire at this season of the year should be for that priceless grace of gratitude without which we can be destroyed by our blessings.

When the children of Israel were without food in the wilderness God cared for them by sending a source of sustenance called "manna." As long as they reached out with grateful hearts and saw this food as the gift of a loving God, it tastes sweet, but it became bitter when they forgot its source

SO CAME OUR OLD TESTAMENT



"IT WAS NOT THROUGH ANY HUMAN WHIM THAT MEN PROPHESED OF OLD; MEN THEY WERE, BUT, IMPELLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY SPOKE THE WORDS OF GOD" — II PET. 1: 21 (NEW ENG. BIBLE)

and undertook to exploit it by taking more than they needed. It is the same with all the gifts God has given us. It is a feeling of gratitude that maintains the desirable quality of every gift we enjoy, and when it is absent all our blessings can become burdens.

Thanksgiving can be one of the great religious experiences of the year if it is the means by which we know the grace of gratitude.

"The bread of life our souls sustain
The wheat our bodies build,
But soul nor body long can live
Lest thankful hearts give praise."



The Function Of District Conference

LAST WEEK we had the privilege of attending our first 1963 District Conference, and we really do count it a privilege because of the strategic place these meetings hold. The conferences will not be over in Arkansas and Louisiana until the second week in December and we will be trying to attend as many as possible to represent your publications. We may grow tired before the itinerary is completed but we are positive we will not lose interest in any conference.

Coming mid-way between annual conferences they provide an important check point for what is being accomplished. This may seem of only superficial worth to some and yet there can be deep spiritual value in realizing that the journey of a year cannot be expected to be completed unless reasonable progress has been made in the first half. The consideration of the mid-year reports can be an act of worship.

More and more the preaching service of the district conference is occupying the central place and the delegates are returning to their home churches inspired and enriched. The essential business of the conference is being expedited by most of our district superintendents so that the worship experience can have priority.

We are glad to see that many superintendents are finding it possible to relate the granting of License to Preach to the preaching service. The more importance that is attached to this initial step in the journey of the ministry the firmer will be the base on which the preacher stands.

Attend your District Conference if at all possible and let it enrich and empower your program and activities for the second half of the year.



FIFTY YEARS AGO

As we let our thoughts wander over the many blessings for which we should be thankful at this season we decided it might be a good idea to turn to the files of the paper for 50 years ago and see some of the things the issue for Thanksgiving Week contained.

There was a Want Ad from a West Oklahoma Conference presiding elder which read, "I want a preacher for an inland town appointment that will pay about \$400, with a parsonage partly furnished. It is a station appointment. Please send good recommendations. W. J. Stewart, P. E. Guymon District."

"The Rev. T. C. Steel, Bellefonte, has had quite a prosperous year. They had a great revival at Bellefonte, which added about 25 to our church. Brother Steel has seven churches which have kept him quite busy. He is a great worker and is very much loved by his people."

The Rev. J. S. Seneker reported from First Church, Paragould that, "Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Hendrix was with us Sunday, delivering the messages at the morning and evening hours, very much to the edification and delight of all our people."

"The Rev. W. T. Martin has done three hard and successful years' work on the Harrison District. This year the claims and salaries are in advance of any year, many conversions and accessions. Last year there were over one thousand conversions and accessions in the district."

"One of our pastors writing in the Christian Advocate wants something done to secure him his rights—he claims they have been ruthlessly torn from him. He says that he recently attended a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of his charge, and that then and there his rights were denied him, in that he was not allowed to vote."

Committees were being notified of their meeting times and places at the session of the White River Conference, which was scheduled to meet in Clarendon, December 2.

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New officers for the national Methodist Conference on Christian Education are, from left, Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff, Denver, president; Dr. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, recording secretary-treasurer; Dr. Harold W. Hewitt, Nashville, program secretary; and Miss Virginia S. Henry, Oklahoma City, vice-president. They were elected for two-year terms at the conference's biennial meeting meeting, Nov. 5-10 in Chicago.

Christian Vocations Committee To Ask General Conference That Each Church Have CV Secretary

NASHVILLE, TENN.

The Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations will ask the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church to pass legislation requiring all Methodist pastoral charges to have a secretary of Christian vocations.

The local-church officer would be elected by the quarterly conference of the pastoral charge. (A pastoral charge is one or more churches served by a pastor.) In churches having committees on Christian vocations, he would serve as committee chairman.

The Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations had its annual meeting here Oct. 20-21. It coordinates the Christian vocations work of the boards and agencies of The Methodist Church.

The General Conference, to which the proposed legislation will be submitted, is the top legislative body of the denomination and meets next spring in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"The local-church committee on Christian vocations is a most significant part of this whole program," said the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the committee, in his annual report. "It is time to push with renewed interest an interpretation of the function of this committee and its significant place in the life of the church."

The duty of the local-church committee on Christian vocations is "to see that the philosophy of Christian vocation and the opportunities and the challenge of church vocations are regularly presented to the youth and adults of the church, to advise interested young people and adults of the necessary qualifications for all church vocations, and to give encouragement and guidance to candidates for the pastoral ministry and other church-related vocations."

The interboard committee also will recommend legislation requiring that each Methodist district superintendent appoint a district chairman or secretary of Christian vocations. District committees could be established "if desired."

Business sessions of the annual meeting were at the Methodist Board of Education building, but committee members and others went to Nashville's Cheekwood for a dinner Oct. 20 honoring Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Springfield, Ill., committee chairman.

The bishop was recognized for his 12 years of service as chairman of the committee. A Methodist minister nearly 40 years, he will retire next year.

Dr. Bauer presented Bishop Voigt a bound volume of letters of appreciation from the general secretaries of the boards and agencies represented by the

Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

In other action, the committee:

—decided to have in the fall of 1964 a national meeting of all the chairmen of the commissions on Christian vocations of Methodist annual conference.

—announced that by February of 1964 the committee will have a new manual dealing with counseling for Christian vocation and church-related occupations. This will be primarily for pastors and workers with youth.

—voted to have its next annual meeting Oct. 18-19, 1964, in Nashville.

In his annual report, Dr. Bauer also underscored "the tremendous importance of the home in this entire emphasis on Christian Vocation."

He declared that "increased leadership for the church will come as families of local churches take with new seriousness the meaning of Christian witness and support their children when they decide to enter a church-related vocation."

He also said that the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations has always "recognized the central role of the minister in recruitment."

"The local church," he said, "must come to see itself as the 'Called of God'—the redemptive fellowship—expressing its Christian Vocation through the witnessing occupations of its members and at the same time feeling a deep responsibility to produce the leaders necessary for the expanding mission of the church."

Vatican Council Concerned With Church Reactions

The impression that the Vatican Council is concerned for other Christians' reactions to its work was reported here (Nov. 7) by the Rev. Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United.

Lowell, a Methodist minister, told his views of the Council, of Protestant-

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 24 - Sunday	Zep. 3:1-10
Nov. 25	Zech. 8:9-17
Nov. 26	Hab. 2:12-20
Nov. 27	Micah 3:5-12
Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving	Micah 6:1-8
Nov. 29	Mal. 2:10-17
Nov. 30	Mal. 3:1-12
Dec. 1 - Sunday	Mat. 5:1-16

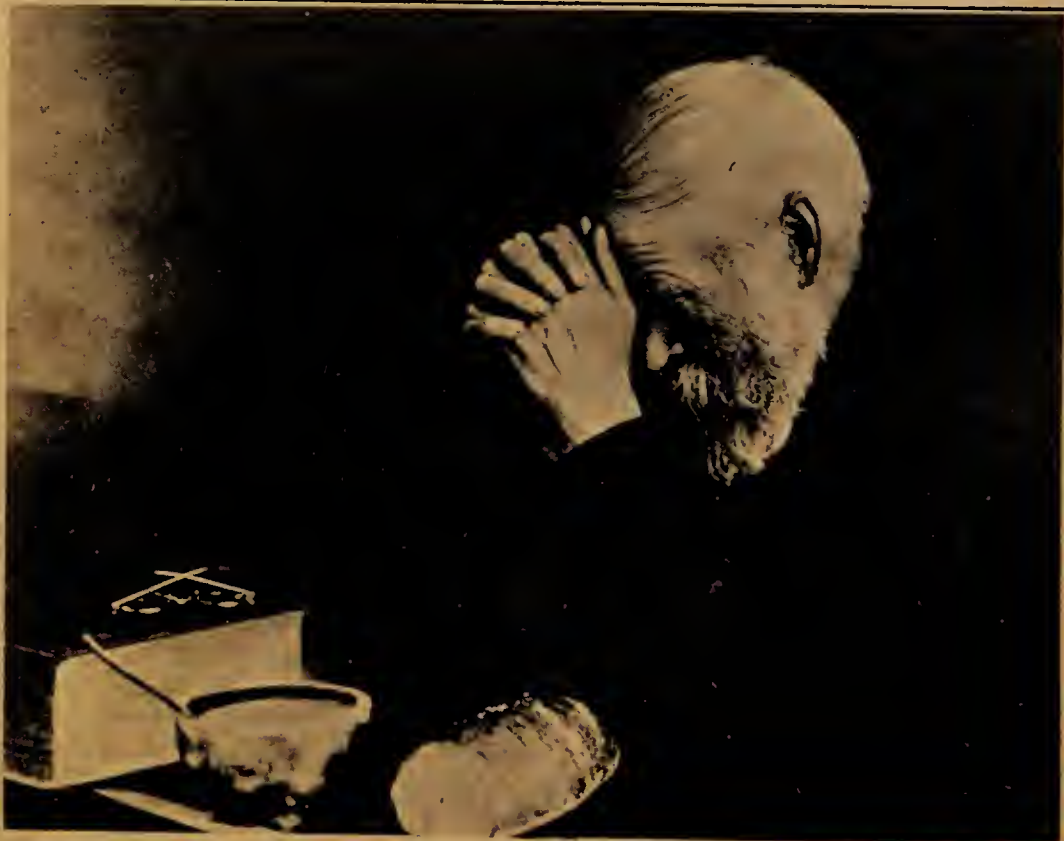
ism in Spain, of government-subsidized church schools in The Netherlands and of religious conflict in Viet Nam, following a six-weeks study tour.

As to Rome, he noted that its "traditional 'come home' appeals, never an effective approach to Protestants, have been replaced by an appeal to their churches as authentic Christian communities."

"While the status of Protestants (in Spain) has not appreciably changed in the last four years, there has been a notable improvement in the political climate so far as they are concerned," said Lowell. He told of preaching in a Baptist church there that lacked a permit to conduct services but is not bothered by authorities, thanks to the "climate." Inter-faith dialogues have started there in a few places, he said.

Having arrived in Saigon, Viet Nam, the day before the recent coup, Lowell said that "everything there is political," including the religions. He felt that much of the trouble between Catholics and Buddhists was over church-state involvement and over "jealousy and resentment" regarding preferential treatment. He said the people's reaction to the coup shows an "animus against the Nhu family" as a regime and that there was no indiscriminate looting or rioting.

He noted finding "no evidence of government control" of education in the church-sponsored schools of Holland, except for financial accounting and teacher accreditation.



GRACE

A simple man clasps his hands and bows his head in thankfulness for the bread and gruel before him.

In 1918 an elderly peddler stopped at the photo studio of Eric Enstrom in the tiny mining town of Bovey, Minn. The picture taken that day by Mr. Enstrom has become a Thanksgiving classic.



RECENTLY HONORED at Carrollton Church, New Orleans, were these two longtime leaders of the educational program. Left: Mr. Pat Latuso, Church School Superintendent, presented Mrs. Claudia Sexton with a beautiful



plaque for thirty-five years of service as Church School Secretary; Right: Mr. Latuso presents an orchid to Mrs. Ross R. Cahal in appreciation for her fifty years of teaching more than half of which has been in this church.

Proceeds of Book Go to Shreveport Church

A special service will be held at Lakeview Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, to accept an unusual gift. Mrs. Clarence Day has written a book of devotional prose-poems and has directed that all the royalties will go to the church.

"The Shining Rim of Paradise," published by the Methodist Publishing House, will be on sale about Dec. 1.

Lakeview Methodist Church, former-

ly Park Avenue Church, is the second-oldest Methodist Church in Shreveport, according to a recent feature story concerning Mrs. Day's gift in the Shreveport Times. The present pastor of the church is the Rev. James L. Beasley.

Mrs. Day credits her "heritage, Christian training, reading and thinking over the years," with the outcome of the published book, according to the Times feature.

She explained the content of her book as "being a cross-section of representative poems for our modern world."

CORRECTION

In the list of District Directors of Children's Work which appeared in the Nov. 14 issue, the name of the Shreveport District Director should have been Mr. J. C. Jones, instead of Mrs. Jones.

Bishop's Letter

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class leaders. There were 176 church buildings—71 permanent, 41 semi-permanent and 64 temporary. There were 314 preaching places, 343 Sunday Schools with 22,539 pupils enrolled. Full church members enrolled totaled 13,192 with 20,218 on probation. During that conference year 1,645 babies were baptized as well as 1,052 adults. The Conference operates 194 schools scattered in numerous villages with 37,823 pupils. The medical work of the Conference reaches into remote sections with a tremendous healing program carried on by the hospitals at Nyadiri and Mutambara. There are clinics at various villages served by the staff of these hospitals. During the Conference year ending in 1962 the patients in the hospitals numbered 13,535 and the clinic patients numbered 22,324. This should give you some idea of the work in progress here.

This morning Dr. Trice and I had breakfast with Dr. Melvin Blake, executive secretary for Africa of the World Division of the General Board of Missions for The Methodist Church. Dr. Blake has been in Africa since the middle of September and has participated in some very important meetings with missionaries and nationals recently in Rhodesia. Dr. Trice and I feel that we may have been privileged to be here in Africa at a most strategic and history-making moment. Dr. Blake helped to plan our itinerary and has been most interested in our trip. He leaves Salisbury this evening for New York.

I am delighted to have reports of how well the work is progressing in the Louisiana Annual Conference. We are due to return to Louisiana on November 29. I hope to attend some of the District Conferences and I am looking forward with great interest to the reports of work accomplished which will be made at all the District Conferences.

Our letters have contained inquiries concerning my health on this trip because of my operation last summer. Dr. Trice and I have been well the entire time. The only trouble that we have had was a slight reaction to too much anti-malaria medicine. We changed the drug with good results. I have been delighted with the manner in which my strength has returned on the trip. The weather has been pleasant—not too warm anywhere. The nights are cool. We miss all of you at home.

Sincerely,

Quincy S. Walton

METHODIST HOSPITAL

Edgar S. Cayard, assistant vice-president of the Whitney National Bank, Algiers Branch, and an active member of the Algiers Methodist Church, is chairman of the Sponsors Committee for the Methodist Hospital Building Fund, it has been announced by Urban C. Wilkinson, campaign general chairman.



He has served as Mr. Cayard superintendent of the Sunday School of the Algiers Church for 45 years, beginning at the age of 17.

He is a trustee of Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation and a member of a number of church-affiliated boards. In 1956 he was honored by being selected as the Outstanding Methodist Layman of the New Orleans area.

Mr. Cayard is active in the civic life of his community. In 1962 he was honored at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club as the Outstanding Citizen of New Orleans West-side.

Homecoming At Coushatta Church

First Methodist Church of Coushatta will observe its Homecoming on Sunday, Dec. 1, according to the pastor, the Rev. Douglas T. Williams. This service will also be the first anniversary of their new sanctuary.

The Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, Sulphur, will be the preacher for the occasion. He was pastor at Coushatta when the older church and educational building were constructed 40 years ago.

The worship service will begin at 10:50 a.m. and will be followed by "dinner on the grounds" after the service. All friends and former members are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Training Class to Be Held at Trout

"The Work of the Local Church" will be studied in the Trout Method-

Area Calendar

DECEMBER, 1963

- 2—Monroe District Conference, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Church, Monroe
- 2-5—Older Youth-Young Adult Workshop, Kansas City, Kansas
- 3—Alexandria District Conference, Natchitoches, 4:00-9:30 p.m.
- 4—Baton Rouge District Conference, First Church, B.R., 4:00 p.m.
- 5—New Orleans District Conference, Munholland Church, 2:30 p.m.
- 7—Conference Board of Lay Activities, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 p.m.
- 8—Conference Board of Lay Activities, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
- 9—Shreveport District Workshop for Ministers and Church Lay Leaders, First Church, Shreveport, 7:00 p.m.
- 9—Lake Charles District Conference, Jennings, 9:30 a.m.
- 9-12—Mission Tour of Central Jurisdiction work in South Louisiana
- 10—Lafayette District Conference, Indian Bayou, 9:30 a.m.
- 13—Planning Committee, Division of Christian Education, Provisional Louisiana Council of Churches, Baton Rouge, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- 22—World Service Sunday
- 25—Christmas Day
- 29—Student Recognition Day
- 31—M.Y.F. Watch-Night Covenant Service

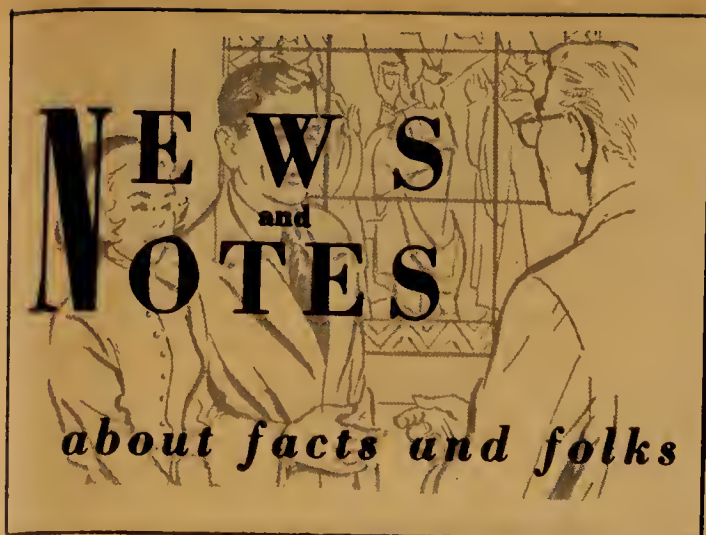
ist Church, Dec. 8-10, in a class to be led by Dr. Jolly B. Harper.

Arranged for three sessions, the first will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will be divided into periods of 50 minutes each with a "coffee-break" mid-way. Similar sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. This study will cover the historical background of The Methodist Church, the financial structure of the church and the Disciple and Ritual of The Methodist Church.

All churches in the surrounding area are being invited to attend this study.



MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR of Wisner Methodist Church who were honored at the special Choir Dedication Day at their church on Nov. 10. Miss Dorothy Roach is the director; Mrs. Lou Brewer, Miss Mary Huckaby and Mrs. Alice Stephens are the organists; and the Rev. N.D. Pearce is the pastor.



MR. V.J. FRENCH of Jena was the Layman's Day speaker at Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena. The Rev. Ed Barksdale is the pastor.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Arcadia, Mr. Jack Shook has assumed the leadership of the Youth Choir. The pastor is the Rev. Beverly E. Bond.

MR. DON ROGERS was the speaker for the morning worship service of the Trout Methodist Church on Layman's Day. The Rev. E. W. Sandel is the pastor.

MR. E.A. MCLELLAN, charge lay leader, was the speaker for Layman's Day at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans. The Rev. B.A. Galloway is the pastor.

MR. W.S. HOLMES, lay leader of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, was the Layman's Day speaker in that church. The Rev. Louis Copping is the pastor.

THE ANNUAL "RHAPSODY IN VIEW" program by the Centenary College Choir was presented Nov. 4 and 5 at Byrd High School in Shreveport. Mr. Will Andress was the guest soloist.

MR. TOM PITT, associate director of the Area Council, was the Layman's Day speaker at St. Paul Methodist Church, Alexandria where the Rev. George Dameron is the pastor.

THE SPEAKER FOR THE Nov. 7 Family Night program at First Methodist Church, Leesville, was the Rev. Carl Williams, missionary to Bolivia. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the pastor.

DR. BOND FLEMING, dean of Centenary College was the guest speaker at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, for the morning worship service on Nov. 3. The Rev. Sam Nader is the pastor.

CARL WILLIAMS, missionary to Bolivia, was the speaker at the Ladies' Night program of the Methodist Men at First Methodist Church, Crowley, Nov. 11. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

THE EVENING CIRCLE OF the WSCS of Wisner Methodist Church, at their Nov. 4 meeting, continued their study of "Teachings Toward Christian Perfection." The pastor is the Rev. N.D. Pearce.

MRS. BRADY FORMAN is the teacher for the four-session study of "The Christian Family and Its Money" At the Bethel Methodist Church. The study began on Nov. 4. The Rev. Brady Forman is pastor.

THE REV. LADELL J. FUTCH, pastor of the Greenwood Methodist Church, was the guest preacher for revival services at the Cotton Valley Methodist Church, Nov. 1-7. The Rev. W.O. Lynch, Jr. is the pastor.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Service in Alexandria will be held this year at the Jewish Temple on Turner Street at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor of First Methodist Church, will be the speaker.

A NEW PRAYER CIRCLE has been formed at the

Berwick Methodist Church. It has been named "The Upper Room Prayer Circle" and meets each Thursday morning at 9:30. The pastor is the Rev. A. J. Wallace.

THE LADIES OF THE WSCS and the Emma Kriege Bible Class of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored an annual bazaar and dinner at that church on Nov. 7. The pastor is the Rev. Don Alverson.

THE REV. LAMAR DAVIS, director of Wesley Foundation at McNeese State College, was guest speaker at Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles at the evening worship hour on Nov. 3. The Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid is the pastor.

MR. BOB GALLANT and Mr. Lee Waldrep led the discussion for the church-wide mission study of First Methodist Church, Plaquemine, Oct. 27. A film-strip was shown as part of the program. The pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES for Monroe will be held at First Methodist Church this year with the Rev. John Stewart, pastor of the First Christian Church, bringing the message. The Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the host church.

THE REV. DELTON PICKERING, director of Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University, was guest preacher for the evening worship hour at Blackwater Methodist Church, Nov. 17. The pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

WALTER HARRIS OF Corrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the guest speaker for the October meeting of the Methodist Men of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, where the Rev. A.W. Townsend, Jr. is the pastor.

MR. AND MRS. CARL WILLIAMS, missionaries to Bolivia, were the speakers for the adult classes of the Sunday School hour at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Oct. 27. Mrs. Williams spoke to the Senior High Department. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is the pastor.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, sponsored a spaghetti dinner at their church on Nov. 16. The money received went to the Advance Special for Lydia Potterson Institute. The pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

AT DE QUINCY METHODIST CHURCH the Commission on Christian Social Concerns reports that the children and young people were able to send \$62.37 to UNICEF as a result of their Halloween Trick-or-Treat Party. Their pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

DR. V.K. DUVALL was the Layman's Day speaker at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. Worship leaders for the day were M.L. Johnson at the 8:30 a.m. service, and Luther Rome at 11:00 a.m. Mr. James Clark directed the music. The Rev. Byrl Moreland is the pastor.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP DAY was observed at the Sicily Island Methodist Church, Oct. 20, with the young people having charge of the morning and evening services. Miss Barbara Gilbert is president and Ben Westerburg is counselor. The pastor is the Rev. L.W. Taylor.

THE REV. GEORGE W. HARBUCK, pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, is the guest preacher for revival services being held this week at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston. The Rev. George Dent is the song leader and soloist. The pastor at Grace Church is the Rev. Wilson L. Watson.

DEAN NORMAN EFFERSON of the LSU College of Agriculture was the guest speaker for the Nov. 4 meeting of the Methodist Men of William B. Reily

University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. He spoke on the problem of "Feeding the World's Millions." Dr. William E. Trice is the pastor.

STUDIES ON SOUTHERN ASIA were recently completed by the Trout and Uranio Methodist Churches. These studies were held simultaneously and were climaxed with an Asian Dinner in each church. Mrs. Martho Overbey, community worker, was the teacher, and the Rev. E.W. Sandel is the pastor of this charge.

LAYMAN'S DAY WAS observed at North Highlands Methodist Church, Shreveport, with Dr. L.G. Roub, professor of physics at Centenary College, speaking at both morning services. Laymen participating included Bill McCutcheon, Charles Olson, Guy Moore, Bob Funk, and P.A. Deon. The pastor is the Rev. George Harkins.

THE WORKERS' FELLOWSHIP Dinner for the 1964 Proportionate Giving Campaign at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was held Nov. 6 in the gym. A special program of entertainment was provided by Mrs. Betty Bogusch and Betty Sue Hall, members of the Motet Choir. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dowson, Jr.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE Oct. 28 meeting of the Methodist Men of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, was Mr. Frank L. Faust, who spoke on "New Orleans As I Knew It." Mr. Faust has been a vestryman at Christ Church Cathedral of that city for more than 40 years. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier is the pastor.

AT THE SUNDAY MORNING service on Nov. 3 at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, 110 young people were installed in offices in the Junior and Senior High MYF Councils. 24 of these young people were elected to their offices, and the other 86 volunteered to serve on the six commissions. Dr. D.L. Dykes, is the pastor.

AN ITEM IN "FORECAST", parish paper of First Methodist Church, Franklin, tells of receiving a note from Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr. of Liberia, saying that a gift of \$100 which this church sent through Bishop Walton has been used to assist on a badly needed paint job at the College of West Africa. The pastor at Franklin is the Rev. James E. Christie.

MYF SUNDAY WAS OBSERVED at Kenner Methodist Church on Oct. 27 at the evening worship hour with the Intermediates and Seniors taking part in the services. The message for the evening, "The Narrow Way - the Best Way," was brought by the pastor, the Rev. Marvin Corley. All the high school seniors were presented pamphlets on "Christian Vocation" at the close of the service.

NOV. 10 WAS A GREAT DAY of Methodist singing at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, a day on which the members of the choirs dedicated their talents to the Lord. At the 8:30 a.m. service the Young Adult Choir and the Junior High Choirs participated, at the 11:00 service the Chancel Choir, Junior, Primary and Cherub Choirs participated. The evening service climaxed the day with the Rev. James B. Grambling present for the "Singspiration." Dr. James T. Harris is the pastor.

REFORMATION DAY and YOUTH DAY were observed Oct. 27 at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. Young people who participated in the Vesper Service included Joe Clark, Bill Dunbar, Bill Ellington, Diane Kendall, Walt Dunbar, Bobby Goodwin, Kim Gardiner, Mike Dufilho, Robert Walsh, Marion Rose, Audrey Chance. Ann Burleigh, Jo Lynn Cosonovo, Pam Quolls, Tommy Atkinson, John Rogland, Daryl Burrow, Gory Kreswell, Chris Andrews and Cheryl Gilmore. The pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 1, 1963:

"THE LIBERTY THAT ENRICHES"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. **Printed Lesson Text:** 2 Corinthians 9:6:15.

MEMORY SELECTION: Now as you excel in everything . . . see that you excel in this gracious work also. 2 Corinthians 8:7.

AIM OF LESSON: To help adults to better understand the importance and necessity of Christian liberality and also to better understand the power in properly used material means.

In chapters 8 and 9 Paul is stressing the importance of a liberal offering by the church at Corinth for the Christian Jews in Jerusalem.

It appears that there was a famine in and around Jerusalem about this time in the ministry of Paul. He was very much interested that the churches he had founded help to minister to the needs of the Jerusalem Christians.

The Jewish nation had always been very closely joined together as a people. They took care of their own underprivileged people then, as they do today. The reason that the Christian Jews in Jerusalem were in such desperate straits during this period of famine was the fact that they no longer were considered Jews in good standing. They had left the Jewish faith and its practices and were no longer considered to be the responsibility of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem. Hence it was that any help they received must come from some other source.

In preparing the members of the church at Corinth for the liberal offering he wants them to make for the Jerusalem Christians, Paul gives us, in chapters 8 and 9 of 2nd Corinthians one of the most helpful discussions of Christian liberality to be found in the Bible.

As a part of this discussion, Paul seems to "play both ends against the middle" in the first verses of chapter 8, Paul boasts to the Corinthian church about the liberality of the churches in Macedonia. Paul declares "That in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality." These Macedonians, Paul says, were happy amid their afflictions and liberal in their poverty.

After boasting in this fashion about the liberality of the churches of Macedonia, Paul says to the Corinthian church in verse 2 of chapter 9, from which our lesson text is taken, "For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I BOAST of you to them of Macedonia." Paul tells the Macedonians that the churches of Greece were ready a year before with their offering.

Paul then urges the Corinthian church to really be ready with the offering when he got there, because he was bringing some Macedonians with him and after what he had told them about the liberality of the Corinthian church, he said that he would be ashamed if the Macedonian church found the Corinthian church unprepared for the offering.

THE LAW OF THE HARVEST

In the opening verse of our lesson text Paul states an unailing law of the natural harvest. He reminds the Corinthian church that "He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." No one can half plant a field and expect a full harvest. If the field is bountifully sown and well cultivated one reaps a full harvest.

Paul applies this law of the harvest to Christian living. He is saying to the Corinthians and to us that life is enriched by liberality and dwarfed by stinginess. One is reminded of what the writer of Proverbs said in 11:24, "One man giveth freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give and only suffers want (RSV). This of course does not mean that every liberal Christian is financially wealthy or that every stingy miser becomes poor financially.

It is true that one may become richer in life and character through wise and liberal giving although he may have less actual money because of his gifts. It is true also that through stinginess one may become poor indeed in the finer things that contribute to a full life, even though he has a few more dollars in his bank account because of his stinginess.

GIVING IS A PERSONAL MATTER

Paul tells us in verse 7 of our lesson text that "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion."

Paul seems to be saying here that it is the responsibility of each Christian to determine in his own mind what he is to contribute to different religious causes. This does not minimize the necessity of proportionate giving. For the Jew this was a tenth, or tithe. Under normal conditions, Christians should not give less; many should give more.

Paul is saying also that our gifts to the kingdom, if they are to be meaningful to the giver, are not gifts made as a result of pressure but gifts made as a result of our love for God and our concern for the kingdom.

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

Any service we render God with our feet dragging, or through a sense of duty or fear is not a pleasing service to God.

It is especially true that if we make gifts to the cause of Christ grudgingly, miserly, stingily so far as the good such gifts do the giver, they might as well not have been made. We should know that God does not need our gifts nearly so much as we need the help that a gift made in the right spirit will bring us.

God is much more concerned about the motive which prompts our gift that he is about the amount of the gift. Why we give is much more important in God's sight than what we give. God is pleased with a cheerful giver because such giving blesses the giver as well as the object of the gift—sometimes more.

REWARDS OF LIBERALITY

In most of the remaining verses of our lesson text Paul is stating some of the rewards of liberality.

1. Paul tells the Corinthian church, and us, in verse 8 that God is able through his grace to supply a "sufficiency in all things" and make it possible for his people to "abound in every good work" for others.

2. In verse 10 Paul says that the same God, who gives seed to the sower and causes the seed to produce a harvest, will bless the generosity of the Corinthian Christians to the enrichment of their lives and that their gifts will cause others to give thanks to God.

3. In verses 11-12 Paul tells the Corinthians

that their gifts will not only supply "the want of the saints" but will, he states again, cause thanksgiving to God by the Jerusalem Christians.

4. In verse 13 Paul tells the Corinthians that their liberality will also be a demonstration of the reality of their complete subjection to the gospel of Christ.

While we may receive rewards abundant for any sincere service rendered to people in Christ's name, we cannot be truly sincere in the service we render if it is done in order to receive rewards. True, sincere service is unselfish service rendered without thought or expectation of personal reward.

There are some apparently so spiritually blinded as to think that they see in Malachi 5:10 a short cut to riches. There God challenges the Israelites to tithe and see "If I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." They set up a legalistic tithing plan and seem to feel that God has tricked them when their tithing plan does not result in personal, material gain. We may be sure that God does not make that kind of bargains with his followers. To tithe for such reasons is to miss the mark for Christian liberality altogether. Furthermore we should remember that this statement about tithing in Malachi makes no mention of material reward. It simply says "blessing."

MISJUDGING VALUE OF MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

In our short-sightedness there is always a danger that we misjudge the value of material possessions. It was Jesus who said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possetheth." Nevertheless, "things" is often the standard by which we judge life.

If we ask what a man is worth the answer almost unfailingly comes in terms of possessions—he is worth so-and-so dollars. When a man dies and we ask "What did he leave?" the answer comes almost automatically in terms of dollars left. In both instances we overlook the matter of worth to family, community, church, school or nation. We apparently think that what he is worth and what he leaves to these interests is secondary to material possessions.

CHARACTER REVEALED BY USE OF MONEY

It is quite possible that more people break faith with God in the use of possessions than anything else—possibly all things else.

A very significant warning to all of us is found in the fact that in the New Testament, practically all who are pictured as losing the way religiously or losing their souls do so because of a wrong relationship to or wrong use of their possessions. The rich fool, the rich young ruler, dives, the prodigal son, the man in the parables of the pounds and talents, Judas, Ananias and Sapphira are a few of many examples of this fact.

WHY SUPPORT CHURCH'S PROGRAM

Let us be liberal in our support of the church's program because the church alone of all earth's organizations is eternal. Hence the church alone offers opportunity to invest life and money where the investment will be eternally worth while.

In supporting the church's benevolent program our dollars go directly to the point of the world's greatest need as determined by our leaders who give full time to discovering these needs. We could not possibly spend our benevolent dollar so effectively as they, who know these needs.

GOD'S INEXPRESSIBLE GIFT

Having received gifts from God so great that human language cannot describe them, we would be ingrates indeed if we withheld anything from him that could be used for his glory and for the upbuilding of his cause. With thankful hearts we should return to God our life's best service.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

A Church of Scotland minister who has utilized an electronic computer to analyze the grammar and compositional structure of the Pauline Epistles has come up with the claim that St. Paul can be credited with only five of the 14 letters. The Rev. Andrew Q. Morton, a minister at Culross Abbey, Fife, Scotland, said that by testing the original Greek of the Epistles by sentence length, by word pattern and by the recurrence of common words, he has found that nine other Epistles were the work of at least five other authors.

This is a new variety of "form criticism", but we wonder if it is as conclusive as Mr. Morton holds when he concludes that "even with a great margin for error, it is quite open and shut."

All religious activity in the public schools of Red Wing, Minn. has been banned by order of the school board. The board after a 5-1 vote, said the order was in line with recent United States Supreme Court decisions. It prohibits prayer and Bible reading in the classroom and discourages school recognition of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and similar religious holidays. Baccalaureate services for graduating seniors are branded as a school function, but the order said a church may sponsor such a service.

This is typical of action that is being taken in a number of local school districts this year as the boards endeavor to adopt resolutions which they regard as mandatory under the Court's decision.

President Kennedy's scheduled address before the National Council of Churches' General Assembly at Philadelphia next month has been protested by the ultra-fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches. Calling on the President to cancel his Dec. 3 speech the group claimed his appearance would violate the principle of Church-State separation and show a "preference" for the National Council.

The group has always opposed any position taken by the National Council, but it does seem absurd to apply the principle of Church-State separation in this matter.

A panel of six Protestant leaders, testifying at a House Subcommittee on Education hearing, agreed that the "shared time" plan in education could be a possible solution to the controversy over federal aid to parochial schools. It was stressed, however, that under the plan public schools must maintain a comprehensive program and must guard against becoming institutions teaching only science and manual arts.

An Anglican clergyman presented a cross of nails salvaged from bomb-ruined Coventry Cathedral to a newly-dedicated German Protestant church. Making the presentation was Dean Harold C. N. Williams of Coventry Cathedral, which was destroyed by Nazi bombers in World War II and recently rebuilt.

An unofficial committee of clergy and laymen is working to promote the eventual merger of the Church of England and the Methodist Church of England and Wales. Co-chairmen of

the group, called "Toward Anglican-Methodist Unit," are Anglican Dean Robin Woods of Windsor and the Rev. R. Kingsley Lloyd, secretary of the Methodist Board of Finances.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, a vice-president of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, recently commented that the revelations of a former member of a secret underworld empire was "frightening" because the conditions cited are "symptomatic of a breakdown of moral character in the United States."

Dr. John W. Bachman, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary and director of its Center for Communication and the Arts, has been elected chairman of the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission. Named by the commission's Board of Managers at its semi-annual meeting, he will succeed Dr. Harry C. Spencer, general secretary of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission.



SALT LAKE CITY - Giant valuts hewn out of solid granite will protect the records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) near Salt Lake City, Utah. A maze of under-rock caverns are being built to store the Church's genealogical records. Built at a cost of \$1,500,000, the valuts should be completed soon.

First proof copies of a revised version of Martin Luthers translation of the Old Testament, started in 1958, were recently submitted to all member bodies of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) and other leading EKID agencies and Bible societies. The version of the Luther translation currently in use was issued more than 60 years ago and only minor changes have been made since then.

Churches must not become an "ecclesiastical Red Cross" in their relief projects but should attempt to meet needs in a way that "manifests their unity in Christ," Dr. Leslie E. Cooke recently told an Asian Consultation on Inter-Church Aid in Hong Kong. He is director of the WCC's Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

Anglican Archbishop William L. Wright of Algoma recently said at Oakville, Ontario, that the Anglican Church of Canada hopes to present a plan for organic union with the United and Presbyterian Churches by 1965.

He said that a tentative plan will be presented to the triennial general synod of the Church in Vancouver that year.

The Presbyterian Record has charged that the United Church of Canada has broken "an understanding, if not a gentleman's agreement," by establishing a new congregation in competition with the Presbyterians at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. The Presbyterian church was established at that place 40 years ago and for most of the time has been carried as a mission charge of the Presbyterians.

Dr. Richard R. Gilbert, director of communications for the United Presbyterian Division of Evangelism, has been named executive director of the denomination's Division of Radio and Television. He succeeds the Rev. Lawrence W. McMaster, Jr., who is now executive secretary in the mission board's office of the general secretary.

A Roman Catholic priest gave a Reformation Day talk in the First Presbyterian Church at Fulton, Mo. recently. Father Bruce Vawter, a Redemptorist priest from Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, reviewed some of the causes leading to the great split in the 16th Century and then conducted a question and answer period. He was invited to speak by the United Campus Christian Fellowship of Westminster College, a Presbyterian-related school, and William Woods College, affiliated with the Disciples of Christ.

Three prominent Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish women were recently named by President Kennedy to a new Citizen's Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Appointed to the panel of 17 women were Dr. Cynthia C. Wedel of New York, assistant general secretary for program, National Council of Churches; Miss Margaret Mealey, Washington, D.C., executive director of the National Council of Catholic Women, and Mrs. Viola H. Hymes, Minneapolis, Minn., a former president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

A Unitarian minister has charged that serious threats to religious liberty are involved in the case of a judge who ordered a blood transfusion for a critically ill woman despite her protests. The Rev. Kenneth K. Marshall of Davies Memorial Unitarian Church in Washington referred to the transfusion ordered by Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Mrs. James Jones, a Jehovah's Witness whose life was endangered by a hemorrhaging ulcer.

A high-ranking member of the Moscow Patriarchate said recently in Moscow that discussions between representatives of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) and officials of the Russian Orthodox Church were conducted in "an ecumenical atmosphere" and in "a very good Christian spirit." Bishop Alexei, deputy to Metropolitan Nicodim in the operation of the Patriarchate's Division of External Affairs, also told newsmen that discussion of theological problems between the Russian and German churches began in 1959 and that since that time contacts have been "close."

An interreligious panel of experts told delegates to the National Association for Retarded Children annual convention in Washington how to stimulate community awareness of the religious needs of the mentally retarded. All agreed that primary responsibility for supplying these needs lies with the clergy and religious organizations. Dr. Fred E. Henry, chaplain of the Devereux Schools and panel chairman, stated that "it is the obligation of religious leaders of all faiths to provide whatever special opportunities for religious instruction and worship are needed for retarded persons of a community."

NEWS

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Education....

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Area Council Director



Reports are coming in to my office that many churches throughout Louisiana took the opportunity to emphasize our youth ministry by observing MYF Sunday in late October. Many of us are concerned about the pressures youth face in these days and are concerned that the Christian faith be made as relevant as possible to our young people.

Some conscientious workers are still looking for resources to help them. There are several fine manuals available for adult workers with youth. For workers with junior highs there is: *Manual for Workers with Junior Highs* (2492-BC), price 50c. The manual explores principles and procedures in working with junior highs. Another fine book for adult workers is *The Church's Ministry with Senior Highs* by Rowena Ferguson, price \$1.50. This new guide is written especially to help the teacher of Senior Highs understand the Senior High person, our youth ministry and better ways of teaching. It is not a manual on how to organize the M.Y.F. There are two fine manuals to be read by youth themselves: *Juniors and Their MYF* by David and Martha Ash, price 45c, has been recently revised. This manual describes the Junior High MYF organizations, gives job description for officers, gives helps in planning. For the Senior Highs there is *Handbook for Senior Highs in the Church* (2355-BC), price \$1.00.

Now is the time for MYF's to plan for their December program. The first Sunday in December is the beginning of Advent, which is the beginning of the Christian year and a looking forward to Christmas. The Conference MYF Council is urging youth to observe "Commitment Day", December 1. There is an article in the November Roundtable on the subject (pages 14-15). Many MYF's will take advantage of the Advent/Christmas time to practice Christian Stewardship and concern by caroling shut-ins, by taking on a relief project, by planning a Christmas party for the children, by making cheer baskets to take to the hospitals, and other ways. It is well, as we receive, to remember that "God gave" and the spirit of this season is to give. Many MYF's will remember the students who are coming home for the holidays by planning special activities and by observing Student Recognition Day—Sunday, December 29. MYF's over the state will take the occasion of the New Year to renew their covenant with God. This was the practice of John Wesley.

There is a fine Covenant Service for Watch-Night in the November Roundtable (pages 16-21). Additional copies may be ordered from Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee, for two cents each.

Lawrence Gilbert, Conference Director of Youth Work

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



We have just finished the workshops at New Iberia and Arcadia for the Church Lay Leaders and Ministers of the Lafayette and Ruston Districts. Mr. Guyton Watkins and Mr. Robt. C. Smith are the District Lay Leaders and Rev. Jerome Cain and Dr. Henry Rickey are the District Superintendents in these districts. This completes our round over the conference on this project except for the Shreveport District where we will hold their workshop on December 9.

The response to these workshops has been most gratifying. Those attending these sessions seem to have shown a concern about the function and the importance of the church lay leader as he is related to the conference program on the one hand and the local church program on the other. In lay activities the church lay leader is the connecting link between the local church and the church in general and it is through this important office that laymen throughout Methodism unite in our efforts to build a program of activities that will reach and enrich the lives of all our people. The quality and depth of our participation in this vital portion of our church life can be greatly enhanced by the active and close cooperation of laity and clergy as we work together.

I was pleased and honored to accept Mrs. George Dameron's invitation to visit with the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service during their mid-year meeting of their Executive Committee at beautiful Broadmoor Church in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Dameron is our conference president. The efficiency and

dispatch with which these gracious ladies perform their work should be an inspiration to all of us. It is amazing the tremendous talent and ability that exists among our ladies.

It has occurred to me that too often we use the term "Laymen" to include only the men of the church. I believe it should be used in the more inclusive connotation more often, comprising all of our lay people—men, women and our youth, for truly the implementation and much of the leadership responsibility in the work of the church must be the privilege of all of us who make up the laity. Although the Board of Lay Activities and the Woman's Society of Christian Service are separate units in the organization of the church, they have much in common in their aspirations and goals.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
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This is the month for a special emphasis on the building needs of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas, "at the heart of Latin-American Methodism in the Southwest." It has served for 50 years, ministering to Latin-American youth of the United States, Mexico, Central and South America. Located just across the Rio Grande River from Old Mexico, it is attended by many students who cross the border each day for education and who return home to Mexico each evening. The school serves a vital place in international goodwill and understanding. Today, as in the past, Lydia Patterson Institute serves as a training ground for the ministry of Latin-American Methodism.

Lydia Patterson Institute was founded in 1913 by Mr. Millard Patterson and named in memory of his wife, Mrs. Lydia Patterson, who died in 1909. It is owned by the South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church and is operated by a Board of trustees which includes representation from each of the nine Episcopal Areas in our Jurisdiction.

The Institute is unique in its program. It is the only educational institution in the United States operating solely for Latin-American young people. Its purpose is to teach English and other skills in such a way that the students will be able to take places of Christian leadership in their own communities. It seeks to lay a foundation upon which to base higher education. It teaches democracy and creative leadership and seeks to have these expressed in all student relationships.

The present enrollment of 767 is distributed through several educational departments of the school, with 43 in training for the Christian ministry. Fully accredited by the Texas Educational Society, a standard college entrance curriculum is maintained, with about 35% of the graduates going on to higher education in colleges and universities.

The two buildings that now comprise the school are partially condemned and in danger of complete condemnation. Due to their age and construction these buildings do not meet the standards of safety required by the current codes of El Paso. The hazards are tremendous. Some rooms have sections of plaster that have fallen. The buildings are old, resembling an industrial area factory, no longer suitable for modern educational needs.

A building program is a necessity and the South Central Jurisdiction will raise \$750,000.00 over the next three years from its 18 annual conferences. This needed amount has been prorated to the conferences on the basis of membership, with the Louisiana Conference asked to raise approximately \$60,000.00 during a three-year period. This amounts to almost \$20,000.00 each year and has been apportioned to Louisiana churches on the decimal system by action of our last conference session at New Orleans. It is fair and equitable, and when considered on an individual basis amounts to only 17c per church member per year, or about a cent and a half each month.

Advance Special credit is given for all contributions, but your support of the building program should not take the place of contributions now being made to the operating budget of Lydia Patterson Institute. Don't drop one to take the other. Both are needed. What good is a new building if they do not have operating and maintenance gifts continue? Send your contribution through your church and Conference Treasurer and designate for Lydia Patterson Institute Building Fund.

The Rev. A. M. Brown, pastor at Slidell and Chairman of our Conference Board of Missions, is our Louisiana representative on the Executive Committee of the Lydia Patterson Capital Funds Campaign.

Check with your local treasurer about the amount requested from your church. Some provision should be made for meeting your obligation, whether as a budgeted item or by special offering. Each local church knows best its own ability and method. Help our Conference become 100% in support of Lydia Patterson Institute.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Family Night at Trout



FAMILY NIGHT at Trout Methodist Church features a refreshment table presided over by members of the Woman's Society. Above are, left, Mrs. George Shelton, president, Mrs. C.E. Kinard, vice-president, Mrs. Estelle Reeder and Mrs. J.F. Justiss, Sr.

MRS. IRENE JOHNSTON, church organist at Urania, gave a talk on her tour of the Holy Land at a recent session of the bi-monthly Family Night held in the Trout Methodist Church.

News in Brief

MORE THAN 250 CHURCH WOMEN were present at the October meeting of the New Orleans Interfaith Council when United Church Women presented some of the beliefs and doctrines of the group in a panel discussion. Serving on the panel were Mrs. Vernon Applewhite, Mrs. Alec Gwin, Mrs. Malcolm Williams, and Mrs. George Wilson. Mrs. John Gant and Mrs. Rene R. Nicaud were co-chairmen of the program.

BATON ROUGE FIRST CHURCH'S Woman's Society held a "Quiet Day" with the following participants: Mrs. W. T. Towe, Mrs. E. A. Lee, Mrs. Marvin D. Roof, Mrs. C. E. Kemmerly, Mrs. Merle Davis, and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel. Mrs. Earl Redding was soloist.

LAKE CHARLES UNITED CHURCH WOMEN gave a re-broadcast of the World Community Day services over Radio Station KPLC on Sunday afternoon, November 3. Rabbie John Rosenblatt was the speaker.

THE REV. LARS BROADUS of the Inner-City Parish of New Orleans spoke on "The Inner City" at the general meeting of the Woman's Society of Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, on November 5.

THE WISNER Methodist Church turned the Wednesday evening prayer service over to the Woman's Society on October 30. Mrs. N. D. Pearce was in charge of the observance of "A Call to Prayer."

A JOINT OBSERVANCE of the "Call to Prayer" was held by the women of the Algiers, Aurora, Gretna, and St. James Methodist Churches on October 29 at the Algiers Church. Mrs. William Manby was in charge of the program.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT PARSONETTES held a retreat Friday and Saturday, November 8-9, at Herrin Camp, Lake Bistineau. Mrs. Dana Dawson, Sr., led the worship periods and Mrs. Woodrow Hearne directed the study time.

Zone III Reports

The final Fall Zone meeting of the Shreveport District was held when Zone III met at Greenwood Methodist Church, Greenwood, Louisiana. Every church in the Zone was represented at the meeting. The invocation was given by Rev. L. J. Futch of the Greenwood church and Mrs. W. W. Alsop of First Church, Shreveport, gave the medita-

tion. The district secretary of promotion, Mrs. W. D. Gardner, again brought her colorful poster display of the Methodist Woman's work to this group as she had at the other zone meetings. The program on Membership was presented by women of the following churches: Mangum Memorial, Cedar Grove, Morningside, and St. Luke's. Luncheon was served at The Westerner on Greenwood Road. Mrs. Stanley Burgess is the zone leader and Mrs. J. T. Dunn is president of the Greenwood Woman's Society.

In Memoriam

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst one of our most beloved and faithful members, Mrs. Ruth Hood Poimboeuf; and Whereas, we are keenly aware of this great loss to our Woman's Society of Christian Service, realizing that one is gone whose particular place can never be filled: her devotion to God and His Church was manifested by the generous giving of her service and material means throughout the many years of dedication to Him. Her ready smile and contagious wit as well as her loving spirit endeared her to all who knew her; and we, her friends and fellow-workers, feel that we have been peculiarly blessed in our association with her. Aware that our loss is heaven's gain, we feel that now she is happy with her Lord, whom she served so faithfully. Therefore, be it resolved by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of West Monroe, Louisiana, that we give utterance to our sentiments through the publication of this resolution in the local paper; by sending a copy to her family, the Louisiana Methodist and by leaving a copy in the minutes of the society.

Signed

Committee: Mrs. Erma Dudding,
Mrs. R. G. Taylor,
Miss Mildred Smith.

Mrs. Fred Riser, president
Mrs. Erma Dudding, secretary

COMMENT

-- from the executive meeting held in Baton Rouge

The Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, for its mid-year meeting Tuesday, November 5 - Thursday, November 7.

The spirit of the meeting was established by the inspiring Day Apart, planned by Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, conference secretary spiritual life. Rev. Barry Bailey, host pastor, added much to the day with his inspirational messages. A Communion Service was held Tuesday evening to close the Day Apart and establish the spirit of the sessions opening Wednesday morning.

The committee on Annual Meeting program under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Howe, presented the plans for the Annual Meeting that will be held March 11-13, 1964 in the Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, La. The theme for the meeting will be "God's Work in Our Times." Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey will be featured speakers. There will be a drama presentation one evening by the Wesley Players from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, conference secretary of missionary education, announced June 22-26 as the dates for the Jurisdiction School of Missions and August 3-7 as the dates for the Conference School to be held at Centenary College.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, conference president, and Mrs. Carl Gallaher, conference treasurer, reported on their trip to the Woman's Division, where plans were made for observing the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Society. This observance will begin Jan. 19, 1964, and culminate with the Assembly in Portland, Oregon, in May 1966. The goals set for this 2½ year period will include a 25% increase in membership, a 25% increase in giving and the recruitment from each conference of one US-2, one short term overseas missionary, one regular missionary and one deaconess. It is hoped that each church in the Conference will have special emphasis on the Anniversary celebration at the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 19th, to launch the observance of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and what it has meant to The Methodist Church.

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Harvest Luncheon at Lafayette First Church



MRS. JULIA PAXTON of Lake Charles (left) was guest speaker for the annual Harvest Luncheon for members of the Lafayette First Church Woman's Society, at which time members brought World Banks as offerings. Miss Onesia Beadle (right) gave the devotional. Mrs. M.T. Holloway is president of the group and Mrs. Charles Cain was chairman of the committee decorating the tables and preparing the food. Pictured at right are the festival tables and a few of the guests.

Indian Bayou Prepares for District Conf.



MEMBERS of the Ridge-Indian Bayou Woman's Society met in a business session to make plans for entertaining the Lafayette District Conference on December 10. Seated at the left are Mrs. Merry Ann Foreman, secretary, and Mrs. Gordor. LeDoux, president of the group.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

UNDERSTANDING OR FAITH?

Nobody has ever understood all of the words that Jesus spoke when He was on this earth. Since He is the Son of God, He is able to take statements that are understood only by Him and His Heavenly Father. A number of them are contained in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Jesus tried to make His followers understand that He was sufficient for all of their needs. He likened Himself to food and drink. But He was speaking of spiritual food. The people missed the whole point. Jesus was trying to tell them about the spiritual food of eternal life. In their poor human thinking they could only comprehend physical food. The thought of spiritual food had not entered their minds.

So we read that many turned away from the Master after this. His spiritual food was much too rich for them. They decided to live on a lower but more comfortable level of life. So they left Him and went off to other gods;

the heathen gods of the Romans who lived around them. Even some of the twelve were wavering in their faith.

Then Jesus turned to them. He could have built His church on earth with His own hands. But He wanted ordinary people to help Him. And now a lot of the ordinary people were leaving Him. Jesus watched many of His followers leave. I can hear them murmuring as they walked away. "There's no future in following Him. I want to have money . . . status . . . a fine home, a string of race camels, a nice sail boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus can't offer me these. Only weak old women and little children believe that stuff anyway."

Then our Savior turned to the twelve and asked them, "Are you going to leave too?" I don't believe that Jesus was discouraged at that time. God never has been discouraged. Disappointed countless thousands of times. Yes. But discouraged, never. The Bible says He is the same yesterday, Today,

and forever. Jesus was past checking up on His crowd. I'm sure that if the twelve had turned away, Jesus would have had twelve more before sundown. God isn't going to be stopped by man's foolishness and carelessness. His kingdom will be slowed down, but He is still the master of time and eternity. He is still going to carry out His ageless plans, whether we help Him or not. He still has the last word.

Jesus asked, "Are you going to leave me too?" And Peter spoke for himself and the other eleven. "To whom shall we go Master?" he answered. "Only you have the words of eternal life. And we believe, Jesus, and have come to know that you are the Christ . . . the Anointed One . . . the Son of the Living God."

Faith in Jesus Christ must go higher than ordinary human understanding. If we could understand God, we would not need Him. It is by our faith that we accept the wondrous mercy of God and follow Him in full confidence.

For What Should Christians Give Thanks?

The Apostle Paul, in his revealing and stimulating letters to the early Christian churches, is continually speaking of the giving of thanks, and the spirit and sacrifice of thanksgiving. Perhaps his emphasis is second only to the Psalmist's in all the Holy Bible's expression of thankfulness for non-material gifts and endowments. And it is interesting to note for what Paul gives thanks to God: it may suggest

new depth, and breadth, and meaning for our own acknowledgment of gratitude.

Paul is thankful to God for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the Holy Spirit ("the grace of God") at work among the people. "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (II Cor. 9:15.)

Paul, the scholar, the leader, and preacher able to expound and explain the gospel more fluently and more understanding than any other apostle, finds himself without the words to express the wonder, the glory, the riches, the meaning, and the depth of awe and appreciation due to God from man in the event of Jesus' entry into human life! Is our feeling so deep and so overpowering that we cannot give adequate expression to it? Or do we in rituals of prayer and thanksgiving, and in Christmas hymns, merely repeat words and phrases that do not explode from awe and gratitude? Do we receive God's gift without rec-

ognizing its potential value?

Here is no wavering of faith, no up and down spiritual register — depending on the headings in the morning paper! Victory — triumph — by God through the leading of men by Christ — was a certainty in Paul's belief and action: no beatings, nor shipwrecks, nor imprisonments ever gave rise to doubt that ultimately the goal would be achieved. And, because of this faith, Paul could and did give thanks even under the jailor's lash . . . Is not this triumph song the world-conquering melody that must be sounded forth through and above the daily agonizing cries of hate, and strife, and greed, and fear of tomorrow? Can we live and sing in the unfeigned certainty of ultimate triumph for Christ's — and our — cause? If that certainty is ours, let us "praise the Lord with thanksgiving."

Paul is thankful for his fellow workers — their deeds, their lives. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you . . . thankful for your partnership in the gospel" (Phil. 1:3-5). "We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing" (II Thess. 1:3).

Do we often give thanks to God

for our associates in the Christian quest — the members of our church family — and the fathers who suffered that we might have the faith? We are upheld today by those who worship, and minister, and believe, and praise with us. We have knowledge and strength from a long line of ancestors and strangers whose sufferings of mind, and body, and spirit for their beliefs have shaped and transmitted to us our Christian religion. Are we truly thankful to God and to "all the saints who from their labors rest" for this inheritance? Is our thanks shown by our stewardship of that faith for coming generations?

Finally, Paul is thankful that he was chosen to serve and to inherit from the saints. "I thank him who has given me strength of this, Christ our Lord, because he judge me faithful by appointing me to his service" (I Tim. 1:12). " . . . giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:12).

Did you ever stop to think what your life would be like if God did not send us Jesus? if we had never heard the gospel? if we were not commissioned to tell and live the message from heaven? How deep indeed should be our thanks for this "inexpressible gift" to each one of us!

Dec. 3 at Port Dickson, Malaya. The meeting, which is officially called the Methodist Asia Consultation, will bring together 100 church leaders from Methodist and Methodist-related churches in 14 Asian countries. In addition, representatives will attend from the U.S., Britain, Africa and Latin America.

The purpose of the Asia Consultation is to discuss the life and mission of the church, to consider obstacles in the life of the church which weaken its witness and to chart directions in which the church should move. The Consultation is in the pattern of previous consultations on Methodist work in Africa (1961) and Latin America (1962), at which plans were made for the future witness on Methodism in those areas.

Principal Methodist leaders from each country will attend, including 10 bishops, along with representatives of the Board of Missions.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION MEETS

NEW YORK—Retired preachers of The Methodist Church will receive as part of their financial support for the coming year \$700,000, appropriated for that purpose by the Board of Publication at its annual session here Oct. 30. This tops by \$100,000 the largest annual appropriation made heretofore by this institution of the church during its 174 years in the publishing business.

In other actions, the board elected Eugene McElvaney, Dallas, Tex., banker, chairman to fill a vacancy left by the death of F. Murray Benson, Baltimore, and named Ben A. Whitmore, Nashville banker, to the office of vice chairman—a post previously held by McElvaney.

New members elected to fill vacancies on the board are Bradshaw Mintener, Washington, D. C., attorney and former Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Rev. Dr. Claude Garrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Worthington, Ohio.

Lovick Pierce of Nashville, president of the Publishing House and publisher for the church, remarked on the success of the business during the past fiscal year: "Our service to the church and its people was larger in the year just closed than in any other year. The combined net sales, used as a measure of service, was \$28,732,717, which was \$476,303 above the record for the preceding year."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Indianapolis Senior Citizens' Residency, a unique pilot project designed to cope with problems of the aging, is nearly ready for use, according to an announcement by the state offices of The Methodist Church here.

The experimental facility is the result of studies initiated by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, Evanston, Ill., in cooperation with Methodist Churches in Indiana.

The center will serve ambulatory persons of different races, denominations, and ethnic groups in a half-mile area of Indianapolis near northeast side. Participants in the program will live in apartments in the immediate neighborhood and will walk to the center for meals, recreation, medical care, and educational activity.

A pulpit gown has never concealed the lack of preparation.

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

WILL CONFER IN ASIA
NEW YORK—A conference which

could determine the strategy of The Methodist Church in Asia for the next several years will be held Nov. 22 to



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

A Highway

By the Rev. J. E. Major
Vice President, Hendrix College

Read Isaiah 40:3-5

Those of us who live in Arkansas are interested in good roads. Good roads mean better markets, more income, higher culture, more social opportunities, better law enforcement. In short good roads make for a better society.

It is a well known fact, however, that a road does not just happen. You do not just wish a road into being. It comes first when people will that there be a road. Then there has to be a period of exploration of the terrain. Engineers must draw up a plan. A way must be found to finance it. After all of that is completed, the actual work starts. Cuts have to be made to lower the grades. Fills have to be made in ravines. Curves have to be planned and reduced to a minimum. But once the road is built it is a blessing to the life of the homes and communities that it touches.

In the suggested Scripture reading Isaiah compares God's coming in the lives of people to road building. No greater blessing can come to a person than having God in his life, but God does not enter the heart and life of those who idly wish he were there. He comes to those who prepare and sacrifice for his coming. Obstacles to His coming must be removed. Ways for Him to enter life must be opened and used. Once He is there grace and peace reign.

Prepare your own heart, then. Prepare it for the Lord's coming. Let Him enter your business. Invite Him into your home. Open to Him the way to enter your personal relations with people. Let Him come with you into your recreation and play. Give Him access to your thoughts, your imaginations, your desires. With His coming all your life can be transformed to one of moral and spiritual beauty.

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Build a Devotional

This is the fourth of four devotionals emphasizing the spirit of Thanksgiving for the month of November; by Reverend W. P. Connell, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

"Giving Thanks is a Mark of Quality"
Luke 17:11-19

In the scripture lesson Jesus sent the ten cleansed lepers to the priests, who were to inspect them, and finding them well would give each of them a clean bill of health. When only one out of

the ten returned, Jesus asked, "Where not ten cleansed?" We then ask ourselves where did the other nine go? Maybe they ran to tell their loved ones and friends. Maybe they just ran up and down the streets letting everyone know of their good fortune. Maybe they started job hunting. Maybe, well, maybe a lot of things.

We should not reprove nor judge the nine who did not return, but turn instead to the one who did return. What was there about the spirit of gratitude that motivated his coming back?

When we consider his returning we automatically say, "He did the right thing. That is a good quality he has in his life." It was an entirely voluntary and optional thing for him to do. No one forced him to return, and no one could force him to be sincerely grateful. Thankfulness is not one of the Ten Commandments nor is it on any of the statute books as a law today. It is something that cannot be legislated into mankind. It is a quality of ones character. It is a quality one can cultivate and it is a quality that is given birth in character because of one's acknowledgement and dependence on God. The person who gives thanks reveals that he not only can see blessings that are his, but that he has an insight into those blessings.

Jesus Christ gives us insight so that we can better use the blessings we receive. We are like two pieces of silver. One is silver plated and the other has sterling written on it. The silver plated piece is comparable to the nominal Christian who is attached to the church. The sterling silver piece has the name Christian written on it so that its worthwhileness can be clearly seen by all man. This man who came to Jesus thankful for his cleansed body had insight so he came to the source of his blessing.

Of all the people God has forgiven of their sins, and of all the people so well blessed in life who will return

in gratitude and give thanks this Thanksgiving season? Will you be among them?

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KINSHIP WITH MY LORD

To walk alone a trail
That leads into a wood
Give me an understanding of
The world that found good.
This simple world of Eden Bliss
Where creatures know no fear,
Where song birds sing their vesper
joy

For ears like mine to hear,
Where carpets are of emerald moss
And roofs of opal aky,
Gives me a kinship with my Lord
Lost to the passer-by.

—Anna Nash Yarbrough

It is far easier to persuade ourselves that we have been victims than to admit that we have been sinners.

Let the Children Come

The Thanksgiving holiday marks the end of harvest time. The fruits, grains and vegetables have been gathered and stored for the winter. In our part of the country other crops such as cotton, corn, any soy beans have been harvested. Thanksgiving day has always reminded us that all of these are God's gifts to those who work to earn them.

It is good to be thankful for what we, ourselves, have. It is also necessary for us to think of others. A rule in the Old Testament which was used in Bible times says, "When you harvest your grain and leave a sheaf in the field, do not return for it. It shall be for the fatherless and widows." This reminds us that we must remember to help others by sharing what we have.

The love and friendship of neighbors and friends is the most wonderful gift we have. The Psalmist said, "The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord." (Psalm 33:5) to be loved, we must love; to be friends, we must be friendly; to be helped by others, we must also help others.

Again the Psalmist tells us to "Serve the Lord with gladness." All people do not serve with gladness. Some do not want to do their part of the chores. There is complaining and griping. Even in our church families, some go about their jobs with complaining spirits, and gifts are made from grudging hearts. This Bible verse can remind us to do good with joy, to come to church happily, and to be cheerful and glad about the things we do for others.

"The Lord has done great things for us; We are glad." Psalm 126:3

—Aunt Feather

Poem For The Week

VOICE OF GOD

God, I don't have to push apart
The grass to feel Thy beating heart!
For while I keep me clean from sin
I feel Thee breathing deep within,
And by the gift of Thy sweet grace
I hear Thee whisper face to face.

I know not how such things can be,
But I do know He speaks with me,
Not from the grass nor from the sod,
But in my heart the Voice of God,
Speaking spirit unto spirit;
And if I listen, I can hear it—
Voice of God that calls to me
Out of His infinity!

HILLTOP VERSES AND PRAYERS
Ralph Spaulding Cushman



Tom Pitt, associate area director, conducted a workshop for charge lay leaders and pastors in New Iberia on Nov. 5. From left are Mr. Pitt; Howard Daughenbaugh, conference lay leader; Guyton Watkins, district lay leader; and the Rev. Jerome Cain, Lafayette district superintendent.

Carl Williams

Schedule for month of December

DAY	DATE	PLACE
Sun.	A.M., Dec. 1—	First Methodist Church, Lafayette, La.
	P.M., Dec. 1—	First Methodist Church, Houma, La.
Mon.	Dec. 2—	Aurora Methodist Church, Algiers, La.
Tues.	Dec. 3—	Algiers Methodist Church, Algiers, La.
Wed.	Dec. 4—	Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, Ferriday, La.
Thurs.	Dec. 5—	First Methodist Church, Winnsboro, La.
Sun.	A.M., Dec. 8—	Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.
	P.M., Dec. 8—	The Methodist Church, Coushatta, La.
Mon.	Dec. 8—	Blanchard Methodist Church, Blanchard, La.
Tues.	Dec. 10—	Zwolle First Methodist Church, Zwolle, La.
We.	Dec. 11—	First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, La.
Thurs.	Dec. 12—	The Methodist Church, Cotton Valley, La.
Sun.	A.M., Dec. 15—	Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans
	P.M., Dec. 15—	Slidell Methodist Church, Slidell, La.
Mon.	Dec. 16—	Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans
Tues.	Dec. 17—	Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, La.
Wed.	Dec. 18—	The Methodist Church, Palestine, La.
Sun.	Dec. 29—	Jackson, Mississippi

MYF Activities

BROADMOOR MYF BATON ROUGE HOLD SUPPER OCT. 12

For the purpose of supporting several of their service projects, members of the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, held a chicken pie supper, Oct. 12.

The activity was part of a series of events planned by the group at their recent retreat held at Fountainebleau State Park. Through several money raising projects, they had to provide this year: a meal ticket for a child at the Methodist Home, Ruston; a large Bible for a Baton Rouge convalescent home; 20 Bibles for Saeger Brown Home and Godwin School; and supplies for the Dulac Community Center in Houma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham are counselors for the group.

AUBREY G. WALTON SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The monthly meeting of the Aubrey G. Walton sub-district was held Nov. 4 in Many. Instead of the usual meeting, we had our Fall recreation.

The Rev. Bengston led the games and we then had refreshments furnished by Many. Zwolle was the winner of our 'track meet,' with Pleasant

Hill second; Many, third; Pelican, fourth; and Noble, fifth.

The Rev. Fairly, Zwolle, presented a devotional. The next meeting will be in Zwolle, Dec. 2.

—Virginia Gallaspy

MYF REORGANIZED AT LECOMPTÉ CHURCH

The Lecompte Methodist Church MYF has been reorganized with new officers elected. They are Faye Cupples, president; Garrie Eldridge, vice-president; and Charles Hogan, secretary-treasurer.

The group's current project is to join other youths of Lecompte for a community Thanksgiving service, Nov. 28.

They were Joy Sub-district host on Nov. 11.

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Guest Speakers

B. J. Earles of Crowley First Church was the guest speaker on layman's day for the Indian Bayou and Kaplan Methodist Church. Glen Foreman was master of ceremonies for the Indian Bayou Church, and the morning prayer was led by A. L. Jones. Edva Foreman was master of ceremonies for the Kaplan church. Rev. J. B. McCann is pastor.



LAYMEN WHO TOOK part in the Nov. 10 Layman's Day program at Hopewell Methodist Church were (l. to r.): Wilmer Reed, Kermit Reid, Delbert Houston, Elbert Houston, Charlie E. Morrow, Marvin Houston and Elbert Garlington, church lay leader. The Rev. Ira M. Robinson is the pastor.



ACTIVITIES AT CLAIBOURNE: At left, these four were in charge of the Layman's Day program. Mary Brown, organist; James Robinson, choir leader; Dwight Ramsey, morning sermon; and Sammy Hargrove, evening sermon. In the second picture are the young people who make up the youth choir for all Sunday evening services. A familiar scene, third picture from left, is the Sunday evening service prayer at the altar. In the last picture is shown the service leaders for the first of a series on Sunday evening on the function of the church commissions. From left are Mary Brown organist; Mr. Eley, chairman of the Commission on Education; and Mr. Ewing.



The Alexandria District workshop for ministers and their lay leaders was held Oct. 28 at First Church, Alexandria. At the top is the group of people who attended. At bottom, left, is Tom Pitt, associate area director, as he spoke to the group; and at right is the Rev. Fred Flurry, dist. supt., and Robert Gray, Trout lay leader.

**MUSICAL MINISTER
NOW NOTED FOR FLYING**
WASHINGTON, D. C. — A minister well known for his musical talent

has added another accomplishment — a license to give flying instruction. The Rev. Julius Carroll, pastor of Randall Memorial Methodist Church here, has



One of the liveliest groups in the Ruston District is the Older Adult movement. There are four organized clubs, known variously as the D.M.A.'s the golden Age Club, or the XYZ Club. They are in Trinity, Ruston, and First Church in Minden, Homer and Springhill. Others are proposed for Arcadia and Haynesville. Most of them have a monthly covered dish luncheon. Every three months they have a district luncheon, such as the one Oct. 23 at Trinity when 145 attended. The First Church, Minden, group came in the church bus. Shown here are the leaders of these four clubs: Homer, Mrs. Wideman Watson and Mrs. Ruth Walker; Trinity, Mrs. J.F. Wall; Minden, Mrs. Edith Collins; and Springhill, Ralph Ensey; and the famous Harp Band from Trinity. The next district luncheon will be Jan. 8 at Springhill.

MYF Sunday At Concord Church

On October 27, 1963, MYF Sunday was observed in the Concord Methodist Church. Dan W. DeLee, Jr., 17 years old, senior, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel DeLee, Sr., assisted his pastor at the morning worship hour.

The Rev. Ellis 'Sonny' Bankston is pastor of the Concord and new Hope Methodist Churches.

been flying planes for more than a decade and has thus shortened travel time for himself and other ministers. He also is an associate of the American Guild of Organists.



A group of Junior age children of Trout Methodist Church were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Shelton for a Halloween party.



THE GIRLS who live in James Building at the Methodist Children's Home recently gave a tea for their public school teachers to show their appreciation and to promote further understanding between the schools and the home. Pictured at the tea were (l. to r.): the Rev. Harry E. Zell, superintendent of the home; Mrs. Mary Bethea, house mother; and Mr. Morgan Peebles, vice-principal of Ruston High School.

News from the Alexandria Dist.

GLENMORE MYF OFFICERS

Officers were elected Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Glenmore MYF. Named were Mary Francis Irvine, president; Phyllis Sue Higdon, secretary; and Rodney Sharp, treasurer.

Jan Pickens was elected social chairman; Terry Higdon, reporter; and Jim Irvine, program committee. Members of the latter committee include Dugan Gann, Colleen Woolesey, Lane Baily, Mary Frances Irvine, Kay Carruth, Phyllis Sue Higdon, the Rev. Ed Pickens, pastor, and Mrs. James Irvine.

MR. NOLAN IS SPEAKER

The Rev. W. E. Nolan, director, director of enrollment counseling at Centenary College, spoke to the MYF and to the congregation of Horseshoe Drive Church, Alexandria, Sunday, Nov. 3. The Rev. Louis Coppage is pastor.

OPEN HOUSE

Open house was held at the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church parsonage Thursday, Nov. 7. The address is 2019 Clover Lane.

HOMECOMING DAY HELD

Eden Methodist Church members held their annual home coming day and dinner Sunday, Nov. 2. This is one of

the oldest Methodist churches in the State.

The Rev. Byrl Moreland of Trinity Church spoke to the group. Quarterly Conference was held by the Rev. Fred Flurry, Dist. Supt. The Rev. Henry Pinkard is pastor.

FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Trout Methodist Church voted to give a gift of \$100 on Methodist Children's Home Day. The Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor.

MORNING DEVOTIONS

The Rev. E. W. Sandel, pastor of the Trout and Uania Methodist Churches was the speaker for the Morning Devotion on KCIJ Nov. 11-15.

WESLEY SPEAKER

The Rev. Spencer Wren, pastor of Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, was the speaker for the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University Nov. 3. His topic was "Faith and Doubt in the Protestant Tradition."

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETS

The Alexandria District Council met Sept. 19 at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, led by Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Area Council director.

Mobilizing for Christian Literature

By Lloyd Knox

"A special aspect of the growth of the church and of its proclamation and witness in the world is our literature work. Beginning with the Bible, the importance of the printed word is basic, and The Methodist Church recognizes the absolute necessity and urgency of producing Protestant literature of all types across Latin America. In the battle which powerful forces are waging today to conquer the loyalties of entire peoples, the Church of Christ has a greater responsibility than ever before in this field of Christian literature. We rejoice in the significant efforts which are being made in this work and which will expand greatly. We are especially concerned about the slow distribution that has characterized our literature program thus far. As the Board of Missions has helped us greatly in augmenting the production of many books, we believe that this is the moment for the board to consider as well the urgency of helping in a serious and extensive program of distribution, so that every bookstore can be a focus of evangelism and every book salesman an evangelist of the Word."

The above statement of Latin American Methodism today points up one of the chief concerns in reaching people for Christ. Plans are being made to meet two great needs in the area of Christian literature, production and distribution of Christian literature that will appeal to a wide range of people. Methopress in Buenos Aires Methodism's only Spanish language press in South America) will serve as the central agency of the proposed distribution plan. There are to be 11 branches promoting Christian literature in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, and Costa Rica. The hope is that many more retail outlets will spring from these beginning branches and agencies. Both secular and religious books stores will be utilized in the distribution and sale of books.

A special effort is to be made to recruit 100 young people to dedicate themselves to the calling of the distribution and sale of Christian literature. These people would dedicate their full time to managing branches and agencies, contacting secular book-sellers, promoting the sale of books through local churches and being voluntary colporteurs who would carry out door-to-door, person-to-person sales. Young people recruited for the direction of agencies would first be trained in modern techniques of salesmanship and organization.

Sales efforts are to be accompanied

by a program of publicity to include advertisements by radio newspapers and television. However, excellent systems of distribution, good publicity and devout, well trained salesworkers will be useless unless the item to be sold is of value and is appealing.

It has been said that the sect groups and the Communists have been the most successful in selling their literature to the general public. This is because their literature is made especially to appeal to "non-believers" in their cause. On the other hand, most churches produce literature for use and reading within their own groups.

The church must provide adequate literature for the Evangelical people of Latin America that gives an effective Christian testimony to the millions of Latin Americans who hold to no faith. To do this, three areas of literary need are to be embraced—literature for the semi-literates, literature for persons with a basic education, and literature for students, professionals and intellectuals.

Biblical and theological books for laymen, devotional literature, Bible commentaries, books on church history and biographies of great Christians, church school material, etc., will be among the things aimed for use by Evangelical Christians.

Popular priced, attractive pocket-books for sale to the general public will have a Christian orientation. These would include fiction, the socio-economic and scientific-cultural fields, Christian psychology, the eternal themes of the faith (the Gospel message expressly written for the non-Christian and the indifferent), dramas and plays, and Christian art. Books for children and youth would include fiction, narratives, great discoveries, missionary accounts, Biblical literature, adventure stories, travel, space, nature and basic Christian thought. All literature would have a Christ-centered appeal. Naturally this material would have to be written and presented attractively.

In addition to the above, three types of magazines are under study. One is a magazine for the home with items of

interest for every member of a Christian family. Second is an "idea" magazine that would pioneer in the area of "contact literature" for presenting the Christian testimony to the secular world. Third is a magazine for junior and senior high age youth who are within the Christian fellowship.

This is an ambitious program. Methopress is superbly equipped with modern

machinery to fulfill a much greater potential. Needed are creative writers, a corps of literary collaborators and well prepared translators. People with journalistic ability are a must. A large outlay of funds will be necessary, but an effective program of the printed word will testify mightily to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Pray for this bold program of the Methodist Church in Latin America.

Pentagon Protestant Pulpit Hosts Outstanding Preachers for 'City'

WASHINGTON, D. C.

There must be something special about a pulpit whose year's guests include a missionary like E. Stanley Jones, an evangelist like Billy Graham, a Cabinet member like Luther Hodges and other nearly as well known.

In this case, this is the only Protestant pulpit in a "city" of some 30,000 persons—the Pentagon.

The Pentagon Protestant Pulpit, in the midst of the busiest corridor in one of the world's largest buildings, is the most dramatic part of a "continuing and enriching" devotional program at the Department of Defense headquarters. Avoiding routine use of the Concourse, it takes a score of the most significant occasions of the church year for noon-time services envisioned as a "teaching ministry."

A collection of talks given on these days is to be published in 1964 by Abingdon Press, using as its title this

year's theme, "And Our Defense Is Sure."

Drapes partially separate the worshippers from the world, but they do not keep out the sounds of passers-by, of office machines nor of the retail businesses that share the Concourse. Neither do the drapes stop the religious music and devotional message from getting out to those in the corridor. In fact, the service gets part of its crowd "just by making a joyful noise unto the Lord" in the midst of the bustle.

Until three years ago, the Concourse saw only Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter services, supplementing daily devotions elsewhere. Responsibility for Protestant religious observance in the Pentagon was delegated from the Army Chief of Chaplains to the office of the chaplain of the Military District of Washington.

Assigned at that time as Protestant chaplain for the Military District was Chaplain Harmon D. Moore, a Methodist minister from Alabama, who had led in setting up ecumenical preaching ministries earlier in Alaska and Japan and at Ft. Monroe, Va.

Moore had entered the chaplaincy in 1942 after graduating from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Candler School of Theology and serving four pastorates in Kentucky and Alabama. His World War II duty was with airborne and infantry units in Panama and the Southwest Pacific.

Now, because new appointments come to Methodist pastors in military as well as in civilian situations, Chaplain (Colonel) Moore has been assigned to headquarters of the Army's V Corps, at Frankfurt, Germany.

In Washington, Moore led in coordinated planning with chaplains holding comparable positions in the Navy and Air Force. The result was the Pentagon Protestant Pulpit, which has had the support of the three military services, of a wide variety of denominations and of leaders in science and industry.

The special services have attendance averaging from 300 to 500 persons, but going as high as 7,000.

Roman Catholics also use the Concourse for services on their holy days of obligation.

Among Methodists who are on the pulpit's speaking schedule this year are Dr. Jones, Secretary Hodges; Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles E. Brown, Jr., Army Chief of Chaplains; Dr. Abraham A. Vereide, director of International Christian Leadership, and Dr. Andrew D. Holt, president of University of Tennessee; along with Dr. James T. Cleland, a Presbyterian who is dean of the chapel at Methodist-related Duke University.

Briefs-----

The Methodist Church of South Africa, in one of the most significant actions in that segregated country, elected its first African as head of that denomination. Named president by a large majority at a Capetown meeting of the conference was the Rev. Seth M. Mokitimi of Bensonvale.

"Deeper Root" a new Methodist-produced motion picture about youth, was premiered at the national Methodist Conference on Christian Education in Chicago Nov. 5-10. The 38-minute color film is a documentary of the annual spring planning retreat of an Ann Arbor, Mich., MYF. It was filmed by the Television, Radio and Film Commission for the Board of Education and the Methodist Publishing House.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City has been elected to the 33rd Degree in Masonry Inspector General Honorary by Supreme Council in Washington, D. C.

Two Laymen related to The Methodist Church overseas have recently been honored by royalty. In Japan, Dr. K. Nishiyama, president of the board of Chinzai Gakuin in Ishahaya, was given an award for the promotion of education and granted an audience with the Emperor. In Norway, Arnt Haraldsen of Skien was decorated with the King's Medal.

The first Indian minister in the Southern California-Arizona Conference is serving as special worker to his own Navajo people at Community Methodist Church, Holbrook, Ariz. He is the Rev. William Joe, 25, who left the reservation 13 years ago.

Editor's Note: Latin American Methodists are preparing for a giant step forward in the production and distribution of Christian literature, for use outside the church as well as inside. The Methodist Board of Missions is cooperating with the Latin American churches in this literature thrust. How the preparations are proceeding and what is being planned are told by Mr. Knox, who is a missionary to Argentina. His North American home is Tampa, Fla.)

In Memoriam

Rev. J. M. Harrison

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Central Avenue Methodist Church, Batesville, for the Rev. John Marvin Harrison, 80, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, who had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Melvin H. Wester in Longview, Tex.

He was a native of Tennessee, where he attended Vanderbilt University. He served in the North Arkansas Conference from 1912 until his retirement in 1958. Among his pastorates were Salado, Pocahontas, Waldron, Holly Grove, Hughes, Parkin, Mansfield, Rector, Griffin Memorial, Paragould, Prairie Grove, Keiser, Jonesboro Huntington Avenue, and Caraway.

After his retirement he moved to Longview, where he served as visiting minister at First Methodist Church, Longview.

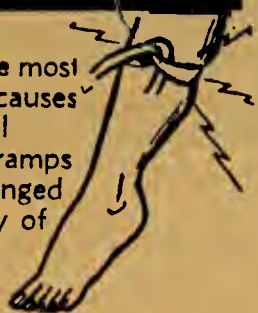
Survivors in addition to his daughter, include a son, John A. Harrison of Urbana, Ill., and four grandchildren.

RECEIVES FFA DEGREE

STONE CREEK, Va.—Arnold Travis Poole, a teacher for nearly 30 years at Ft. Grove Methodist Church here, has received the honorary American Farmer degree from the Future Farmers of America.

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NEW YORK -- Dr. E. Stanley Jones, right, internationally known Methodist missionary-evangelist and author, received the 1963 Gandhi Peace Award for Promoting Enduring Peace in ceremonies at New York City. The Promoting Enduring Peace organization, which has headquarters at Woodmont, Conn., cited the veteran of more than 50 years of mission service in India as a "catalyst for peace" and "an apostle of goodwill." The award, a carved wooden pillar, was presented by Dr. Ralph Sockman, minister-emeritus of Christ Church, (Methodist in New York). At left is Dr. Jerome Davis, executive director of Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc.

SPONSORS SEMINAR PROGRAM
WASHINGTON, D. C. — Methodist-related American University is joining with George Washington University here this year to sponsor a seminar program leading to graduate degrees in Far Eastern studies. The schools' presidents hailed the arrangement as a forerunner of expanded cooperative efforts in the next decade, especially in areas requiring advanced specialization.

COLLEGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
LYNCHBURG, Va. — Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, is in India (Oct. 28-Dec. 17) to arrange the launching of a U.S.-India Woman's College Exchange Program. Dr. Quillian is in charge of the new \$356,400 program, financed by the U. S. Department of State. To date, Randolph-Macon and Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., are the only Methodist-related schools among the 13 in the program.

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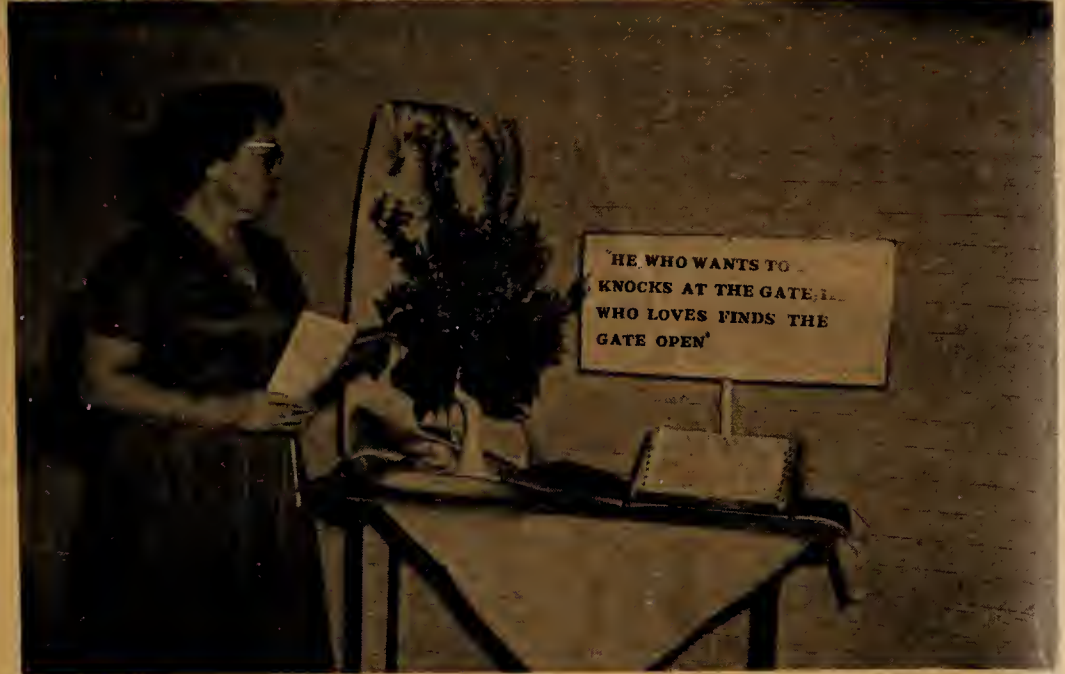
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Louisiana Women in the News



THE LADIES above are representatives of United Church Women of Alexandria and Pineville, checking layettes and children's kits brought to the World Community Day observance held in Alexandria's Trinity Methodist Church on Nov. 1. They are, from left: Mrs. Walter Eckhoff, Mrs. W.W. Brothers, Mrs. K.B. Morrish, president, and Mrs. A.R. Scheffer. Carl Williams, Methodist missionary to Bolivia, was the guest speaker.



MRS. JAMES R. ALEXANDER (above) led the recently completed study on "Christian Missions in Southern Asia" held by the Woman's Society of Jefferson Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. She was assisted by Mrs. M. W. Kirkpatrick, president. Mrs. L. S. Easterly created beautiful worship centers for each of the four sessions.

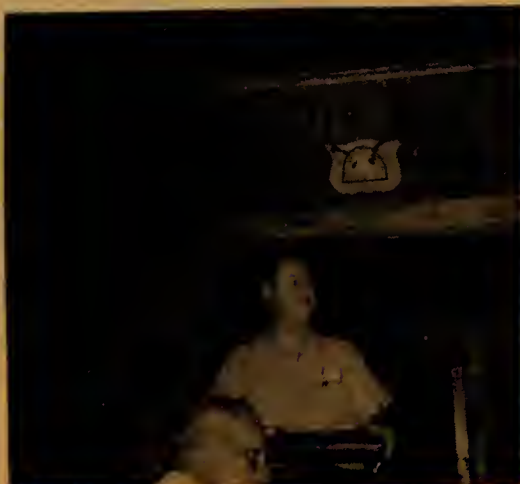


MRS. A.F. LANIER, for 39 years teacher of the Frances Lanier Class at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, receives a plaque from W.J. Keating, chairman of the church's commission on education, "in recognition and appreciation of her many years of service". The Rev. Cecil Benoit, minister of education at First Church, and Thilo Steinschulte, church school superintendent, made speeches of appreciation. Mrs. J. Brian Coker, class president, presented Mrs. Lanier a gift from the class.



GIRLS of James Building, Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, with their house mother, gave a tea for their public school teachers recently. Mrs. Mary Bethea, house mother, is pictured with a few of her girls before a background of ceramic products which Mrs. Bethea makes in her own kiln.

Scenes at Lake Charles District Laymen's Retreat





SCENES OF THE NOV. 10 groundbreaking for the new educational building at First Methodist Church, Bastrop. In the top picture, the Rev. Edward R. Haug, Monroe District Superintendent, breaks ground, while the pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Peyton, looks on. In the lower picture, ground is being broken by Mrs. Arthur Green, Church School Superintendent.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Return from Africa

New Orleans, Louisiana
November 21, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

For personal reasons Dr. Trice and I found it necessary to cut our trip short about ten days. We have arrived home safely and in good health. We regret having to miss Johannesburg and Mozambique, but did have the privilege of spending seven weeks on the tour, six weeks of which were spent in Africa. We closed our itinerary with three very pleasant and restful days at Victoria Falls. We enjoyed two days in London and appreciated the opportunity to see old friends there and to visit Wesley Chapel on City Road once more.

We are looking forward to sharing our experiences with you in every way that we can. Both Dr. Trice and I took pictures which we hope will be good. As far as our schedules will permit, we will both be available to show the pictures and to speak to groups concerning our impressions of the work of The Methodist Church in Africa.

We are glad to be home.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

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Jurisdictional Mission Tour Will Visit Central Juris. Institutions

Churches and institutions of the Central Jurisdiction in South Louisiana will be visited on a tour which is being sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction Boards of Missions, Dec. 9-12, according to an announcement by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, jurisdiction executive secretary. Dr. and Mrs. Morris will be directors of the tour.

Persons making the tour will meet in New Orleans at the Jung Hotel, Monday, Dec. 9, and visit the Vieux Carre that evening for dinner. On

Tuesday the touring party will visit churches and institutions in the city of New Orleans, including Dillard University, Flint-Goodrich Hospital, People's Community Center, Lafon Old People's Home, and a number of Central Jurisdiction Methodist churches.

On Wednesday the group will leave New Orleans for a visit to the Sager Brown Children's Home in Baldwin, La., visiting local churches at Algiers, Gretna, Morgan City, New Iberia, Lafayette and Opelousas. Plans call for lunch at the Sager Brown Home. The party will journey to Baton Rouge to spend that night.

Following a tour of Baton Rouge, including a visit to Southern University campus and the campus church which serves that student body, the group will go to Waveland, Miss. for a look at the Gulfside Assembly there. They will visit churches at Slidell and Mandeville en route. The tour will end in New Orleans on Thursday evening.

The cost of the tour will be \$75

Methodists Called To Prayer By Bishop Walton

Methodist churches of Louisiana observed a period of prayer for President Kennedy's family and for the nation on last Sunday morning in response to a request of Bishop Aubrey G. Walton that they should do so.

Bishop Walton, who had just returned from a two-month's visit to Africa, issued the following statement to the press in New Orleans:

"This is one of the most tragic moments in American history. The Methodist people of Louisiana join the millions of other Christians in our nation

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PARTICIPANTS in the Nov. 17 cornerstone laying for the new sanctuary at North Baton Rouge Methodist Church (l. to r.): Dr. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent, who was conducting revival services at the church; I.M. Baker, chairman of the building committee; Bob Finley, contractor; and the Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor.

Editorials

CONCERN FOR CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

NO part of our Methodist life is being more closely scrutinized these days than that which deals with Christian vocation. Our youth leaders, the officers of our Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, our Methodist Men, our bishops, and leaders in every phase of our program are seeking God's guidance in their understanding to work out a philosophy of Christian vocation that will captivate our youth and bring from them definite commitments which will serve as the strong foundation on which they can stand as they decide what they will do with their lives.

Dr. Richard Bauer is leading this movement across the church and out of his planning is emerging the strongest interest we have felt in this important field. As persons at the local church, the district and the conference levels dedicate themselves to guidance in this important work we will have a valuable ingredient to add to the strong guidance program which has been developing in our public schools for a number of years.

However, it is our sincere conviction that we must keep introducing into all of these discussions the concern for moving beyond the philosophy that all constructive and legitimate work is to be seen as Christian vocation. This is a necessary part of our stewardship responsibility just as we must dedicate our money to uses that are pleasing in God's sight. There remains that additional step of saying that there is the continuing need of challenging our young people carefully to consider the dedication of their lives and talents to the vocations within the Church itself.

The time has come when the Church needs persons trained for practically every vocation. Just as there is a continuing need for the dedication of our finest young people to answer the call to the Christian ministry, there is also a growing need for more decisions in every church-related

vocation. We know that this word will continue to be a part of all our work in Christian vocations.

REQUIEM FOR A PRESIDENT

JOHAN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, the thirty-fifth President of the United States, is dead from an assassin's bullet, and the nation and the world are still trying to adjust to the initial shock of this event. Through the stunned silence, each of us is asking himself what could possibly have contributed to the atmosphere of tragedy in which such an event could have taken place.

President Kennedy had given continued evidence of his concern for persons at home and around the world. With many people this concern was interpreted in such a way as to contribute to a most unusual atmosphere which sometimes could have been characterized as that of hatred. One cannot now know the full story of this awful deed or all of the persons or forces behind it. We should use these hours of mourning as a time of re-examination and questioning to see to what extent we have contributed to the "seeds of hatred" which were so widely broadcast.

We want to express our admiration of Mrs. Kennedy for the superb expression of her faith which was reflected through those moments of anxiety when the life of the President hung in the balance and then through those hours immediately following his death during which she bore so well the weight of her grief and the responsibilities of her position. The prayers of all of us have gone out for her and for the other members of the Kennedy family at this time.

Reporters' questions concerning the impact of this shocking event on course of the United States have brought from all our leaders the reaffirmation of confidence in the fundamental soundness of our country and the course on which she has been traveling. Long-range decisions which have guided the nation to a position of world leadership are not in jeopardy from the tragic events of these recent days. However, it is a logical time for every American citizen to consider carefully those fundamental ingredients of our national stature. The tragedy of President Kennedy's assassination must sober us all, including all those who differed so sharply with him, to the end that we shall never waver in our confidence that the right of all men to be free shall continue to find its highest expression in the implementation of the American dream.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

BOOK REVIEW

T. O. Rorie, Jr., THE WIFE MAKES THE PREACHER, Pioneer, \$3.00

Here is a book that carries us into the inner joys and sorrows of life in the ministry by one of our own retired ministers of the Louisiana Conference, the Rev. T. O. Rorie, Jr., father of the Rev. K. G. Rorie, associate area director of the Louisiana Area Council. The author makes his home in Little Rock.

He brings together four young men who might have become preachers and carries them through student days together at the University of Texas. Only one of them, Bob Brooks, becomes a minister, but the others all exert their influence on his life and on his work.

As the title implies, Brother Rorie is mainly interested in describing the character of Mary Alice, who becomes Bob's helpmate in the ministry. With the strange nickname of "Rebo" she enters into the work with an enthusiasm that undergirds him and his work and with a devoted zeal which sees through the many rough places and tragedies of their parishes and their personal life.

In the book are to be found a number of interesting descriptions of life in various parts of Texas during the student days and one of the parishes which Bob and "Rebo" serve. There is a life punctuated sharply by sorrow and grief and we see how God's Grace sustains them through it all.

We are grateful for this little volume in which this retired friend shares with us his conviction that "the wife makes the preacher." We are not inclined to disagree with him about this.

SCHOOL GRANTED \$200,000

FERRUM, Va.—A grant of \$200,000 the largest gift ever received by Ferrum College from a single source, was announced by Dr. C. Ralph Arthur, president. The fund came to the Methodist-related college from the Swartz Foundation of Roanoke and will be used in the school's construction program. In this 50th anniversary year, it has opened a new physical educational building, a man's dormitory and an expanded cafeteria-student activities center and has started a science building.

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Commitment Day Asks Individual Decisions of Man

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (MI) — Whether or not to drink liquor is "a decision for the moral man," Methodists will be reminded December 1. That will be Commitment Day, observed annually to give the church's constituents the opportunity to make or renew that decision.

The observance carries out the denomination's stress on individual abstinence.

The decision theme ties in with the year-long emphasis by the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns on "Moral Man and Moral Society."

This decision is urged, however, not only because of alcohol's effect on the individual but as a matter of "stewardship concern for our brothers."

Persons are invited to express their concern by pledging themselves also to alcohol education, to the welcoming of alcoholics into the church, to aid rehabilitation programs, to become better informed and to work for better understanding among those who differ on the question.

Materials from the board's Division of Temperance and General Welfare hold that Methodists, in commending "a way of life free from the use of alcohol," must consider these reasons against social drinking:

It "leads to suffering," in highway deaths, divorce and sexual immorality.

It "encourages rationalization," since "studies show that most Americans drink for reasons which make moderation impractical (and) truly moderate amounts would fail to accomplish the purpose intended."

It is "the cultural carrier of the disease of alcoholism," "a grave and preventable disease" and "the third largest health problem in America."

It "sacrifices values of genuine group relationships" by deadening reason and self-control so that "a false and shallow pseudo-fellowship blocks the creation of Christian community."

New Center For Washington, D. C., Gets Last Okay

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Construction of a new Methodist Center here has cleared its last major hurdle, as District of Columbia zoning officials granted approval Nov. 13 for development of the 16-acre site.

Approval of each specific building planned for the tract is still required, however. Plans for the first of these, a \$3,500,000 headquarters structure, were due for district authorities' review on Nov. 20. Building was not expected to start until spring of 1964.

We never really realize the need for a hospital until we are taken sick in the night.

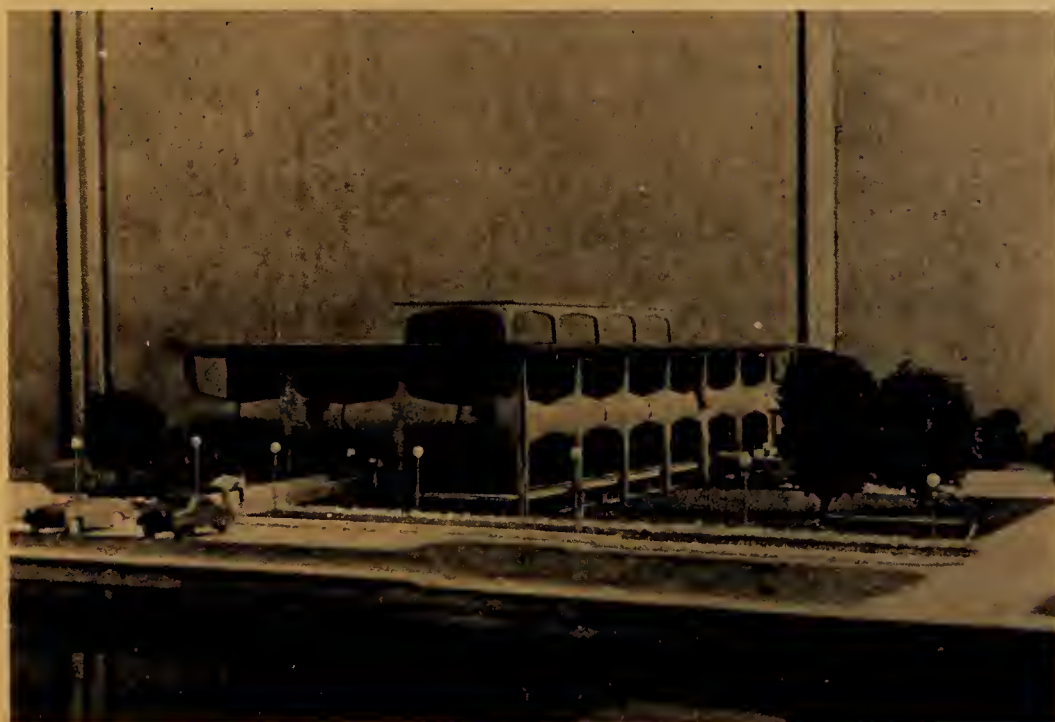
No government has any right to demand that a citizen shall compromise with his conscience.



NEW YORK -- President Kennedy, recipient of the first "Family of Man" award to be given by the Protestant Council of the City of New York, was greeted by a distinguished group of religious and civic leaders as he arrived in New York to address some 3,800 gathered for a dinner event which launched a new interreligious effort to fight spiritual and physical problems of society. Shown here, second from left, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister emeritus of Christ church (Methodist), New York.



DR. ARTHUR P. WHITNEY (right), a Methodist clergyman who has headed national distribution activities for the American Bible Society, was named at ABS headquarters in New York as national secretary of a newly-created "campus ministry" to increase Scripture distribution among students. The Rev. Carl W. Larson, left, a member of the Lutheran Church in America, was appointed to the national distribution post.



DES MOINES, Iowa -- Striking design for the proposed new headquarters for the Iowa Area of The Methodist Church. The structure will cost an estimated \$500,000 and construction will take about 12 to 15 months to complete. Location will be on the northwest edge of Des Moines' central business district in a complex that includes Iowa Methodist Hospital, First Methodist church, and Iowa National Esther Hall.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 1 - Sun.	Matt. 5:1-16
Dec. 2	Matt. 5:17-26
Dec. 3	Matt. 5:43-48
Dec. 4	Matt. 6:1-15
Dec. 5	Matt. 6:19-34
Dec. 6	Matt. 7:1-12
Dec. 7	Matt. 7:13-29
Dec. 8 - Sun.	Psalms 119:105-120



Mr. Lear

Lear Named MI Associate Sec.

NEW YORK — (MI) — Robert Lear of Des Moines, Iowa, has been elected an associate secretary of The Methodist Church's Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information and director of the commission's Chicago office. The 36-year-old journalist has been director of Iowa Methodist Information since 1956.

Lear will succeed Dr. Arthur West, whose election as general secretary of Methodist Information was announced earlier and who on April 19 will succeed the Dr. Ralph Stoddy in the commission's headquarters office in New York. Dr. Stoddy will retire on that date after 24 years of service as its chief executive.

Methodist Information is the general public relations office and news bureau of The Methodist Church, with the main office in New York and national-level branch offices in Nashville, Tenn., Washington, D. C. and Chicago.

Lear will be in charge of the commission's Chicago office, which is located in the Methodist building, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Ill.

Son of a Methodist minister, Lear was born in East Bank, West Virginia, was graduated from the Marion (Ky.) high school, and attended business college in Evansville, Ind.

He earned the bachelor of journalism degree at the University of Missouri in 1951, and after a four-year stint as a reporter and city editor of the Enid (Okla.) Daily Eagle, he returned to the university for graduate work, receiving his M.A. degree in journalism in 1956.

METHODISTS CALLED —

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who today mourn the President's death and who desire to express the deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

"I am calling upon the Methodist ministers of the state to observe in the worship services in our churches on next Sunday morning a special period of prayer for the late President's family and for the nation at large.

"A great and good leader and a dedicated friend of humanity has fallen. May God undergird the nation in this hour of darkness."

Following the release of this statement on Friday, Bishop Walton communicated his request of the preachers through the district superintendents, and the period of prayer was observed on Sunday.

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JURISDICTIONAL MISSION —

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from New Orleans to New Orleans, including all tour transportation after arrival in New Orleans, and all meals and lodging Monday evening through Thursday evening.

It is the hope of the Jurisdictional board that each annual conference will provide expenses for two official representatives for the tour. It will also be open to any other persons who are interested in the purposes of such a tour.

Reservations for the tour should be made by sending a check or money order for \$15 to Dr. Virgil Morris, 2400 N.W. 23rd, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107. The balance will be payable on arrival at New Orleans, where the Jung Hotel will be headquarters for the tour. Dr. Morris says that cancellations may be made, and money returned, prior to Dec. 2, and after that date reservation money cannot be returned but may be transferred to another person.

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SPECIAL SERIES AT INGLESIDE

Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently held a series of three special Sunday evening programs intended to help the membership better understand their rights and responsibilities as Christians in relation to the three branches of government.

Robert L. Roland spoke Nov. 3 on "The State Government and Your Place in It." He is a lawyer and a former collector of revenue for the State of Louisiana.

On Nov. 10 the subject was "The City-Parish Government and Voter Participation," and the speaker was L. W. Eaton, Jr., who has held a number of city and parish responsibilities in Baton Rouge. He is presently chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the LSU Union Governing Board.

On Nov. 17, U. S. District Judge E. Gordon West spoke on "The Christian's Obligation in Relation to the Federal Government." Judge West is a vestryman at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and a past president of the American Bar Association.

The series was sponsored by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the church. The pastor is the Rev. Harvey Williamson.

New District Office Opened In Baton Rouge

Dr. Bentley Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, has moved into a spacious new office in the Adult Center Building of the First Methodist Church. This office is one of the many memorial rooms in the building and is in memory of Allen J. Hawsey, Sr. The walnut desk and other furnishings were provided by the First Methodist Church and the office telephone is an extension of the central telephone system in the church.

Dr. Sloane will continue to maintain his study in the district parsonage at 4044 S. Ramsey Dr. but will use the down town office for conferences and interviews.

This new Adult Center in which the district office is located is one of the most adequate and up to date in the south and includes many new features for adult work such as craft rooms, parlors, kitchens, and special facilities for Older Adults. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church and the Rev. Jas. Ailor is director of the Adult Center.

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Lay Cornerstone At North BR

A cornerstone laying service was held Nov. 17 for the new sanctuary of North Baton Rouge Methodist Church. Participants included Dr. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport District Superintendent; the pastor, the Rev. Roy E. Mouser; I. M. Baker, chairman of the building committee; and Bob Finley, contractor and builder.

Dr. Harper, who was guest evangelist for revival services at the church, made the statement of purpose and led the congregation in prayer. Messrs. Baker and Finley presented and set the cornerstone. Pastor Mouser read the scripture and led the responsive litany. A duet, "On This Stone Now Laid With Prayer," was sung by Mrs. David Campbell and Miss Cheryl Self.

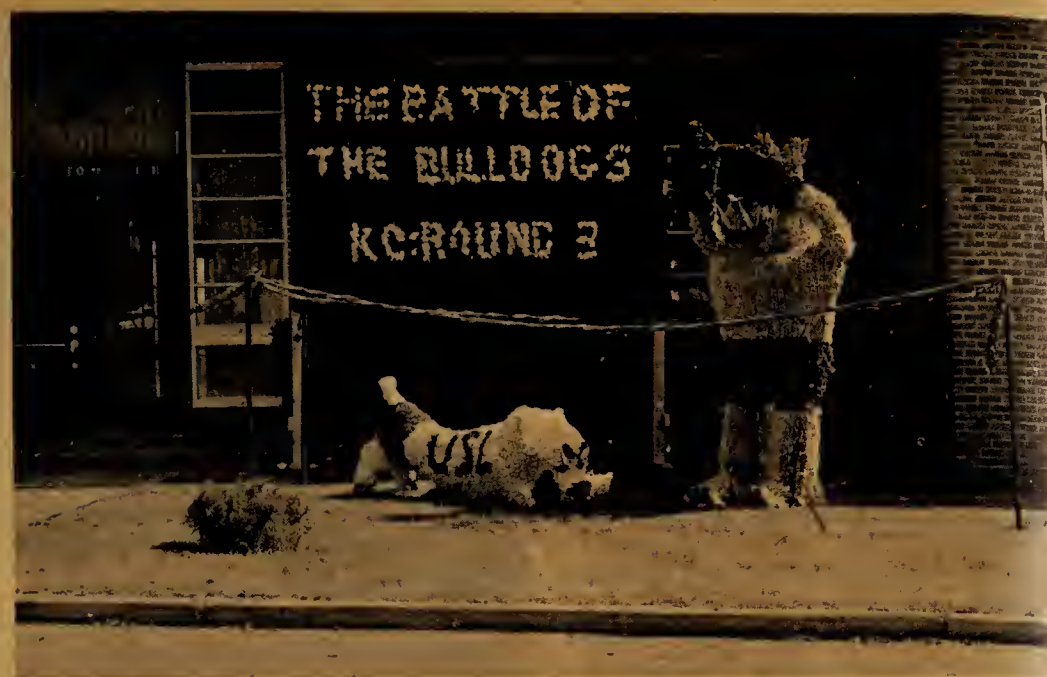
The scheduled completion date for the \$90,000 edifice is Dec. 13.

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There is a great need for a revival of emotion in religion.



DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, is shown in his new office at the Adult Center, First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.



FOR SEVERAL YEARS the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech has won top prize in their division in the homecoming display competition. They won again this year with the theme, "The Battle of the Bulldogs." The students in charge of this year's display were Jim Davis, Sylvia Arnold and Winnie Nail. The director is the Rev. Bill Stokes, Jr.

MAKE EVANGELISM DYNAMIC

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (MI) — "To Make Evangelism Dynamic in the Large Church" will be the theme of the annual national meeting of Methodist local-church directors of evangelism to be held here Jan. 20-23.

Attending will be ministers, many of them associate pastors of large churches, and laymen who devote fulltime to evangelism, visitation, membership, and related work in local churches.

The meeting is sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism and will be at the board's national headquarters building.

Leaders include Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities; the Rev. Kenneth E. Reed, director of chaplaincy service, Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., and several from Nashville—the Rev. Randle Dew and the Rev. Dr. H. D. Bollinger, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education; the Rev. Dr. A. J. Walton, visiting minister of West End Methodist Church; the Rev. Sam S. Barefield, staff member of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission; Bishop Charles F. Golden, head of the Nashville-Birmingham Area of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church; and Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary, and staff members of the General Board of Evangelism.

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Director of the conference is the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, director of local church evangelism for the General Board of Evangelism.

Among the topics for discussion will be "Renewal of the Ministry," "Renewal of the Laity," and "Renewal Through the Church School."

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Mrs. Laskey On Study Committee

Mrs. Glenn F. Laskey of Ruston, vice-chairman of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Methodist Board of Missions, has been named as a members of a committee on consultation which is to make a study of Wesley Foundations looking toward "a more effective campus ministry of The Methodist Church."

The personnel of the committee was recently named by Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston, chairman of the committee on consultation for the study. "The study will provide information and standards for a thorough and impartial analysis of Wesley Foundations," said Bishop Mathews.

The General Board of Education, at its annual meeting last January, approved the study, saying that the beginning of the second half-century of the Wesley Foundation movement "would be a most opportune time to reevaluate The Methodist Church's responsibility for campus ministry through its Wesley Foundations."

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Groundbreaking At Bastrop

A groundbreaking service was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, for the educational building of First Methodist Church, Bastrop. Officiating at the service was the Rev. Edward R. Haug, Monroe District Superintendent, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Peyton.

The new building, which is expected to be completed by June 15, 1964, will include 25 classrooms for children and youth, 4 rest rooms, 2 offices, a kitchenette and adequate storage space.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE REV. WILLIAM T. METHVIN, a retired minister who makes his home in Tucson, Ariz., was the guest minister at the Belah and Eden Methodist Churches, Oct. 20. The Rev. Henry Pinckard is the pastor.

MR. TOMMY MILLER was the speaker for the Nov. 18 meeting of the Methodist Men of Westlake Methodist Church. Mr. L. H. Cashen gave the devotional. The pastor is the Rev. Garland Dean.

MR. SAM JONES, outstanding Methodist Layman and former Louisiana governor, was the speaker for the Men's Banquet, Nov. 19, at Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is the pastor.

DR. F. CROSSLEY MORGAN, noted Bible scholar, lecturer and preacher, was guest speaker Nov. 17-22 at First Methodist Church, Welsh, where the Rev. Oakley Lee is the pastor. He spoke twice daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

THE REV. FRED FLURRY, Alexandria District Superintendent, was the guest speaker at College Avenue Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Nov. 10, at the morning worship hour. The pastor is the Rev. Dell S. Durand, Jr.

THE REV. CARL WILLIAMS, missionary to Bolivia, was the speaker for the Ladies' Night supper meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Crowley, Nov. 11. The pastor is the Rev. W. D. Boddie.

DR. BOND FLEMING, Dean of Centenary College, was the guest preacher for all services on Nov. 10 at William B. Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge, where the Rev. William E. Trice is the pastor.

THE REV. KIRBY VINING, pastor of First Methodist Church, Leesville, was the guest preacher for revival services at Wesley Methodist Church, DeRidder, the week of Nov. 10. The host pastor was the Rev. Raymond Crofoot.

A GROUP OF RETIRED PERSONS from the membership of Parker Memorial and Rayne Memorial Methodist churches in New Orleans drove to Baton Rouge on Nov. 13 to attend a meeting of the Extra Years of Zest Club at First Methodist Church in that city.

THE SENIOR MYF OF Springhill Methodist Church attended a youth rally on Nov. 24 at Williams Methodist Church, Texarkana, Tex. The speaker for the rally was Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Their pastor is the Rev. Ralph Cain.

CHILDREN OF THE Methodist and Baptist churches in Downsville reported that they raised a total of \$28.34 to be used for the "Meals for Millions" program. The Downsville Methodist pastor is the Rev. Brady B. Forman.

THE REV. H. O. Bolin, Methodist evangelist who makes his home in Little Rock, was the

guest speaker for revival services at Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Nov 10-17. The Rev. Ira A. Love, the pastor, reports a very successful meeting.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, has received the 18th renewal of its charter from the General Board of Lay Activities, according to a recent announcement in the church bulletin. The pastor is the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of Simpson Methodist Lake Charles, recently elected Miss Diane Quaid to represent them in the "Youth Recognition Week" being promoted by the Optimist Club of that city. She is the daughter of the pastor of the church, the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid.

THE REV. E. LEE MCKAY, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, Crowley, has asked us to say that he has an Elliott Addressograph Machine and a Speed-O-Print duplicating machine which he would like to sell. He states that both are in good condition. His address is 325 East Elm Street, Crowley.

THE REV. ROBERT ED TAYLOR, minister to the students of Centenary College, and one of the ministers who has come out of the membership of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, conducted a preaching mission in that church, Nov. 17-20. The pastor is the Rev. Earl B. Emmerich.

DR. KEITH MASON of Shreveport was the guest speaker for the Ladies' Night program of the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, Nov. 20. He spoke on his recent experience of working in a medical mission at Utila, Guatamala. The pastor at Bossier City is the Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

IN THE LAFAYETTE DISTRICT, the Rev. Karl Wood, district director of youth work, met on Oct. 29 with a group of young people and their leaders to organize a new sub-district. Churches participating were Franklin, Patterson, Bayou Vista, Berwick and Morgan City.

THE REV. BARRY BAILEY, pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the inspirational speaker for the Church School Workers' Conference held at the Blackwater Methodist Church, Nov. 12 under the direction of Mr. Maurice Bailey, superintendent. The Rev. Angus Lee Carruth is the pastor.

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION Choir of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Barefield, the wife of the Wesley Foundation director, provided special music for the morning worship service at Davidson Memorial Church, Lafayette, Oct. 27. The Rev. Harold R. Hine is the pastor of this church.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, head of the Department of Bible at Centenary College, was the leader for a church-wide Bible Conference at First Methodist Church, Arcadia, Nov. 24-25. He brought a series of lectures on the Book of Romans, bringing two on Sunday and two on Monday. The pastor is the Rev. Beverly Bond.

DR. CARL LUEG, New Orleans District Superintendent, was the preacher for the Thanksgiving Day Service at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans. This was planned as a special all Church School service in which all the classes were invited to join together in expressing their thanks to God. The pastor is the Rev. B. A. Galloway.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, a beautiful set of 25 handbells has been purchased by the church and a bell choir has been started using Junior High MYF boys. The members of this congregation will be anxiously awaiting the first public performance by this

group. The pastor is Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

LOOKING TOWARD THE COMING ELECTION the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, sponsored a program on "Implementing Campaign Pledges" on Nov. 19. The main speaker was Mr. Charles Tapp, research analyst of the Public Affairs Research Council. The pastor is the Rev. John Winn.

THE REV. GEORGE HARBUCK, pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was the guest preacher for revival services at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, Nov. 17-22. The song leader and soloist for the meeting was the Rev. George Dent, associate pastor of Park Place Methodist Church, Houston, Tex. The host pastor was the Rev. Wilson L. Watson.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP, sponsored by the Family Life Committee, was held at First Methodist Church, Monroe, Nov. 21, for adults, and on Nov. 23 for children. These workshops bring the members of the families together in order that they might learn to make Christmas decorations together in their homes. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

THE OLLA METHODIST CHURCH observed MYF Sunday, Oct. 20 with the program being directed by Barry Smith, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ted Smith. He reported on the Mission Tour of the state in which he participated during the summer. Miss Becky Baum was song leader for the service and the choir was made up entirely of young people. Miss Glenda White was the organist and she is assisted by Cissy Mauterer.

DURING A SPECIAL SERVICE of hymn singing at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Nov. 10, the congregation had the opportunity of singing an original hymn by one of their own members, Douglas Lynn Davis. The hymn, which was written last year, was recently set to music by the Rev. Franklin Poole, the church's minister of music. The pastor is Dr. Guy M. Hicks.

ON LAYMAN'S DAY the following laymen conducted the services on the Fairview-Sweetlake Charge: Sweetlake: Donald Todd, the church lay leader brought the message, and H. H. Stone, chairman of the Official Board presided; Fairview: the message was brought by Gene Wittler, Official Board chairman, and Delmar Hebert, church lay leader. Kenneth Sweeney, a member of the board, presided. The pastor is the Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs.

THE MYF OF FIRST Methodist Church, Zwolle, raised \$192 recently for the building fund of that church. Money was also raised for this purpose recently by the Woman's Society of Christian Service by a bake sale and the Wesleyan Service Guild with a rummage sale. On Nov. 24 a special Thanksgiving offering was received and this will also go to the building fund. Their pastor is the Rev. Vernon Fairley.

CHILDREN'S NIGHT WAS observed at the evening worship service of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, on Nov. 10. In addition to a "special children's story sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, the congregation was treated to special music by the Junior Choir and a sermon on "The Precious Gift of Sight" by the associate pastor, the Rev. Marvin McFarland.

THE BROWN-SHIELDS CLASS and the Banks Class at First Methodist Church, Minden, have given \$25 each to the Rev. James W. Spitzkeit, one of our missionaries in Korea, to help save one of the Korean churches from losing their property. Standing on property which once belonged to the Japanese government and now to the government of South Korea they had been ordered to pay for the land or vacate the building. The Minden pastor is the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 8, 1963:

'WHOM THE LORD COMMENDS'

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:10-25; 2 Corinthians 10, 13. Printed Lesson Text, 2 Corinthians 10: 7-18.

MEMORY SELECTION: It is not the man who commends himself that is accepted but the man whom the Lord commends (RSV). 2 Corinthians 10:18.

AIM OF LESSON: To show how important it is that our estimate of people be based on character rather than personal appearance and to stress the importance of God's commendation as compared to that of man.

Through the first nine chapters of 2 Corinthians Paul writes in a very commending, appreciative and appealing tone. However, beginning with chapter 10, from which our lesson is taken, Paul starts a vigorous, almost defiant defense of his authority as an apostle of Christ.

That defense of his apostleship and denunciation of his enemies who were disturbing and misleading the church at Corinth, continues through the last four chapters of the letter. So pronounced is the difference in tone of these last four chapters, compared to the first nine, that some scholars even think that they are a part of a different letter that later became attached to 2 Corinthians.

We understand, of course, that the early Christian churches were composed of converted Jews and pagan Gentiles. Let us keep in mind also that throughout Paul's ministry there was no generally, accepted, unquestioned, authoritative leader in the Christian church. We may think of Paul as such a leader. However, all of the people of his day did not. Paul's authority and even his claims to be an apostle of Christ were frequently challenged by some and rejected by others.

We should not be surprised that these new churches, composed of converted Jews and former pagan Gentiles, were very unstable in the absence of a recognized, accepted leader. The Gospels at this time had not been written and all these people knew about Christ was what they heard from their teachers. Conflicting teachers were terribly disturbing.

In such situations it is not surprising either that some self-appointed Christian leaders moved into organized Christian churches and took advantage of the fluid situation. They would try to establish themselves as leaders of authority. To do this they would attempt to discredit the authority of those who organized the churches. This was something of what Paul was up against in the church in Corinth.

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SEEING THINGS AS THEY ARE

Smollett, back in the 18th century wrote, "Facts are stubborn things." In defending his authority as an apostle, Paul calls the attention of the church at Corinth to some facts of which they should be aware. In the opening verse of our lesson text Paul is challenging the Corinthian church to open its eyes and be convinced by facts that were plainly in evidence about them. He feels that the members of the church should be able to see in the church he organized there and in the Jewish and Gentile converts of his ministry who compose the church membership, evidence of his authority and effectiveness as an apostle of Christ.

In the New English Bible this opening verse is translated, "Look facts in the face." Phillips translates it, "Do look at things which stare you

in the face." The Revised Standard Version reads, "Look at what is before your eyes."

These various translations all indicate that Paul felt that these Corinthian Christians had all of the evidence needed of his authoritative apostleship if they would just look about them. Paul found it difficult to understand how they could be so badly misled by tramp preachers when they knew so well the nature of his work as an apostle of Christ.

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PAUL BOASTS AUTHORITY FROM GOD

While Paul recognized that there were others who had been called to spread the gospel, he did not recognize that anyone had more authority to do so than he did. Apparently he could quickly sense an imposter.

Paul firmly believed God had called him to be an apostle to the Gentiles. He felt that the authority given him by the Lord was to enable him to build people up and not to destroy them as these false teachers in Corinth were doing.

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TALKING ABOUT THE PREACHER

The enemies of Paul in Corinth were practicing an age-old favorite pastime—talking about the preacher. This is a practice that has survived through the centuries and is practiced today as vigorously and at times as viciously as was found in the church at Corinth.

In the opening clause of verse 10 of our lesson text we find the words "they say." These words refer to what the imposters at Corinth were saying about Paul. What "they say" is possibly the basis of more foundationless gossip than anything we know.

What do "they say" about Paul. In verse 10 Paul says, "My critics say 'His letters are impressive and moving but his active presence is feeble and his speaking beneath contempt (Phillips.)' The New English Bible translates this verse, "His letters, so it is said, are weighty and powerful but when he appears he has no presence, and as a speaker he is beneath contempt."

Enemies of Paul tried to destroy him and his leadership in Corinth by unbridled criticism and ridicule. They said, in effect, that he was a coward at heart, meek in their presence and bold in his writings when absent. They were saying what may often be said of different people, "He is a better writer than he is speaker." However, in the case of Paul's enemies at Corinth, this was stated in much more vicious, spiteful words.

From what little we know about Paul's personal appearance, we are left with the impression that he was not of imposing stature. However, as Paul spoke to the Greeks on Mars Hill, as he spoke before King Agrippa, when he spoke in defense of his life before a mob in Jerusalem, something of the eloquence and forcefulness of his arguments reach us across two thousand years.

Paul's reaction to this unjustified criticism was not resentment. In verse 1 of this chapter, from which our lesson text is taken, Paul says, "Now I, Paul, myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ."

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FOLLY OF SELF-RECOMMENDATION

In verse 12 Paul says ironically, "Of course we shouldn't dare include ourselves in the same class as those who write their own testimonials

or even to compare ourselves with them." Then he adds, "All they are doing, of course, is to measure themselves by their own standards or by comparison within their own circle, and that doesn't make for accurate estimation, you may be sure. (Phillips)."

John Fortescue, as far back as the 15th century wrote, "Comparisons are odious." Webster defines "odious" as "deserving of or provoking . . . repugnance." That age-old statement could very appropriately be applied to the effort by comparison of Paul's enemies to give themselves a good recommendation.

We are caught in a vicious, meaningless circle, that leads nowhere, when we compare ourselves with ourselves. We are not doing much better as Christians when we compare ourselves with others in the church who are doing no better than we are.

Comparisons do really become "odious" when people outside the church piously say, "I am as good as some people in the church. In such comparisons our pious friends usually stand themselves along side of the sorriest, shabbiest, most bedraggled church members to be found. One has not paid himself a very high compliment when he is willing to compare himself to the musty, dusty, worthless side of anything.

The only comparison worthy of us as Christians is to compare our lives with the life of Jesus or with the ideal he pictured. We may find ourselves falling far short, in the comparison. However, we will at least have faced a worthy, challenging goal toward which we can move.

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PAUL DEFENDS HIS APOSTLESHIP

Under the circumstances Paul had no choice but to make a vigorous defense of his apostleship. Otherwise his leadership and effectiveness would have been seriously crippled if not destroyed.

This was no sham battle between Paul and his enemies. It was for keeps. The only way Paul could win was to defeat them. Because of this urgent situation, Paul says some very direct, cutting things about these imposters. In 2 Corinthians 11:13 Paul says, "Such men are sham-apostles, crooked in all their practices, masquerading as apostles of Christ" (New English Bible).

These are harsh words, but apparently these and words of a similar nature in chapters 11, 12, 13 are necessary to awaken the church membership at Corinth to the dangers they faced.

Paul continues with a defense of his ministry which he feels it should not be necessary for him to make. His defense is strong and convincing. However, it seems a little pathetic that a character like Paul must defend himself against "crooked, sham-apostles," such as infested the Corinthian church.

This may have been somewhat discouraging to Paul but it in no sense defeated him in his plans and purposes. Rather, Paul tells the Corinthians that, because of their faith, he wants to make Corinth a base of operations from which he "can carry the gospel to lands that lie beyond," rather than to be content to be ecclesiastical squatters in churches established by others, as were his enemies.

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WHOM THE LORD COMMENDS

No one of us enjoys criticism whether we deserve it or not. Furthermore, we usually warm up to commendation whether we deserve it or not. People may be wrong either in criticism or commendation, as we all know.

The ultimate in commendation comes in the "well done" spoken by the Lord. Having the consciousness of God's commendation, as did Paul, we need not be disturbed by what people say, except as we feel that their criticism might affect our opportunities to do good. It was this fear that aroused Paul rather than any personal feelings he had because of false criticism.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

An ordained minister who prayed aloud before prosecution witnesses for the acquittal of a defendant being tried in Greensboro, N.C. was found in contempt of court. Superior Court Judge James F. Latham found the Rev. Billy Hamlet's plea for divine intervention in the case in direct conflict with instructions he gave witnesses. He said Mr. Hamlet, by praying for acquittal of the defendant, had "prostituted the divine power" and that his prayer was "inflammatory in nature and calculated to intimidate the witnesses for the state in the case."

This is really a unique point at law regarding prayer. Brought before the court, the minister said he was just "praying to the Lord to have His way in the case and in all cases everywhere in the land."

America, a national Catholic weekly published in New York, has come out with a defense of the late Ngo Dinh Diem and a criticism of U. S. intervention said to have led to the toppling of his South Vietnam regime and his death. The magazine claimed that the late ruler "remained something of a national hero up to the day of his downfall."

This difference of opinion concerning who was right in this case will no doubt continue as long as Buddhists and Roman Catholics feel their strong differences in South Vietnam.

An agreement has been reached in Greenfield Park, N. Y. between Orthodox Jewish religious leaders and Jewish morticians to bar excesses in Jewish funerals and stress their spiritual aspects. The agreement is in the form of a "Jewish Funeral Guide" which will be distributed to Jewish families by funeral directors. It was developed jointly by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and its rabbinic arm, the Rabbinical Council of America, and the Jewish Funeral Directors of America.

It is amazing how much attention is now being given to this whole matter of funeral practices by ministers and funeral directors. Dialogues of a serious nature in this field may bring just as much fruit as other types of dialogue now under way.

An autoharp, two guitars and a bass viol provided the instrumental background as a Protestant Episcopal Communion service was recently sung to the tunes of American folk songs at Brown University's Manning Chapel in Providence, R. I. The folk Mass was arranged by the Rev. Major L. Johnson, Jr., Baptist chaplain at the university, and though it used folk tunes the words were those of the Lord's Prayer, the Kyrie Eleison, the Agnus Dei and other portions of the Episcopal service.

When a Baptist chaplain sets the words of the Episcopal Communion service to folk tunes then the end-result must be an ecumenical exhibit of one kind or another. We just wonder exactly what it is supposed to communicate.

Special contact has been made by the United Church of Christ with some 900 laymen and women of the denomination living overseas as part of a continuing program urging them to

"make their Christian faith count," it was recently reported at the 154th annual meeting of the UCC's Board for World Ministries. Laymen and women were reported to have been reached in 80 countries during the first year of the program.

This we believe is one of the most far-reaching programs of follow-up of non-resident members of which we have read. Surely it will come under consideration by other boards of missions.

The congregation of Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, Iowa has voted to donate up to \$4,000 to the city government to cover a portion of the property taxes from which it is exempt. The actual amount to be allocated will be decided in January when the 1964 church budget is adopted.

Msgr. John P. Haverty, superintendent of schools for the New York Roman Catholic archdiocese, recently announced that 222,232 students are enrolled for the current school year in the elementary and secondary schools of the diocese. The figure represents an increase of 3,279 pupils over last year.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Petitions containing signatures of more than 22,000 residents of three Pennsylvania counties, asking the return of prayer and Bible reading to public schools, are delivered to Congress by Rep. Frank S. Clark (D. -Pa.). The congressman is one of 35 House members who have introduced a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment to override the Supreme Court decision against public school devotional acts.

The Harrisburg, Pa. School Board has adopted a policy of "trees at Christmas and bunnies at Easter" in an effort to follow what it interprets as U. S. Supreme Court thinking on religion in public schools. Religious holidays, according to School Superintendent Fred Bryan, will continue to be observed in the schools through "such practices, not related to the Christian religion, as have been accepted by the general public."

Because of a "multitude of splinter organizations" that have developed over the years, a Roman Catholic pastor in Detroit has abolished all male laymen's societies and reorganized them as one central group. Father Charles E. Coughlin, once a famed and controversial radio speaker, announced the move which will become effective Jan. 1 in

his parish, the Shrine of the Little Flower, at Royal Oak, Mich.

The Rev. Elizabeth Miller of Bryn Mawr, Pa. has been named executive director of the American Baptist Convention's Division of Christian Social Concern. One of about 25 women ministers among that denomination's 6,000 ordained clergy, she succeeds Dr. John W. Thomas, who resigned.

A plea that women be included in the Synod, the administrative arm of the Anglican Church of Canada, was recently made in Montreal. One clergyman objected saying he saw the possibility that the Synod would become completely female if women were admitted since they had time to spare and that men were so busy they would tend to let the women take over.

Church renewal requires Protestants and Roman Catholics to meet together more often and to appreciate the others' virtues while acknowledging their own faults, Father James Deneen, superintendent of Evansville Roman Catholic schools, recently told the Protestant and Catholic audience at what was called a "historic and unique" Reformation Day service. The Rev. Guy Carpenter, minister of the Methodist Temple in that city, shared the podium with the priest at the service sponsored at Evansville College by the Evansville Council of Churches.

The Catholic Star Herald, weekly of the Camden, N. J. diocese, recently received the annual Human Relations Award of the American Jewish Committee's Philadelphia chapter. Accepting the award was Msgr. Salvatore J. Adamo, executive editor of the paper.

The Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America, holding its quadrennial Sobor (General Convention) in New York agreed to purchase a 500-year-old famed holy ikon of the Virgin Mary from a private collector for \$500,000. Measuring 10 by 13 inches and encrusted with some 1,000 diamonds, emeralds, rubies, sapphires and pearls, the ikon is known as the "Virgin of Kazan," named for the Russian city where it was painted about 1400.

A Minneapolis congregation has been expelled from its denomination because its pastor and some members engage in "speaking in tongues" and other "Pentecostal-type practices. Vine Evangelical Free Church was dropped from the rolls of the North Central District Association of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Public schools constitute a vast "untilled field" of potential candidates for Roman Catholic vocations as priests, nuns and religious brothers, Msgr. Bertrand J. Gulnerich, pastor of Saint Francis De Sales Church of Buffalo, recently told a district meeting of Serra International, a laymen's group which encourages religious vocations.

A new Department of a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation has been formed by the National Council of Churches to expand its work with millions of Americans when away from home. Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, NCC general secretary, said the new unit represents the Council's awareness of the increasing importance of leisure and recreation in American life.

The decision of Protestant Churches at the recent French Protestant Federation assembly in Aix-en-Provence to unite their efforts in certain areas of religious activity is regarded by some observers as a step towards creation of a single Protestant Church in France. In the future there will be one diaconate; study and research will be undertaken in common; all member churches will cooperate in developing interconfessional communities, and in conducting youth movements.

NEWS

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Education.....

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The two weeks we spent in Chicago were very fruitful weeks for a freshman Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and Area Director of The Methodist Church of Louisiana. We worked hard, learned a lot, and will try to be of more service to the Conference as a result of the investment in my attendance upon this fine conference.

We were happy to hear from those responsible for getting it ready for distribution that the schedule for "Christian Studies for Methodist Children" is strictly on time. It is wonderful that so great an undertaking in which so many people are involved could be kept on a schedule which was worked out before the project began. It is a testimony to the efficiency, the devotion, and the hard work of those connected with this gigantic undertaking. The first issues of this literature will be available to selected teachers by June 1, 1964, and will be available to local churches by the middle of July or August, 1964. We are happy to announce that a new children's Bible will also be available at that time. This Bible has been prepared especially for children. It will be printed in large, bold print with many extra features for children. It will be fairly reasonable in price, possibly selling for \$4.98. Along with the other literature, new literature for Vacation Church Schools will come from the press and be available for the summer of 1965. A new film for the Youth Division's evening program, "Deep Roots," is now available through the Visual Aids Department of the Cokesbury Book Store, Dallas. We previewed this material at Chicago, and found it most appropriate for the M.Y.F. program.

As of this date, November 19, we have held four of the workshops on the new curriculum materials for the Children's Division and have been pleased with the attendance in all the districts. We regret that in each case about twenty per cent of the churches were not represented. We do hope that the District Director of Children's Work and the District Superintendent in each district will see that these churches which were not represented at the workshops receive the information that was given out at the workshops and that the materials be available to them.

We are so pleased at the way the RALLY DAY OFFERINGS are coming in. We are ahead of our record at this time last year. Keep up the good work.

Lay Activities.....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



This week I would like to devote this space to one of our most important responsibilities and that is: Stewardship. Let's look at it from several different angles.

On December 7 most of us will be going to the polls to vote for a number of candidates for a number of offices. While I do not suggest, through this medium, any particular candidate, I do suggest we have a Christian responsibility to exercise our franchise and choose the candidate we think will conduct himself in a manner that will reflect credit and honor to the office he seeks. If we as Christian people do not judge the qualifications of those we elect to office by using yardsticks of honesty, integrity, competence, ability and high moral standards, then we have not fulfilled our own responsibility as good stewards of His.

We are about to the midpoint of our conference year. How does the record stand on our financial stewardship? Is our contribution in terms of money keeping up with the passing days and months? Measure your giving thus far

this year by the traditional tithe. Have you returned to God, out of the bounteous blessings that He has bestowed upon you, a reasonable portion of your income? Are we giving Him our first fruits or residue? Money in itself is not important. It is the things that money can pay for and provide that helps keep the program and activities of our great church moving forward throughout the world. Don't let it be true that something had to be left undone because you did not do your part.

Just how seriously do we consider our stewardship of time? So often we hear or say ourselves, "Sorry, I just don't have the time." If you are one of these, have you ever stopped to realize that you have as much time as anyone! Each of us has all the time in the world, for each of us must live life day by day. Each golden moment, as it passes, is all the time there is. The problem most of us face is that we cannot seem to discipline ourselves in the budgeting or use of our time. We rise up in the morning and say to ourselves, "This is the day the Lord has made" and then somehow we too often waste it away—occupied with the trivial things and night comes and we are ashamed of our stewardship. What a joy it would be if we would only put first things first. God gives us each day and year. Can we not reserve for Him a reasonable portion of that which He has given us.

To each of us God has given certain talents. To some He has given many, to some few; and from this point of view all men are not created equal. For to whom much is given, much is required—and yet in the eyes of Him who distributes the talents, each of us has an equal stewardship for that which is entrusted to us. Take stock of your abilities and see if you are utilizing them to the fullest for Christ and His church. Great or small, few or many—they can all be blessed and used for Him.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The National Convocation on Evangelism was held November 19-22 in Louisville, Kentucky. Ministers representing the Louisiana Conference were A. A. McKnight, Conference Board Chairman, Henry J. Bowdon, Jr., Kenneth G. McDowell, John P. McKeithen, Lonnie Sibley, Lloyd Williams and K. G. Rorie. This should be the beginning point for a more effective and positive program of evangelism for our Louisiana Area. We hope to share ideas and methods with those who will answer the challenge to a new effort to win both the saved and the unsaved to a new relationship with Jesus Christ.

Evangelism is the effort of persons and groups to witness to the new life that comes through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord. It is basically an expression, by our own experience and conviction, of what Christ has come to mean to us. Evangelism is a natural and normal activity for the person who is Christian. Every Christian is an evangelist, a bearer of good news, one who cares for God's children. Some do it better than others, but no matter the degree, we still witness for better or for worse as professed Christians.

The Episcopal Address to the General Conference of 1960 reads: "The finally inescapable truth is that at the heart of all the problems that beset us, deeper than our social, economic, political, and cultural perplexities, the basic one is religion. It is the question as to what we know of God, what his will and purpose are for us, and what we are to do in right response and consequence."

The Church's evangelistic effort should be neither seasonal nor sporadic. Nor is it for specialists. It is an activity for all members. Every activity in the local church ought to become an affirmation of the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord. If we have left evangelism to the local-church Commission on Membership and Evangelism or to the pastor, now is the time for every organization in the local church to become aware of its evangelistic privileges and responsibilities. The Church School, Methodist Men, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Young Adult Fellowship, the Methodist Youth Fellowship—each group has its place as a group and as individuals in the group to witness to the Christian faith and life.

"What is our task?" "What are we doing to fulfill it?" "How can we make our Christian witness more effective?" "What are we, as a group, doing to help reach others?" These are questions some concerned man or woman ought to ask of their group. Will you?



WOMAN'S PAGE



News in Brief

MRS. PAUL MARTIN, wife of the former bishop of Arkansas and Louisiana, is recuperating in her home following hospitalization for a serious heart ailment. Friends will want to write her at: The Mayfair, Apt. 1103, 1600 Holcombe Blvd., Houston 25, Texas.

THE WINNFIELD GUILD AND WOMAN'S SOCIETY held a joint meeting for the observance of the "Call to Prayer." Mrs. H. V. Dunford led the meditation. Participating in the program were Mrs. J. F. Whatley, Mrs. Joe Burns, Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Maxwell Crowe, Mrs. Ranel Brady, Mrs. Shirley Jackson, Mrs. Dennis Shell, Mrs. E. H. Farr, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. Jo Nell Stewart, Mrs. D. C. Allen, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Echols, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Howard Kelley, Mrs. Eula Harris and Mrs. Tommy Harrel.

AT HAMMOND FIRST METHODIST CHURCH the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Guild were responsible for two of the four Sunday evening sessions concerning "Our Mission Today" during November. They prepared and presented six skits for the opening class on the theme "Forward Through the Ages," depicting lives and works of missionaries. At the third program the groups of women portrayed "Every Man a Missionary." The Young Married Couples' Class had charge of the second class presenting the living religions of the world. The Rev. Carl Williams, missionary of Bolivia, spoke at the last session.

THE RAYVILLE Woman's Society and Guild held a joint meeting and program, followed by fellowship at the November meeting.

MRS. ROBERT JOHNSTON from the League of Women Voters in New Orleans was the speaker for the Citizenship Brunch held in the Lake Vista Methodist Church and sponsored by the Woman's Society, on November 12.

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Silver Tea Benefits Wesley Fdn. Parsonage



A SILVER TEA was sponsored by the Docia Kuttner Circle of the University Church Woman's Society in Lake Charles for the McNeese Wesley Foundation Parsonage Fund. Pictured are (left to right): Mrs. Jesse Porter, pouring; Mrs. G.G. Buchanan, hostess; Mrs. Lamer Davis, wife of the Wesley Foundation director; Mrs. James Walker, Docie Kuttner Circle chairman.

To Expand Ministry

to International Students

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, in cooperation with the Methodist Student Movement (national organization for Methodist College students) and ecumenical agencies, is undertaking an expanded program of work among international (foreign) students. The work will be done through both interdenominational and Methodist channels.

In adopting plans for a larger program among international students, the Woman's Division at its meeting in September in New York said: "It has become increasingly obvious as the num-

ber of overseas students in the United States has grown that adequate machinery and information for meeting the needs of these students and for relating them meaningfully to the communities and churches near their colleges does not, in most cases, exist. This is a subject in which churchwomen and their families have a natural interest, but methods of work and sufficient understanding of the problems involved are in many cases lacking."

Concern for a more effective Christian ministry among international students has grown with the rapid increase in the number of such students. It is estimated that 73,000 international students are studying on American campuses this year.

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Winnfield Orphanage Circle

Dates Back to 1908



THIS GROUP AT WINNFIELD was organized in 1908 to direct efforts toward a knowledge of the work of the Methodist Orphanage (now Children's Home) in Ruston, and to actively support one or two children through their stay there. Through the years the ladies have met once a month to take their offering, have their program, and talk of their projects. There are members from all denominations in the circle. Once a year they meet all day for quilting. They have sent each year at least two, and many times more, quilts to the Home.



OFFICERS of the Orphanage Circle are, from left:

Mrs. Maxwell Crowe, president;

Mrs. G. H. Kelley, vice president;

Mrs. Clara Keiffer, secretary;

and Mrs. Eula Harris, treasurer.

Lafayette District Seminar Reported

Lafayette District Woman's Society of Christian Service held the annual fall Missionary Education Seminar at First Church in Houma, with Mrs. Horace Herrin, district secretary of missionary education in charge.

Mrs. M. Eloir Girard, district president, made introductions, and Mrs. Claude Ellender, president of the hostess society, extended greetings.

Studies were presented by Mrs. Jerome Cain of Lafayette, Mrs. B. E. Fox of New Iberia, Mrs. John Howe, Jr., of Houma, and by Mrs. Howard Harney of Franklin.

Mrs. Lowell Rue, district secretary of youth, conducted the workshop for youth leaders.

Officers of the newly organized Woman's Society at Bayou Vista Church were present, having been installed by Mrs. P. D. Lambert just prior to the meeting.

Ministers who assisted with the program were the Rev. Luman Douglas, host pastor, the Rev. Jerome Cain, district superintendent, and the Rev. Robert Miller, pastor of the Golden Meadow Church.

Approximately 150 persons were in attendance.

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Methodist Personalities at Blanchard



THESE THREE MEMBERS of the Blanchard Methodist Church have been an inspiration to past ministers and to the present pastor, the Rev. Harold McClung. Miss Edna McCain, left, is a life-long resident and is now retired as a teacher in the public schools; Mrs. S.T. Harwell (center) has been a member of the Blanchard church since 1910 and of the Methodist Church for the past 75 years; Mrs. J.M. Faries, whose devotion to her church as Communion stewardess and other vital roles in the church, continues to furnish the pastor with inspiration. The present pastor is the Rev. Harold McClung.

It's the Witness that Wins the Verdict

My friend, John H. Ryder—a successful advertising executive and writer, who is also a deeply committed and witnessing Christian—said something the other day that so succinctly expresses an idea I have been trying to convey in this column that I am retelling it here.

"You may have the best lawyer in the country to press your case," he noted, "but it is the witnesses who will win it for you—or the lack of witnesses may lose it for you."

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

The application of Mr. Ryder's analogy to the life and work of the church—to the Christian faith itself—is, of course, obvious. The finest preacher—in the town's best church and "boasting" the finest choir—can never secure a verdict for Christ and his Way from the "jury"—the people of the community and of the world who are judging the truth or falsity, the value or the uselessness, of the cause we are seeking to impress upon them. Only the witnesses, those who in their very lives—in their deeds and actions—demonstrate and testify to the faith and its efficacy will secure from the jury a verdict favorable to the petitioner.

Each one of us who profess to be a follower and disciple of Christ and who would "speak a good word" for the Way of Life he recommends—is, consciously or unconsciously, witnessing for that Christ and that Way or wit-

nessing against that Christ and that Way. People may well be unheeding to the words we say, but they will never forget the deeds we do. And if our words and our deeds are not in agreement with each other, the jury will not be swayed by words, or protestations, or even by tears.

Any trial lawyer knows that his greatest asset is in a witness whose story, demeanor, and actions are believed in by the jury: in the cast of witnessing to Christianity—one's faith—this means that the actions of the witness must square with the words to which he gives voice. Any dichotomy here makes the witness worthless or worse. And who are to be the witnesses to the faith? Those who profess it—and that generally means the laymen in our churches. They, rather than their teachers and trained leaders (the ministers), must win the verdict for Christ—or it will not be won.

As a matter of fact, it is the quiet, ongoing, even undramatic exponent of the faith, rather than the noisy and boisterous declaimer of his arguments, that wins the confidence of the jury. I myself have rarely been convinced of anything good by a shouting, pulpit-pounding preacher. Perhaps it grows out of unhappy parallel experience...

In my early twenties I was a newspaper reporter, and for some years my daily round included visits to a police court where all kinds of criminal cases (assault and battery to murder) had their first hearing. It did not take long to become acquainted with many lawyers (some of them dealing largely with petty and dubious cases), and their manner of presenting the cases of their clients, and indeed, something of the clients themselves. With some of the lawyers there was evident to even this cub reporter (and it must have been

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

WARNS OF GROWING ANEMIC FREUDENSTADT, Germany—(MI)—Western civilization is growing anemic because of its humanistic philosophy, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., told a group of European pastors and laymen here recently.

"Our civilization has not yet learned the lesson of history that there are no revivals of moral living apart from new religious impulse," the Iowa churchman asserted. He was one of the

even more evident to the judge) the merit of many cases by the way the counsel disported himself. If you heard the lawyer berating his opponent's witness, yelling at him, trying to intimidate and frighten and silence him (or make him shout back in anger), you soon concluded that that attorney had a poor case. You certainly felt inclined to place some credulity in the case made by an attorney in a reasoned and dispassionate manner, one who accepted quietly some points that seemed to go against him, and then returned with a witness whose believable testimony clinched his case.

Yes, the witness of a person living and practicing what he believes, and sees, and knows of Christ, and of the working of the Holy Spirit today, is the only effective evidence the jury of the races and nations can and will accept as genuine. The jury (and this jury cannot be tampered with) wants our living witness—and perhaps fewer words, written or spoken.

leaders for a conference considering "Christian Witness in a World of Social Change."

DR. SMITH HEADS COUNCIL

PITTSBURGH, Pa — (MI) — Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York was elected president of the Council of Secretaries at its meeting here Nov. 12-13. Dr. Smith is general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions.

DEACONESS WORK GROWING

DETROIT—(MI) — Reports of a tremendous increase of interest in deaconess work were voiced at the annual meeting of the Commission on Deaconess Work here Nov. 11.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, president of the commission, presided at the meeting and commissioned 17 deaconesses at a service.

'HERALDS OF CHRIST'

DES MOINES—(MI) — Areas of Methodism planning to follow-up this fall's series of Missions on the Ministry with recruitment programs will find valuable help in a volume prepared for use this fall, sponsors believe.

"Heralds of Christ is one of the most stimulating little anthologies on the ministry that I have seen," says Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the Iowa Area, national chairman of the Bishop's Mission.

Heralds of Christ is available from the nearest Methodist Publishing House regional service center.

CHAPLAIN-LAYMEN RETREAT

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany — (MI) — Despite military maneuvers which cut into attendance for the second year, 231 persons participated in the third annual Methodist chaplain-laymen retreat here Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

The conferees came from all three branches of the U. S. armed forces and from bases in France, Germany, Italy, England and Spain.

BISHOP DEPLORES SHUT-OUTS

DETROIT—(MI)—Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City told colleagues at the Methodist Council of Bishops here November 12-14 that the refusal of churches to admit persons to divine worship is a blow to evangelism all over the world.

Bishop Smith, as president of the Board of Evangelism, was making his semi-annual report to the Council. "We regret that some persons are being turned away from the worship services of The Methodist Church," he said. "Their motives for coming are questioned by the church officials. This hurts the cause of evangelism all over the world. We ought never to question the motives of persons who come to God's House to worship. The Methodist Church does not legislate against anyone who enters our sanctuaries for worship and Christian education."



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

"WHAT DO I STILL LACK?"

He was tall and important looking as he stood among the crowd. He was a good young man, too. He knew the Ten Commandments and obeyed them. Yet he still had a vaguely uneasy feeling. His religion was not satisfying his spiritual needs. He had been thrilled as he heard the Master preach. But there were always so many poor, repulsive people around Jesus. He had nothing in common with them.

The rich young man was terribly anxious to have a visit with this teacher where just the two of them could talk. But that seemed impossible. One had to mingle with the sick, the crippled, the unlovely if he saw the Master. And in the crowd some old man would always be asking him for alms. A cripple child was bound to look up at him with pleading eyes and hold out a hand for help. Why didn't Jesus associate with better people? There were even some former criminals in the crowds! And who wants to be seen associating with a jailbird?

Finally he raked up enough courage to walk up to the Christ. His long robe brushed against a woman who seemed to be ill. Perhaps, however, the disease was not contagious. And it was the only pathway up to this holy man who had healed so many and preached so directly.

Now he stood before Jesus. He started to speak. What would he ask the Master? How would he start the conversation? After all, could this man help him? But now it was too late. He was standing face to face with Jesus. Jesus smiled.

The wealthy man went directly to the point. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

The answer from Jesus came simply and quickly. "Obey the commandments of Moses." After all, every Jew knew them. These ancient laws had been the foundation of their religion. But the answer did not satisfy him. There must be something else. Something that would make him more satisfied with

living.

"I've kept all of these from boyhood. What do I still lack?" he asked.

Then Jesus got down to business like a doctor giving a prescription. The Master Physician knew what was troubling this person. It may not have been troubling others, but his wealth was keeping his spirit from being humble, tender, forgiving. And the only way to heal this inner illness was to put his love for money behind him. And the only way to do that was to take it clear out of his life. That's what He told the wealthy young man to do.

It was a tragedy that the young man walked away that afternoon without obeying Jesus' instructions. He might have been a great apostle. He might have written a gospel, or some great letters as Paul did. But he walked away. Jesus' prescription was too hard to take. And God wept as He watched the young man leave slowly. What a pity he couldn't have given up temporary benefits for permanent joys.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Spiritual Vitamins

By Harold H. Spence, Pastor
St. Paul Methodist Church
Fort Smith, Arkansas

One of the questions I face each time I prepare for a devotional is, "What am I trying to do?" Other ways of putting it are, "Is What I'm doing worth while—will it help anyone?" I think that those of us who bring these thoughts each week do so very prayerfully and in deep earnestness. We meditate on our own needs and the needs of the people who may read this column. I find that in my own case I often seek to offer help related to discussions I have had

with friends in the matter of trying to live as Christians. Many problems confront those of us who try to be Christian in an un-Christian world. I think one of the most perplexing general problems is that of prayer. How can we make prayer meaningful? Most of us want to pray, but often it is a matter of confusion or even a burden, as if we were forcing ourselves to take some kind of bitter medicine.

There are some who look at prayer as if it is simply a matter of taking vitamins. And perhaps more of us ought to take vitamins as a little extra insurance to good health. But I think most doctors agree that the best way to get our vitamins is the natural, tasteful method of our regular meals. There may be some extra value in saving a sort of ritual—as grace at the table, or repeating a form of prayer in a worship service, but how much greater the value of the regular spiritual meal within the prayer rooms of our souls. Our physical food, to keep us healthy, must be a cycle of planned menus. There are certain things which must be included in the diet. Check the weekly menus of schools or factories or wherever people eat regularly. They are planned to give us certain vitamins and calories. We are told that many children and young people who are allowed to casually buy their meals at cafes and restaurants instead of eating meals planned for them are suffering unknowingly from malnutrition. Sometimes they will simply buy a hamburger at noon each day and taper it off with candy or a soda. With earnest planning and a bit of practice, they can learn to fully enjoy a well rounded, though perhaps simple, meal.

They will also have the benefits of the vitamins necessary to meet the physical needs of the day. Just as many people become grouchy, stooped, weak or even diseased through malnutrition. Many more of us show the effects of malnutrition in matters of the spirit. We are constantly unable to meet the temptations and social pressures which come. We are unable to face the unexpected tragedies of life. So we need

to be sold on the idea of prayer as a source of spiritual health—yes, even physical health. In the long run, the signs of our spiritual health make their mark on our bodies. Many who are broken in body today would not even be alive if it were not for the radiance of a Christian spirit. And many are broken in mind and body today out of the lack of it.

The Lord's prayer contains a list of vitamins and calories which our prayer meals ought to contain. Our prayers ought to contain a conscious recognition of God as Our Father. He is always receptive to our needs. We need an awareness of God's kingdom. As the hymn suggests, "He is the ruler yet." It is still God's world and universe, however we may tamper with them. He alone is the creator and judge. We need to realize that His will is the important thing—that He looks to us to carry it out. He works in heaven, but He works on earth, perhaps mostly through the lives of those who live by His will. As Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." We need to realize that all of life's blessings come from God. We deserve no real credit. We look to Him for our daily bread. We need to know that in order to deserve forgiveness we must learn to forgive our fellow men.

In order to receive love we must learn to radiate it. Love to be complete is a two-way proposition. And, even here it is "better to give than to receive." We must, wherever possible, remove temptation from ourselves and others, and realize that only with God's help can we be delivered from evil. The Power of salvation is with God. Our lives are completely in his hands. He is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. We need to be certain that these basic spiritual vitamins are in our daily spiritual food.

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Build a Devotional

"SPRINGS THAT NEVER FAIL"
Psalm 1:3a; Isaiah 58:11b; John 4:14
Near Fayetteville, Arkansas there are

many beautiful springs. One of these in particular starts bubbling out of the side of a hill and flows away as a creek. If you go swimming in it in the hottest summer, you will turn blue from the cold water. Along the banks of this spring-fed creek, even in the driest weather there grows beautiful green trees and grass. When the wells and stock ponds have dried up, farmers come to the springs and fill their barrels with cold clear water.

The three passages of scripture selected from a wide range of dates and places present this picture of the "Good man", Psalm 1; the person who carries genuine compassion in his heart and the penitent person who finds God's redemptive love within his life. How graphic these word pictures are, especially to one living in Palestine with the acute scarcity of water! Water, good water, is a premium in Palestine and here these three writers describe the life of one dedicated to God as having these qualities.

A person in his right relation with God is like a spring of water that never fails! There is a hidden source of strength which is a bountiful supply. Is the true source of life really hidden? Are there not avenues of grace accessible to each and every one? It really isn't a secret what God can do. We have seen Him at work in numerous lives and have felt His presence within our own hearts.

A spring does not seem to be affected by outward circumstances; it continues to flow along. Could this be a picture toward which we ought to strive? How much of our feeling toward a person is conditioned by the attitude of that person? Can we continue to have goodwill in the face of ill-will? A Christian is not impervious to ill-will, but in council with God, he finds a spirit which is greater than

Let the Children Come

Thanksgiving day is a wonderful time of family gatherings, football games and feasting. It is one of the favorite American holidays. The weather is cool and crisp; the crops are harvested, and the winter is just around the corner. It is a good time for celebrating!

This year Christians around the world have many things to be thankful for, but not all will take time to stop and remember them. So that we will not take them for granted nor forget, let us begin with this list and say a "thank-you" prayer for these things:

The love of family and friends—
Churches for worship and service—
Warm clothes and good food—
The new baby in the family—
Good books to read and music to hear—
Schools for learning and sharing—
Towns that provide scouting, parks and youth centers—
The "peace-makers" who help the nations live together—
The many helpers in our every day lives—

At your "family sharing time" add to this list the special things your family may wish to remember. Then turn in your Bible and read all of Psalm 100. Let us take seriously verse 4 in which we are reminded to: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise . . ."

This verse tells us that we must go into "his courts" or our churches to show our true thanksgiving. If we first go to church as a family, then everything we do on this big day will be more fun!

—Aunt Feather

jealousy or spite or envy.

Could any more exciting picture of a spring be given than its life-giving nature? Even in drouth growth and beauty continue. Even when other sources fail, the spring goes on furnishing a vital necessity for life. Is this too the role of the Christian? The "Woman of Samaria" would never have been able to go back and face that village without the encounter with Jesus at Jacob's Well. Through her witness the entire village met Jesus.

How does your life compare to these three vivid pictures?

—RB

A TESTIMONY

I can but testify;
Words may not tell
This dear companionship
I know so well;

Ears may be deaf,
Eyes may not see
This Presence who comes near
And speaks with me;

But realer than this world,
With all its grace,
Grows the Invisible
And the Unseen Face!

HILLTOP VERSES AND PRAYERS
Ralph Spaulding Cushman



DR. JOLLY B. HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, and Mrs. Harper, are shown with the Rev. Vernon Fairley, pastor of First Church, Zwolle, during a recent visit to that church.

Hospital News

A. P. "Tim" Gallinghouse attorney was named Chairman of the Speakers Bureau for Methodist Hospital Building Fund Campaign it was announced by Urban C. Wilkinson, Campaign General Chairman.

Mr. Gallinghouse was born in Algiers and has been a life long resident of the greater New Orleans Area. "Tim" was educated in the public and parochial grammar and high schools of New Orleans.

After attending Southeastern Louisiana College and a tour of duty in the United States Navy, he transferred to Southwestern Louisiana Institute in 1943. After other tours of duty with the United States Navy he was discharged in 1946 and entered L.S.U. Law School that year. He was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1949.

Mr. Gallinghouse has served on many civic boards and improvement associations. He is a member of Kiwanis Club of East Gentilly, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and numerous other organizations. He is now serving as Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans.

He is married to the former Wilma Rhea Scott. They are the parents of two sons and live at 4575 Hickerson Drive.

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Appropriate Thanks To Newspapers

We would like to pay special tribute to D. Allen Collette, Jr., Lake Charles district lay leader, and Edward G. Hodges, retreat publicity chairman for that district, for the manner in which they followed up this event by expressing appreciation to the news media that had helped them publicize it.

The Lake Charles American Press placed in a prominent spot in a recent issue this message from these men: "We want to thank you for your response to our request for newspaper publicity concerning the retreat for Methodist men we recently conducted at Priem lake. The attendance at the retreat was excellent. We feel that many men were influenced and en-

Gubernatorial Candidates On Same Platform in New Orleans

In a special assembly program of the Social Welfare Planning Council of New Orleans, six candidates for governor of Louisiana made a rare platform appearance together, Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Notre Dame Seminary Auditorium. Each of the candidates answered questions from those in attendance concerning their stands on health, education and welfare problems of the state.

Chapel Dedicated At West Monroe

In special services on Sunday, November 3, the chapel of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, was dedicated to the memory of Tom A. Sanders, Sr. A statement in the parish paper of this church prior to the dedication said, "Probably no one person had more real influence in making our Educational Building a reality than did Mr. Tom A. Sanders. He dreamed it. He inspired others to join him in planning this much-needed project. He directed the work involved in the construction and took time from his own business to make the building possible.

"Mr. Tom Sanders felt that his time belonged to God. He would have liked to give his entire time to the work of God. He did love his Church and the work therein; and certainly he loved people."

The Official Board of the church felt it only fitting that the chapel, located in the new Educational Building, be dedicated to his memory. A bronze plaque has been placed at the side of the door to the Chapel announcing that it has been named in his memory.

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MYFUND GIVING INCREASES
NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(MI)— Giving to the Methodist Youth Fund totaled \$922,755 last fiscal year, an increase of nearly five per cent over the previous year. The fund, contributed by Methodist youth, helps missions, Christian education, and youth work around the world.

couraged to attend as a result of the newspaper publicity.

"We want to express our appreciation for the fine public service you have rendered to the forty Methodist churches of the Lake Charles District."

Honored For Long Teaching Service At First Church, Alex

Mrs. A. F. Lanier was recently honored for 39 years of service as a church school teacher at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. The following story of this significant event is reprinted from the Alexandria Town Talk:

"Not many people teach Sunday School continuously for 39 years; in fact, very few people attend continuously for that long.

"So when a person teaches the same class for 39 years, the church school she serves feels that it is time she is honored.

"At least that was the feeling behind the award which the First Methodist Church school presented to Mrs.

A. F. Lanier at the annual dinner of the Frances Lanier class.

"Another interesting fact about the Lanier class is that many of the members have been in the group since its inception. When Mrs. Lanier began to teach Sunday School 39 years ago she began with a group of girls. At the end of a year the girls refused to be promoted.

"So their teacher was 'promoted' with them and they have, in a sense, grown up together. Each year the group has a dinner at the home of one of the class members. The annual dinner Tuesday, at which Mrs. Lanier received the plaque, was held at the home of Mrs. M. C. Downs on the Military Highway.

"The Rev. Cecil Benoit, the church's minister of education, expressed the appreciation of the church school to Mrs. Lanier and spoke of the importance of her faithful service. He said she had been teaching longer than any person on the voluntary staff.

"Thilo Steinschulte, church school superintendent, also spoke and W. J. Keating, chairman of the commission on education, presented the plaque, a complete surprise to the recipient.

"Mrs. J. Brian Coker, class president, presented Mrs. Lanier a gift from the class."

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Former Pastor Is Honored at Rayne

On Sunday afternoon, November 17, a portrait of Dr. A. M. Serex, former pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented by a group of his friends to the church, was hung in the library of the church in an appropriate ceremony.

The First Quarterly Conference of the Church decided that this would be an appropriate time for this occasion since it would be marking the completion of forty years in the active ministry for Dr. Serex. The portrait has been given to the church nearly two years ago.

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THIS DRAWING by Clifton Dopson of First Church, West Monroe, represents a "celestial probation officer," which was recently used to illustrate church school attendance promotional materials in that church.

Remodeling Project At Bossier City

Recent remodeling at First Methodist Church, Bossier City, includes opening up their balcony; the installation of pews in the balcony; new light fixtures for the sanctuary; a new ceiling for the sanctuary walls; and the installation of a new system of ducts for the air-conditioning system.

In addition the two upstairs rooms in the garage apartment building which belongs to the church have been renovated for classrooms.

Serving on the Building Committee for this work are: W. T. Waller, Roy E. Mitchell, W. M. Glover, C. M. Brown, Alfred Vaughn, H. L. Parker and Mrs. Y. A. McCall. They recently reported that real progress was being made and the project should soon be finished.

Honor For Rayne Memorial Choir

The Chancel Choir of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was recently honored by being asked to sing with the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in an historic concert on Tuesday, November 12.

The world-renowned cellist, Pablo Casals, was conducting the orchestra and chorus in his oratorio "El Pessebre (Poem of the Manger)." Mr. Casals has dedicated his work to world peace, and this was its second performance in the United States, the first being the week previous at the United Nations.

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Bible Conference At Arcadia

The congregation of First Methodist Church, Arcadia, will join in a special emphasis on Bible study beginning Sunday, November 24. Initiating the program will be Dr. Webb Pomeroy, head of the Centenary College Bible Department, who is to deliver a series of lectures on the Book of Romans. Dr. Pomeroy will speak Twice Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening and will conclude the series on Monday night, November 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Emphasizing that God's Word for life is never the reality it might be apart from the study of the Bible, Rev. B. E. Bond, pastor, called the congregation to join in a fellowship of devotional reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas which is sponsored annually by the American Bible Society. His sermons through this period will be based on selected passages out of the daily readings. Climax of the program will come in December with the reading of the Christmas story.

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Lighthouse Sub-District Meeting

The Lighthouse Sub-District MYF met Monday, Oct. 28 in the Haynesville Methodist Church with approximately 150 young people and counselors in attendance.

The theme of the program was "Witnessing Through Music," with Mr. J. R. Sherman, director of the Haynesville Church Chancel Choir, giving the main address.

A short business session was presided over by David Hinton of Minden, sub-district president. A fun and fellowship period was enjoyed in Fellowship Hall where Harvest decorations centered the refreshment table. Mr. J. V. Johnson led the group in a Hootenanny.

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SCARRITT PROGRAM

The board of trustees of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., approved a 75th anniversary development program totalling \$5,000,000 in a called meeting on Oct. 15. The program includes six new buildings, remodeling of present buildings and a new pipe organ for Wightman Chapel. Nearly half of the total is for permanent endowment, according to President D. D. Holt.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL membership of First Methodist Church, Arcadia, "got in the picture" on Nov. 3, when 203 were present. The occasion also marked the beginning of a new adult class. Church School superintendent is Jerry Butler, and the assistant superintendent for membership cultivation is Herman Alexander. The pastor is the Rev. Beverly E. Bond.

New Men's Club Receives Charter

On Monday, November 11, the newly organized Methodist Men's Club of Davidson Memorial, Lafayette, received its charter. Twenty-nine persons were present for the charter presentation by Guyton Watkins, Lafayette District Lay Leader.

The devotional was given by Jim Gray of New Iberia, District Director of Men's Clubs. Howard Daughenbaugh, Conference Lay Leader, was the principal speaker and used as his subject, "Not As I See It, But As God Sees It." Gilbert Cook, Jr., is President of the Davidson Memorial Men's Club. The Rev. Harold Hine is pastor of the church.

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A Vivid Account of Hallowe'en

Halloween Night, October 13, the First Methodist Church of Haynesville, sponsored a hayride and ghost trail for the youth of the community.

At 6:30 P.M. approximately 200 young people assembled at the church and piled on two huge trailer trucks. They were driven seven miles out of Haynesville to the gravel pits, an excellent location for such an undertaking.

When they reached the pits, an assembly of zombies, spectres, and other guides led them to a specially designated plateau where a phobic witch told a chilling ghost story. The guides then led the youths single file down ravines, through tunnels, and over hills.

Along the way they were encountered by an assortment of skulls, skeletons, ghosts, vampires, and other phantasmal creatures. All the effort was justified, however, for at the end of the trail, the group was fortified with satisfying refreshments—hot dogs, hot chili, cookies, marshmallows, and cold drinks were dispensed from the back of a truck and from tables set up for this purpose.



GILBERT COOK, JR., president of the Methodist Men's Club of Davidson Memorial Church, Lafayette, is shown receiving the charter from Guyton Watkins, Lafayette District lay leader.

The weary youth then clambered back onto the trucks for the cool and invigorating ride back to Haynesville, and by 9:30 p.m. the 10th Annual Halloween Hayride, sponsored by the church was over. This has become a tradition, something to look forward to.

Many people willingly give their time, services, or equipment. For example, forty-two adults, mostly Youth Department Church School Teachers, under the direction of Roger Pember-ton, were needed to supervise and help carry out this project. One man has donated his truck every year. The "witch"



THIS IS THE CHERUB CHOIR of First Methodist Church, Mansfield. Mrs. F.L. Lowe, Jr. is the director and Miss Susie McCullough is the pianist. The pastor is the Rev. William R. Irving.

MAKE SOCIAL WITNESS

FREUDENSTADT, Germany—(MI) — Representative Methodist leaders from most of Europe urged their churches to face up to their responsibilities in social witness, as they closed a week's exploration of issues in the European Convocation on Christian Social Concerns (Oct. 29-Nov. 5).

Speaking together for the first time on this subject, more than 100 churchmen from 14 nations directed a message to Methodists in Europe commending a "more developed theology of society," reappraisal of relationships with other groups in society, facing of corporate responsibility regarding national and international issues, creation of organizations and materials to encourage discussion of problems, more attention in the church's schools to social witness.

Sponsors were the Frankfurt, Geneva and Northern Europe Areas of The Methodist Church; the Methodist Churches of Great Britain, Ireland and Italy; the U.S.-based Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Board of Mission's Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Division of World Missions.

spoke over a battery-operated amplifier donated by another. The church pays for the food and considers the money well spent. Though the adults have to plan far ahead to insure a smooth operation, the youths have a "bang - up time," and there hasn't been a case of Halloween vandalism in Haynesville in years.

The MYF Counselors are Mr. & Mrs. Preston Smith, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Johnson, and Mrs. Ralph Lowe. Rev. A. G. Taylor is the Pastor.

The Lighthouse Sub-District MYF met Monday, October 28, in the Haynesville Methodist Church with approximately 150 youths and counselors attending.

Theme of the program was "Witnessing Through Music" with Mr. J. R. Sherman, Director of the Haynesville Church Chancel Choir, giving the main address.

A short business session was presided over by David Hinton of Minden, Sub-District President.

A fun and fellowship period was enjoyed in Fellowship Hall of the church where Harvest decorations centered in the refreshment table Mrs. J. C. Johnson led the group in a Hootenanny.

Migrants in Transition

by
Geraldine Sartain

What is happening to the migrant crop picker and his family? A glance at a new national survey tells part of the story.

- "Migrant babies live in foster homes with local families while their mothers and fathers work in the fields";
- "Some growers now provide refrigeration and television";
- "Four school districts have 'special education rooms' for migrant children".

These are eye-catching highlights.

Is the migrant getting a better break than he used to? Are the townspeople losing their old hostility? Take a second look. There are other highlights, it seems, and they sound familiar.

—"Restaurants here have signs, 'No Mexicans allowed'."

—"The City Council refused to let us set up a welcome center down-town; the county medical society refused to endorse a broad medical program."

—"The canning company discourages contacts between migrants and local churches."

So what is the real situation? What has the Migrant Ministry of the churches been able to accomplish in its efforts to bring all the protective benefits and warmth of community life to the men and women who pick the nation's crops?

Without their aid the agricultural economy of the country would founder. But is there real recognition of this fact plus a growing attitude of acceptance and helpfulness on the part of the communities where the migrants spend a few weeks each season?

The answer lies somewhere between the two extremes of hostility and acceptance, the survey reveals.

This study was just completed by the National Council of Churches' Department of Migrant Work, the coordinating body for the Migrant Ministry carried out by state and local committees throughout the country.

It shows that wherever the communities can really be made aware of the inequities suffered by the migrants and some of the alleviating steps that can be taken, some barriers of prejudice are broken down and help is forthcoming.

Thirty-six states report active MM programs. Some have only one such program, but there are others with as many as 200!

Two hundred and seventy-five migrant committees, a staff of 600 and a corps of 13,000 volunteers are providing some kind of direct services for 180,000 migrants and their children, ranging all the way from worship services to craft classes and child-care centers. This is not quite one-fourth of the migrants in the reporting states.

The children of migrants are definitely getting more schooling than in the past when local school districts turned a deaf ear to such suggestions. Twenty-four states report that these children are now accepted; none of the

36 reports offer evidence of non-acceptance. At least one summer-school for migrant children is functioning in each of 18 states. They're variously sponsored, some by state education departments, some by the Migrant Ministry, some by voluntary agencies.

In Colorado the public schools ran five special migrant schools for six weeks each during the summer last year. In Arkansas the MM operates a school for 8 weeks for children 6 to 13, with a hot lunch provided. The curriculum and staff are approved by the University of Arkansas for practice teaching credit. The Florida Department offers remedial reading and other courses to migrant children behind in their studies, also special orientation classes for Spanish-speaking children.

Housing for migrants across the nation is still generally not good, although spotty improvement has been recorded. Enforcement of housing codes is erratic and from many states comes the story of no re-check after the required pre-season inspection.

Transportation is still fraught with danger. State codes covering trucks and buses carrying migrants from one job to another are badly needed, the report emphasizes. The only indication—and a feeble one—that transportation problems are easing is the comment from one state that more and more migrants are using their own cars for travel from crop to crop.

And one of the classic difficulties—lack of strategically-located rest stops—continues, the report indicates.

In spite of valiant efforts of Social Security officials and of Migrant Ministry staff to interpret Social Security to migrants, only two of the 35 state reports assert that the migrants generally understand and accept it.

Instead few migrants are enrolled under Social Security and few understand how to qualify. They don't consider it important; they think it's just another tax; they don't expect to live long enough to collect it; they resent the deductions. Some employers make an effort to obtain Social Security numbers for their employees and to make deductions; others don't bother unless the migrant specifically asks them to do so.

Thirty states report migrants to be settling down rather than moving each season. This intensifies the housing difficulties. Abandoned farm houses

and derelict barns housing one or two families are pressed into service. These are rarely regulated by sanitation codes.

In the meantime, some 25,000 Mexican-American, Anglo and Negro migrants are settling down in the southwest plus 3,000 farm braceros (workers brought in from Mexico on contract). In the Far West some 155,000 are doing the same. In each of 11 listed communities some 20 to 50 families of Mexican-American, Indian, Negro and Anglo stock are trying to stay-put. In the South and Midwest the numbers are not so high.

Here are some comments about the re-settlers from the reports:

—"The status churches want no part of them."

—"Depressed conditions in rural communities make residents even more hostile to newcomers."

—"Lack of education and skills makes it hard for re-settlers to find and keep jobs."

When they do land jobs these are at such tasks as potato-grading, tractor driving, poultry processing, and yard work or in mushroom houses, saw-mills, fertilizer plants, stores and restaurants, gas stations, laundries and funeral homes.

When migrant families cease to migrate, no longer is the Migrant Ministry their natural link with church and community life. What happens to them in this transition period?

The churches are trying to work out solutions. In one state six communions, in consultation with the MM, are experimenting with a variety of "rural fringe ministries."

At the national level, the National Council of Churches' Division of Home Missions is conducting action-research in community development among low-status groups.

United Church Women—a general department of the National Council—through World Day of Prayer giving, has initiated a five-year effort with the Division of Home Missions to experiment with new approaches to community development and to train leadership.

So the effort to help the migrant, which began in the Protestant churches just over 40 years ago, is still continuing, even after he ceases to be a migrant. Church and community groups are not forgetting him in his new role.

EDUCATORS ADOPT STATEMENT

CHICAGO—(MI) — The national Methodist Conference on Christian Education, meeting here Nov. 5-10, adopted a statement saying that "no person should be denied access to the House of God of Christian fellowship," and calling upon "our churches" to "open their doors wide" to all who would enter.



The old Christmas custom of placing sheaves of wheat, saved from the summer harvest, in trees to feed the birds during the Christmas season is still carried on in Scandinavian countries and in many American communities having residents of Scandinavian descent.

EDITORS: The following article, by Geraldine Sartain, is based on recent reports from the field to the National Migrant Ministry of the National Council of Churches' Division of Home Missions. The reports show much is happening to migrant crop pickers and their families, with consequent changes in the 40-year old Migrant Ministry itself. This is the heart of Mrs. Sartain's article, which you are free to use at will.

In Memoriam

Francis Cordell

SPRINGDALE, ARK. — Francis E. (Butch) Cordell, 21, of Springdale, was killed Friday, Nov. 22, when a car in which he was riding overturned on state Highway 68 about seven miles east of here.

Cordell is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Britt Cordell of Springdale. His father is pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church here.

Other survivors include a brother, Lonnie Cordell of Illinois, and two sisters, Mrs. Donald Juhnte of Springdale and Mrs. Donald Healey of North Little Rock.

Funeral was held Nov. 25 at the Wesley Methodist Church. Burial was at Antioch Cemetery.

DEPLORES SHUT-OUTS

DETROIT—(MI)—Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City told colleagues at the Council of Bishops here Nov. 12-14 that the refusal of churches to admit persons to divine worship is a blow to evangelism all over the world.

Unlike chairmen of other agencies who are elected by their several boards, the president of the Board of Evangelism is chosen by the bishops and reports regularly to the Council.

"We regret that some persons are being turned away from the worship services of The Methodist Church," Bishop Smith said in his semi-annual report. "Their motives for coming are questioned by the church officials. This hurts the cause of evangelism all over the world. We ought never to question the motives of persons who come to God's House to worship. The Methodist Church does not legislate against anyone who enters our sanctuaries for worship and Christian education."

Bishop Smith decried the removal in the past three years of 519,876 persons from the rolls of the church. "These names should be sent to a central bureau of membership," he said.

RETREAT HELD IN GERMANY

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany — (MI) — Despite military maneuvers which cut into attendance for the second year, 231 persons participated in the third annual Methodist chaplain-laymen retreat here (Oct. 28-Nov. 1).

The "Big Lift" which carried the Second Armored Division from Texas to Germany in three days meant changed orders for some men who had registered to attend. Leaders of the retreat, however, greeted the division's arrival, including four Methodists among its 16 chaplains.

Enthusiastic participation by 170 laymen, 41 chaplains and 20 chaplains' wives led to the start of planning for another such meeting here in October, 1964.

The conferencees came from all three

Mrs. Margaret Wilson

HARRISON, ARK.—Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Peters Wilson, 29, died Thursday, Nov. 22, at a hospital here from injuries suffered in a car wreck at Harrison Nov. 18.

Mrs. Wilson was born at Clarksville, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Peters. Her father is pastor of the Capitol View Methodist Church at Little Rock. She and her husband, John Ike Wilson, moved to Harrison this year.

Other survivors include a brother, George Edward Peters of Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cline of Clarksville.

Funeral was Nov. 23 at the First Methodist Church here and at the Garden of Memories Cemetery at Charleston.

branches of the U. S. armed forces and from bases in France, Germany, Italy, England and Spain.

Sponsoring agencies were the Commission on Chaplains and the Board of Lay Activities.

TOURING UNIVERSITIES

NEW YORK—(MI)—Two Methodist missionaries who served in the Congo during the hectic months following independence and a deaconess who has devoted the past few years to community center work are touring U. C. colleges and universities in 50 cities this fall. The campus visitation is sponsored annually by the Department of Student work of the Board of Missions to help acquaint university and college students with opportunities for careers in church work overseas and at home and to interpret the total mission of the church. Currently on the tour are the Rev. Jon Guthrie, Ronald Schooler and Miss Betty Ruth Goode.

HOLD AWARDS DINNER

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—(MI)—The annual Outstanding Methodist Award dinner, sponsored by the Methodist Church Union of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, was held Nov. 18.

Those who received awards were Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh, as well as two former area ad-

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ministrators — Bishop James H. Straughn (retired) of Baltimore and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, now head of the New York Area. Also honored were the district superintendents of the conference.

METHODIST BRIEFS

Bishop Herbert Welch, in contrast to the huge dinner at the Waldorf Astoria last year, quietly observed his 101st birthday Nov. 7 with his daughters and callers in his New York apartment. But don't get the impression that he is slowing down. Within 10 days in November, he conducted a funeral, addressed a luncheon group, spoke at Ohio Wesleyan University at the dedication of a new dormitory named for him, addressed a dinner meeting of 1,200 Michigan Methodists and attended every session of a three-day Council of Bishops meeting in Detroit.

Mrs. George Romney, wife of the governor of Michigan, substituted for her husband as speaker at a Nov. 13 meeting in Detroit, honoring the Council of Bishops. Bishop Marshall R. Reed presided as host bishop. The Hon. Prentiss M. Brown welcomed the bishops and their wives, and Michigan-born Bishop Gerald Kennedy, now of Los Angeles responded for his colleagues.

Bishop Charles Wesley Flint celebrated his 85th birthday on Nov. 14

in Binghamton, N. Y., where he resides with his son, the Rev. Dr. George Y. Flint. In a lead editorial on Nov. 12, the Syracuse (N. Y.) Post-Standard paid high tribute to Bishop Flint, who was chancellor of Syracuse University from 1922 until his election to the episcopacy in 1936.

Charles C. Parlin of New York, one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches and a prominent Methodist layman, recently received the first honorary doctorate in divinity to be presented to a layman by MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill.

Detroit, which was recently the host city to the Council of Bishops, is the home city of sons or daughters of at least six bishops and their wives: the Garrisons, the Holloways, the Kellys, the Picketts, the Raines and the Reeds.

One hundred acres of prime Hawaiian real estate on Windward Oahu have been donated to that state's new Protestant college by Harold K. L. Castle, president of Kaneohe Ranch Company. He said the sponsoring denominations are free to choose the particular site they will use.



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MELVIN MEYERS, Jr. who has joined the staff of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, as director of youth activities. He has had extensive experience in this field, having been with the Acadian Youth Club in Baton Rouge for 8 years.

Louisianans Attend National Council Triennial Assembly

Five Louisiana Methodists are participating this week in the Sixth General Triennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches which is meeting in Philadelphia, Dec. 1-7. They are Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport; Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston; Judge Vincent Mouser, Columbia; Dr. Douglas Jackson, Dallas, Tex.; and Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, Shreveport. The first four are official delegates and Mrs. Wilson is a part of the press staff that is reporting the assembly.

The theme of the meeting is "Servants of the Eternal Christ," and delegates are devoting about twelve hours of their assembly to Bible study and discussion in small groups.

The assembly opened Sunday evening in Philadelphia's Convention Hall, with J. Irwin Miller, NCC president, bringing the opening address. On Sunday afternoon Bishop Gerald H. Ken-

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RECENT VISITORS to the construction of the new Wesley Foundation building at Natchitoches included Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton and Bishop and Mrs. W.C. Martin of Dallas. Shown in the group are: Front row: the Rev. Bob Tatum, Mrs. Tatum, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Walton, Bishop Walton, Mrs. Fred Flurry, Mrs. George Pearce, Jr. and Miss Ruth Ann Terry; Second row; the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., Bishop Martin, Dr. Guy Nesom, Mr. John Slade, Miss Carolyn Martin, the Rev. Fred Flurry and Edwin Kelly, III.



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Board of Lay Activities Will Meet Dec. 7-8 at Alexandria

The Conference Board of Lay Activities will meet Dec. 7-8 at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, according to Howard Daughenbaugh, New Iberia, Conference Lay Leader.

The meeting will begin with dinner at 7:00 p.m., Saturday. After the dinner, there will be a devotional period, after which the wives of the members will meet together for a period of fellowship. In the Saturday evening meeting of the Board, each District Lay Leader will give a short report of activities in their respective districts so far this year, such as new Methodist Men's Clubs organized, total number now; district retreats; workshops; organizational meetings of district boards, etc.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Tribute to President Kennedy

New Orleans, Louisiana
November 30, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

In this letter I would like to share with you some of the thoughts which I expressed to the congregation gathered in Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans on Monday, November 25.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, thirty-fifth president of the United States, is dead. He died the victim of an assassin's bullet. This senseless, shameful and dastardly act has shocked and saddened the people of this nation and of the world beyond expression. Though President Kennedy was the object of bitter political, economic, and social opposition in this country, he, nevertheless, was regarded with great admiration, appreciation, and affection by countless numbers in the United States and around the world. His keen intellectual ability, his deep religious devotion, his sincere dedication to America ideals and to the rights of all the American people, his abiding concern for peace and justice at home and abroad, and his fearless commitment to the performance of his duties as the leader of this nation have been among those qualities which have marked him as one of the most outstanding presidents in the history of the United States. That this young, able and dedicated statesman with the promise of many years of great and useful service to his country and to the world should have been stricken by a bullet from a rifle in the hands of a mentally disturbed and socially frustrated misfit — who also has been murdered — only magnifies the tragedy which has occurred. President Kennedy is dead, and the nation and the world mourn his passing.

There are certain events in the experiences of a family or of a nation which draw the members of that body closer together in a feeling which is common to them all. Sorrow is such an experience. The shock and grief which accompanied the news of President Kennedy's death has drawn

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Mr. Guyton Watkins is chairman of a committee appointed to study resolutions submitted by Mr. C. A. McCartney suggesting enlargement of district boards.

On Sunday morning, breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. in the Bimbo Room. This will be followed by a business session at which the following subjects will be discussed: lay speaking, Methodist Men's Clubs, scholarships, subscription to "Methodist Layman," the 1000 Club, the Twelve, Fisherman's Club, Conference Retreat, Aug. 8-9, 1964, young men for the ministry and the time for the next meeting of the board.

Members of the board are urged to bring their wives with them. Mr. Daughenbaugh suggests that in making reservations at Holiday Inn it would be good to mention that you are attending the Methodist laymen's meeting.

THE NEW BUILDING of the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, which is rapidly nearing completion.



Our Deep Involvement

In Tragedy

Because of the intimate way in which the medium of television moved us all into every facet of the tragic events of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent slaying of his accused assassin, America's millions have been more involved in this tragedy than in any we have previously known.

Such involvement has brought many by-products, some of which will haunt us for years to come, while others serve to put our individual responsibilities toward our nation and all her people in an entirely new perspective. Whatever may really have been the complexion of the assassin's extremism and his psychoses, his deed has sent people to soul-searching in a manner which we doubt was even produced by any of the events of World War II. Few of us have blamed the city in which the event occurred, but most of us have blamed ourselves for the way in which we thoughtlessly contributed to an atmosphere which was filled with explosive possibilities.

Out of their deep involvement in this tragedy millions of Americans went spontaneously to their churches and synagogues to offer their prayers for the bereaved, but also to pray for themselves for the fraction of blame that was theirs. We have a feeling that it will be a long time before most of us let ourselves be carried along with sentiments of hatred and vicious criticism of those in authority over us. Still in these days when we are all seeking to recover from this shock many are over-indulging in accusations of one kind and another that can only delay our return to some kind of normalcy. The tensions evidenced by many of the letters being written to editors of daily newspapers should be quickly resolved in the admission

that many of us are guilty of breathing poisonous elements into what became the atmosphere of violence.

The finest thing that has come from all of this is the unity which has been revealed in these days of deep involvement. God, who has always been able to turn evil events into good, can use a people who are this much concerned about all of those whom these tragic events touched.

A recent publication quoted Congressman James A. Garfield, later to become a president who would himself die at an assassin's hand, as saying following the assassination of President Lincoln, "The government still stands in Washington." It will continue to stand when its people can confess their own sins and become involved in the nation's tragedies.



Advent And

The Christmas Spirit

Many years ago a man called John the Baptist emerged from the Judian wilderness and preached the first Advent message on the text "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Advent has come again and there is all too short a time for us to make our spiritual preparations for the rebirth of Christ in the hearts and lives of men at Christmas.

We are all caught up in a Christmas rush which makes it almost impossible to carry on the normal routine of either our personal or religious lives. The facilities of our churches are strained to such an extent that scheduling of events becomes a major problem and the hours of our days are taxed until we are enervated instead of refreshed by it all.

John quoted from Isaiah to remind the people of his day that there was work to be done before the Saviour would find a smooth road over which to move into and through this world. Much of that same work still remains to be done and not much more of it will be done before Christmas because of the rush we will all be in.

However we can all find some fleeting moments in which to consider the fact that if we just resolve to change some of the conditions that make it so difficult for Christ to come into our Christmas we will have made a bit of progress and that can add a depth of joy to the season that we have not known before.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

DISTRICT CONFERENCE TIME

We have commented frequently to some of our friends that there are many "fringe benefits" in being an editor. Not the least of these is the privilege of attending as many district conferences as anyone we know. To some who look upon the one such meeting they have to attend as a burden, let us reaffirm that we are serious about this.

We do wish that the conferences of Louisiana and Arkansas did not overlap so that we might attend them all and so that some who wonder why we do not get to their conference would not have to inquire into this conflict of schedules.

Last Monday and Tuesday we tried something that doesn't have too much future in it either for the promotion of the cause or the conservation of the editor's health. On each of these two days we attended two district conferences — one each day in Arkansas and another in Louisiana, and when the days were over we knew we had been somewhere.

After preaching twice on Sunday in Shreveport, we were up bright and early to drive to Magnolia for the Camden District Conference at Jackson Street Church. The cooperative superintendent, the Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, put us on the program in the morning. We stayed for the fine morning message by the Rev. George Meyer, and then headed back to Shreveport in time for their conference, which began at 4 p.m. This was Dr. Jolly Harper's sixth and last conference on this district and it was a good one.

Tuesday's schedule was a little more complicated because the Hope and Ruston District conferences were both beginning at 4 p.m. and running into the evening. However, it was not too far from Texarkana, Ark. to Springhill, La., and after making our report early through the kindness of Dr. Roy Bagley of the Hope District, we were able to get to Springhill in time for dinner and be with Dr. Henry Rickey for the evening session of Ruston District Conference.

Then home with the Rickeys to spend the night with them in the lovely Ruston District parsonage and, needless to say, your editor didn't have to be rocked to sleep.

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Five Decisions Given by Council

Five decisions were rendered by the Judicial Council, supreme court of The Methodist Church, at its annual meeting held on Duke University's campus, Durham, N. C., Oct. 10-12.

Decision 199 declared that Bishop Dionisio D. Alejandro of the Philippines Central Conference, who became 70 Feb. 19, 1963 continues as bishop until the close of the next regular session of his Central Conference.

Decision 200 declared that because the Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference is not an "Administrative Agency" its members are not subject to the 12-year tenure limitation.

Decision 201 denied pension rights to the divorced wife of a minister who had withdrawn under complaints from conference membership. One Council member disqualified himself and one dissented.

Decision 202 declared that action taken by the New England Annual Conference under the Pension Code dealing with federated churches and with institutions was in conformity with the Discipline.

Decision 203 affirmed the ruling of Bishop Alejandro which placed the responsibility for annuity years of approved service on the Annual Conference in which the service was performed or its legal successor.

Action on three requests were postponed. One was on an appeal from a ruling of Bishop Fred G. Holloway pending an expression from the Conference as to whether or not they desire to withdraw their appeal in the light of recent developments. Another related annuity credit for ad-interim local preachers. The third was a request for a decision in the matter of the limitations of authority of local preachers in the exercise of ministerial functions.

The Rev. Dr. Lester A. Welliver, Harrisburg, Penn., is president of the nine-member body and the Rev. Dr. A. Wesley Pugh, Lehigh Acres, Fla., is secretary. The Rev. Dr. John D. Humphrey, Grenada, Miss., who succeeded

the late Rev. Dr. Lemuel Clegg of Birmingham, Ala., sat for the first time with the Council.

A dinner honoring the Council was given by Dean Robert E. Cushman of Duke Divinity School, attended by the president of the university, members of the faculties of the university, the divinity school and the law school, the resident bishops of the Charlotte and Richmond Areas, as well as pastors and lay officials of the churches of Durham and surrounding communities.

Addresses were made by President Douglas M. Knight of Duke University, Bishop Paul Garber of Richmond, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, President Lester A. Welliver of the Council, and Paul Ervin, vice president of the Council.

An unusual feature, planned to give Duke University divinity students insights into canon law was a public hearing held in the courtroom of the University Law School. Dean Cushman, Dr. David Shipley of Ohio Methodist Theological School, Dr. Frank Baker of the university faculty and Dr. O. Kelley Ingram of the divinity school spoke as "friends of the Council" on one of the important questions under consideration.

Following is the full official text of the decisions as authorized by Dr. Welliver, president of the Judicial Council.

Decision No. 199

The Council had before it a request of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference for a declaratory decision as to the legality, implementation, and enforcement of the compulsory retirement of bishops elected by the Philippines Central Conference. In 1960, that Central Conference had passed a law that retirement age of its bishops be the same as that of the bishops of the Jurisdictions of the U.S., which is optional at age 65 and compulsory at age 70. Bishop Dionisio D. Alejandro, who was elected a bishop of the Philippines Central Conference in 1960, reached the age of 70 on February 19, 1963. The Executive Committee of the Philippines

Central Conference, through the senior bishop of that Conference, submitted a request to the Council of Bishops, that Bishop Alejandro be declared retired as of the date of his 70th birthday and that the administration of his work for

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Property Given For College On Windward Oahu

HONOLULU, Hawaii — (MI) — One hundred acres of prime Hawaiian real estate on Windward Oahu has been donated to this state's new Protestant college by Harold K. L. Castle, president of Kaneohe Ranch Company.

The site is part of a 198-acre parcel fronting Kamehameha Highway. Mr. Castle said the four sponsoring denominations are free to choose the 100 acres they will use. The remaining 98 acres will be developed in accordance with college plans, depending on the arrangement of buildings and architecture.

The multi-million dollar institution is being planned by Methodist, United Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, and United Church of Christ churches. It is the first in the nation where four major denominations have cooperated in underwriting and building one plant.

Funds for construction will come from national and local church boards, grants from private educational foundations and the Federal government.

First students are expected to enroll in the fall of 1966. Total enrollment will be limited to 1,200 students who will be recruited from Hawaii, the Pacific Basin, and the mainland.

Hawaii was chosen for the college after careful studies showed that the state's population growth furnished a high potential for new college students.

The campus will include six two-story classrooms, administration building, library and cafeteria, four dormitories, chapel, gymnasium, and 30 faculty housing units.

In making the gift to the college, Mr. Castle said, "We in Kaneohe Ranch have long been dedicated to maintain the natural beauty and traditional Hawaiian atmosphere in this area. It is in this spirit that we extend our welcome to such a college project which will carry this out through architecture and landscaping."

The Rev. William E. Phifer, Jr., of First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, said the gift pushed development of the college far ahead of what had been anticipated.

Dr. Frank E. Butterworth, superintendent of the Hawaii Mission of The Methodist Church, commented that "as a joint enterprise of four major churches, the college is a living witness to our nation that Hawaii is a state which takes the lead in interfaith cooperation as well as in inter-racial harmony."

He also pointed out that Hawaii's youth have been going to the mainland to college. "If we are to conserve our ablest leadership in Hawaii we must offer youth the same choice that is

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 8 - Sunday	.....	Psalms 119:105-120
Dec. 9	.....	Psalms 119:89-104
Dec. 10	.....	2 Tim. 3:10-17
Dec. 11	.....	Deut. 5:6-21
Dec. 12	.....	2 Chron. 34:14-21
Dec. 13	.....	2 Chron. 34:29-33
Dec. 14	.....	Psalms 25:1-22
Dec. 15 - Sun.	.....	2 Peters 1:16-21

The Christian who is not growing is not really alive.

available on the mainland between a large university and a small but scholastically excellent liberal arts college," he said.

The Honolulu Advertiser editorially hailed the gift as a boon to education. "While large, state-supported schools, such as the University of Hawaii, can be expected to carry the bulk of the higher education load, the need for quality liberal arts colleges is virtually unlimited.

"The four church groups received a generous push forward in their efforts from the donation by Kaneohe Ranch Company. It is a project that could do much for education in Hawaii."



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- To Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, retired Methodist clergyman, fell the task of offering a prayer before the U.S. Senate when news came of the shooting of the late President Kennedy in Dallas. An excerpt from his prayer: "Hold us, we pray, and the people of America, calm and steady and full of faith for the Republic in this tragic hour of our history. God save the state and empower her for whatever awaits for the great world role she has been called to fill in this time of destiny." Dr. Harris, who said the President's death marked a "great and tragic loss to the nation," has been Senate chaplain for 15 years.



"Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free..."

In many Christian homes preparation for Christmas begins with lighting the first Advent candle on the first day of Advent. On each succeeding Sunday an additional candle is lighted. The circle of light is completed with the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas eve.

From Centenary College

by B.C. Taylor

The Rev. Ashley P. Law, member of the Louisiana Conference, retired, had a showing of his pictures November 11-15 in the Student Union Building. He is making his home in Alexandria, Louisiana.

The Thanksgiving holidays at Centenary College were November 27-December 1. Christmas holidays are slated for December 20-January 6.

The Faculty TV program over station KSLA has been moved to 10:00 A.M. Sunday mornings.

The new band shell has been finished and will be in readiness for the concert season next summer. This is a very fine addition to the college beautification program.

The committee has many names before it to be considered for president of Centenary College. George Nelson, the committee chairman, is tabulating information on all of them for the next meeting of the full committee.

The staff and faculty members of the college participated in an academic morning worship service at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Sunday morning, November 17. The president, vice-president and the dean participated in the service.



THIS THANKSGIVING WORSHIP CENTER gave added significance to the worship services at Keithville Methodist Church, Nov. 24. The arrangement was prepared by Mrs. Harvey Hill from the congregation to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Ed Henkel. It has been a custom for many years for this congregation to make such a gift to the pastor and his family at Thanksgiving.

Union Thanksgiving Service at Jewish Temple in Alexandria

Union Thanksgiving services were held in Alexandria at Temple Gemiluth Chassadim with Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor of First Methodist Church, presiding.

Others participating in the service were the Rev. George W. Dameron, St. Paul's Methodist Church; Major Walter Drissel, Salvation Army; the Rev. Hubert Thrasher, Kingsville Baptist Church; the Rev. John Schnedl, First Christian Church; the Rev. David Stubbs, Christ Lutheran Church; and Rabbi Martin Hinchin, host for the service.

The Thanksgiving message was delivered by Chaplain Wesley Buck of England Air Force Base.

Special music was under the direction of Mr. Carroll Lowe with Mr. Mason Campbell of First Baptist Church, Pineville, at the organ.

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CALLING FOR NEW DYNAMIC
NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(MI) — "To Make Evangelism Dynamic in the Large Church" will be the theme of the annual national meeting of Methodist local-church directors of evangelism to be held here Jan. 20-23.

NCC Assembly

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nedy, Los Angeles Area of The Methodist Church, spoke to a meeting of United Church Men.

The late President John F. Kennedy had been scheduled to address the assembly on Tuesday evening, but a memorial service was held instead.

Dr. William A. Visse 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, was among the many outstanding leaders scheduled to speak during the assembly, which closes on Saturday.

Bishop's Letter

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our people together as we have mourned his passing. His death affects each one of us. No matter what one's individual views may be on any issue, the people of this nation have joined hands and hearts in a common expression of regret and grief.

In the midst of our mourning it is the most natural expression that we can make when we turn to the House of God to pray for the loved ones of the late President, for the new President as he assumes his great and grave responsibilities, and for the nation in this hour of deep sorrow. This has always been the reaction of religious men in such a time of need. Nearly eight centuries before the birth of Christ a great leader of the Jewish nation, King Uzziah, died, and a young patriot, Isaiah, greatly grieved by the passing of his leader and deeply concerned for the welfare of his nation, entered the temple to pray. He there received his great vision to which he responded with a life and ministry which have blessed the world from that day until this.

In these tragic days through which we have been passing, millions of Americans have turned into their houses of worship to invoke the presence and the power of Almighty God. May our prayers be so sincere and our commitments so real that God may use even this tragedy to bring to this nation a renewed understanding of its destiny and a rededication to its ideals—that we, the people of the United States, may carry on in the idealism and devotion of our beloved and dedicated late President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. May God forgive us, bless us, and help us to be worthy.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton



SHOWN AT THE service at Lakeview Methodist Church, Shreveport, Nov. 24, honoring Mrs. Clarence O. Day, who has dedicated the proceeds from her book, "The Shining Rim of Paradise," to the building fund of that church, were: Dr. Jolly B. Harper, district superintendent, Mrs. Day, Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First Church, Shreveport, and the Rev. James L. Beasley, pastor of Lakeview Church.

MAY APPLY FOR FELLOWSHIP

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(MI)— Ministers and other members of The Methodist Church can now apply for the third Ralph W. Sockman Graduate Fellowship in Communications Study. It will be granted about May 1, 1964, but applications must be received by the selection committee on or before Jan. 15.

This announcement was made Nov. 13 by the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, general secretary of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO).

To receive the \$3,500 grant, an applicant must have either a degree or its equivalent in theology, Christian education or one of the fields of communications. The fellowship was established by TRAFICO in 1962 for the purpose of developing communications leaders for the church.

Dr. Denham At Noel Memorial Church

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, will preach for both morning worship services at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. Sam Nader.

Dr. Denman, a layman, has headed the Board of Evangelism and its program since 1938.

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Construction Begins At Pine Grove

On Nov. 25 construction of the new building for the Pine Grove Methodist Church was begun with a brief ceremony marking the occasion. Several persons told of the history of this church which dates back for more than 165 years.

The pastor, the Rev. John F. Kellogg, brought a message based on a text from Ezra 3:8-11, and the Rev. Harold Miller, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, gave the prayer.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

NAPOLEON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, received a bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of the late Miss Gertrude Willis. The Napoleon Avenue pastor is the Rev. Don Alverson.

THE REV. JAMES P. WOODLAND, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the devotional speaker at the November 22 meeting of the Methodist Home Hospital Auxiliary.

THE REV. JOHN F. KELLOGG was hospitalized in Baton Rouge for ten days during November. He is now back in his pulpits at Pine Grove, Montpelier, and Independence churches.

THE REV. L. GRAY WILSON, pastor of the Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, brought the Thanksgiving message at the Union services held in the First Baptist Church of Minden.

THE REV. FINAS CORRIE of Hall Summit was the guest evangelist for services at the Belah Methodist Church, November 25-December 1. The Rev. Henry Pinckard is the pastor.

THE CONGREGATION of First Methodist Church, Zwolle, joined with the Baptist Church in that city in joint Thanksgiving services on November 27. The Rev. Vernon E. Fairley is the pastor.

THE REV. CLYDE C. FRAZIER, minister of Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, addressed the Federation of Churches' Key Men on Friday morning, November 22 at 7:30 in the Pine Room of the Holsum Cafeteria.

MR. CHARLES HEYDUCK of Crowley filled the pulpit of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church in Opelousas in behalf of the Gideons, on Sunday evening, November 17. The pastor is the Rev. Henry C. Blount.

METHODIST MEN of Carrollton Church, New Orleans, had as guest speaker Mr. Seyd Hussain, a native of India who now lives in New Orleans, at the November 19 meeting. The Rev. Jack Cooke is pastor.

"CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY" will be presented by students of Louisiana State University at the Youth and Adult Family Fellowship in First Methodist, Baton Rouge, on December 8. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor.

MRS. SUE BOYDSTON, enrollment counselor of Centenary College, met with the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Munholland Memorial Church in Metairie on Sunday, November 17. The Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., is the Munholland pastor.

A CHILD AT LEE MEMORIAL MISSION, India, will be the recipient of \$34.05 which the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Winbourne Church in Baton Rouge netted from their Halloween Carnival. Their pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

THE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB of Istrouma Methodist Church heard a Thanksgiving message

by the Rev. Thomas M. Lancaster, pastor of the Winbourne Avenue Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The Istrouma pastor is the Rev. Ira W. Flowers.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, had a churchwide supper November 12, sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Bay Bourgoyne, chairman. Betty Taylor conducted a "nearly new" clothes sale to benefit the building fund. The Rev. John Winn is pastor.

CHARLES CHRISHOLM represented the Gideons, November 17, at the evening service of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. James T. Harris is pastor. Mr. Chisholm is an active layman from First Methodist Church, West Monroe.

NEW ORGANIST at Wm. B. Reily Memorial University Church in Baton Rouge is Curtis Holmes, who is a junior chemistry major at Louisiana State University. He has served as assistant organist at Baton Rouge First Methodist. Dr. Wm. E. Trice is the pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE CLEAR CREEK Methodist Church enjoyed a buffet luncheon following the morning church service on November 10. Many guests from the surrounding area were present. Pastor of the Clinton-Clear Creek Charge is the Rev. W. C. Barham, Sr.

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS of Lake Charles sponsor an annual Thanksgiving Vesper, held this year in the First Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m., November 24. Connie Garbo, organist, and Joanne Hill, soprano, of First Methodist Church, were among the soloists.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH will be presented by the combined choirs of the Broadmoor Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, Sunday evening, December 8, in the Broadmoor High School Auditorium. The Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra will accompany the choirs.

SPRINGHILL METHODIST MEN were given a slide lecture on work at Springhill High School by Miss Janet Chambers, guidance director at the school. Following the meal and lecture on November 20, the Official Board met with Chairman Syvell Burke presiding. The Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor.

BATON ROUGE FIRST CHURCH has added to the staff Melvin Meyers, Jr., as director of youth activities. Mr. Meyers is a graduate of Opelousas High School and Louisiana State University, and has been with the Acadian Youth Club for eight years. The Meyers have three boys and a girl.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES were held in the Epps Baptist Church on Wednesday night, November 27, with the Rev. Basil Halbert, pastor of the church bringing the message, assisted by the pastors of the other churches. The Rev. L. M. Sawyer is pastor of the Epps Methodist Church.

MR. P. B. MANGUM, assistant superintendent of Ouachita Parish Schools, West Monroe, was the guest speaker for Layman's Day at Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Mr. Mangum is a member of McGuire Methodist Church in West Monroe. The pastor at Wynn Memorial is the Rev. I. A. Love.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUSTON, had special guests to recognize and thank at the Sunday morning service before Thanksgiving. Present were the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Ruston, representing the community service received by citizens all year long. The Trinity pastor is the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

THE SPRINGHILL SENIOR METHODIST Youth Fellowship chartered a bus to go to Texarkana, November 24, where they heard the renowned Methodist missionary, Dr. E. Stanley Jones,

speak in Williams Memorial Methodist Church. Accompanying the youth were the Rev. Ralph Cain, pastor, Mrs. Syvell Burke, and Mr. I. L. Park.

THE REV. ALFRED KNOX, editor of the **LOUISIANA METHODIST**, was the speaker in two Shreveport churches on Sunday, November 24. At the morning service he was in the Lakeview Church where the Rev. James Beasley is pastor. He was in the pulpit in the evening at Morningside Church, of which the Rev. Fred O. Shirley is pastor.

A WEEKEND REVIVAL is being held in the First Methodist Church of Monroe on December 6, 7, and 8. Dr. Mack B. Stokes, professor in Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, will be the preacher. Singing will be led by the Rev. George Dent of Houston Texas. The Rev. George Harbuck is the pastor.

MANGUM MEMORIAL CHURCH, Shreveport, heard two guest speakers on November 17 and 18. Thomas Pitt, area director of lay activities, was the final speaker for the Sunday evening series of sermons on Christian Stewardship. The Methodist Men heard Dr. Stuart DeLee, Caddo Parish coroner. The Rev. John Kilpatrick is pastor.

DR. HENRY A. RICKEY, Ruston District Superintendent, held a revival on November 18-22 in the Bienville Methodist Church, where the Rev. George M. McVay is the pastor. Dr. Rickey addressed a joint meeting of the Ruston Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, at the Holiday Inn in Ruston, on Wednesday, November 27, giving a Thanksgiving message.

THE TANGI-ST. HELENA MYF SubDistrict met at Pine Grove Methodist Church, November 18, with the host group giving the program. Participating were Jelaine Tiner, Dorothy O'Bryan, Sonya Rogers. A group from the new MYF at Montpelier attended with adult counselor, Mrs. Juanita Langston. The Rev. John F. Kellogg is the pastor of the host church.

NOEL MEMORIAL CHURCH, Shreveport, is having a series called "Meet the Men of the Church". The first event was scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, with Dr. George F. Ivey, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Camden, Arkansas, as the speaker. Dr. Ivey was formerly associated with the Noel Memorial Church of which the Rev. Sam Nader is the present pastor.

THE REV. W. W. PERRY, retired, and Mrs. Perry are now residing at 109 Community St., New Roads, Louisiana. They will celebrate their eighty-sixth birthdays on December 7 and March 2, respectively. On December 17 they will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have six children, eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

A DEPUTATION TEAM from Louisiana Tech's Wesley Foundation had charge of evening services, November 17, at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. Bill Perry of Springhill was speaker for the evening. Presiding were Beth Young and Darien McKenzie. Special music was provided by James Gill. Ushers were Jim Davis, Jim Kitchens, Wren Causey, and Charles Wall. Bill Stokes is the Foundation director. The Rev. Douglas McGuire is the Trinity pastor.

MR. AND MRS. MARCUS RODRIGUES of Shreveport were guest speakers for the Methodist Men of First Church, Minden, at their covered dish supper meeting, Monday, November 18. The Rodrigues family left Cuba to get away from the Communist government of Fidel Castro. They are being sponsored in Shreveport by the First Methodist Church. Miss Zoila Valdivieso sang a solo during the program. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is the pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 15, 1963:

"A FAITH TO SHARE"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Galatians 1 and 2. Printed Lesson Text, Galatians 1:16-17.

MEMORY SELECTION: I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16.

AIM OF LESSON: To emphasize the fact that salvation comes through faith in Christ rather than through our own good works and that the good we do is the result of being saved not in order that we may be saved. To urge that we share that faith.

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In last Sunday's lesson from 2 Corinthians, we learned that the Corinthian church was questioning Paul's authority as an apostle. In today's lesson we find the same situation existing in the churches of Galatia.

Paul again defends his authority as an apostle. He begins that defense with the first verse of the first chapter of this letter to the churches in Galatia. He opens the letter with this statement, "From Paul an apostle, not by human appointment or human commission, but by commission from Jesus Christ and from God the Father, who raised him from the dead (NEB). Paul here states the fact of his apostleship which he defends throughout the letter.

Galatians was not written to an individual church as were Paul's two letters to the Corinthians. This letter was written to the several churches in Galatia, generally thought to have been organized by Paul on his first missionary journey.

Scholars are not united on either the time or place of the writing of this letter. Some place the time at 53 A. D. Both Ephesus and Macedonia are suggested at the place of writing. Galatia was a Roman province in Asia Minor and was located about two hundred fifty miles northwest of Palestine.

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APPEAL TO GALATIAN BACKSLIDERS

In the opening verse of our lesson text, Paul is expressing profound surprise that the Galatians had so quickly forsaken the gospel he had preached there and had turned to "Another gospel: which is not another" as Paul wrote.

Paul was surprised because the Galatians were so devoted to him and so appreciative of the gospel he preached there. He says, in Galatians 4:15, "Have your forgotten how happy you thought yourselves in having me with you? I can say this for you: you would have torn out your very eyes and given them to me had that been possible (NEB)."

It appears that Judaizers, possibly from the Jerusalem church, had visited the churches Paul had organized in Galatia. Judaizers were professed Christians who still believed in the importance of Jewish laws and ceremonies.

These visiting leaders, as did those in Corinth, attempted to discredit Paul as an apostle. Since Paul had not seen Christ before crucifixion and was not a witness of the resurrection, some used this in an attempt to discredit his claims and authority as an apostle. They intimated to the Galatians that Paul had cheapened the Christian movement in order to attract more followers. This they indicated had been done by omitting some requirements of Jewish law, especially circumcision. They insisted that in order to be Christian it was necessary first to become a Jew by circumcision. Many of the Galatians

were drawn away by this doctrine.

Through this letter Paul is attempting to win back these backsliders to a life of freedom and liberty in the gospel he had preached to them while there. This effort of Paul to re-establish backsliders in the Christian faith and life is an example that our church today could well follow.

There was a time, not too long ago, when the church did make repeated efforts to reclaim backsliders who had fallen into unchristian practices. Apparently today one is largely on his own after he has taken the vows of the church and enrolled in its membership. He may return to sinful practices. Although the church does not approve his sinful ways, little effort is given to definite efforts to reclaim backsliders in the church. In fact we seem to give little time or consideration to the fact that one can backslide while in the church. If such people do reconsecrate their lives to Christ it is usually the result of a general effort at spiritual culture rather than a special effort at reclaiming for the Christian life a churchman who has missed the way.

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THERE IS BUT ONE GOSPEL

Paul believed wholeheartedly that there was but one Christian gospel. He believed that people were saved through faith in Christ. In Paul's thinking, that faith and that salvation would, of course, result in Christian living. Paul declared that anyone preaching any other gospel, himself and angels included, should be accursed.

It would be interesting to know what Paul would think of the many interpretations of the gospel as preached today by almost two hundred fifty different denominations of churches in the United States alone. Add to these the sometimes fantastic interpretations by the almost numberless independent ministers on radio, television, tabernacles and street corners, not directly related to any established church, and we have a situation which makes the problems in the Galatian church appear rather mild.

The religious confusion of our day is one of the greatest problems confronting the Christian church. When we compare the Galatians of long ago with the countless number of 20th century Christians who run off on so many religious side-tracks, we realize that they were only amateurs at the business. We should not be surprised at the confusion in the hearts of so many sincere seekers today as they try to find peace with God. There is much talk today about Christian unity and even Christian union. There should be.

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PAUL'S GOSPEL CAME FROM GOD

Paul was confident of the correctness of the gospel he preached because, in his heart, he believed he had received that gospel from God.

In verses 11 and 12 in today's lesson Paul says, "I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man. Nor was I taught it, but it came through revelation of Jesus Christ (RSV)."

With that conviction in his heart, it is little wonder that Paul preached the gospel with such dynamic power. If more preachers and Sunday School teachers spoke out of such an inner conviction today, the message of Christ would have a rebirth of power and saving grace.

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THE PERSECUTOR BECOMES PROPHET

Beginning with verse thirteen, in our lesson, Paul almost abruptly turns from defending the gospel he preached to a recital of the experience in his life which undergirded the gospel of his ministry.

Sam Jones, a famous evangelist of a generation ago said that, when he got mixed up or lost in preaching his sermon, he just turned to telling his religious experiences and that usually that was more effective than his planned sermons.

That is about what Paul did here. Seemingly a little uncertain about whether what he was saying was getting through to the Galatians, Paul breaks off his line of thought and reviews for his readers his religious experience which he gives as the reason behind the urgent, forceful gospel he preached.

Paul reminds his readers that he was once one of the most zealous persecutors of the Christian movement to be found. Because of this zeal in persecuting Christians he says that he advanced in his church rapidly and beyond many of his age.

Then, he says, came the experience on the road to Damascus. Paul says that, in that experience, "God . . . called me by his grace to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen.

This revolutionary experience of Paul on the road to Damascus was the most important religious event in Christian history since the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Ever after that experience, in which he saw and talked with the risen Christ, Paul lived his life with a high sense of mission. He felt that at the time of this experience Christ had commissioned him to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. That sense of mission ever burned in his heart until he died a martyr in Rome.

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PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY

In some ways Paul was about as poorly prepared to preach the gospel of Christ at the time of his conversion as one could imagine. He did not lack education but he did lack a proper viewpoint, attitude and understanding of the Christian movement that totally unfitted him to be a preacher of Christ.

There was a religious center at Jerusalem and religious leaders there who had a three year "seminary" course with Jesus as their teacher. However, Paul did not go to Jerusalem to be taught by human teachers. Instead he went to Arabia for his "three year study course" and there he felt that he also had Jesus as his teacher. There, through meditation, prayer and communion with God, Paul felt that he was made ready to preach the gospel which he there received from God.

There in Arabia Paul changed his life-long beliefs. He decided that the laws of Moses and the Jewish ceremonies and sacrifices were insufficient to save a soul. He decided definitely that real salvation of life and soul could come only through faith in the risen Christ and the way of life he taught. Paul got something in Arabia that should be in the curriculum of every Methodist minister preparing for the ministry.

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PAUL'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Book of Galatians is religiously somewhat like our Declaration of Independence is politically.

The real issue confronting the church of Paul's day was: 1. Shall the Christian movement be only another Jewish sect, weighted down with Jewish traditions and legalism? 2. Or shall it be a new world-wide movement, open to all, where sincerity of heart and cleanliness of life and character would give expression to the mission and purpose of Christ the Lord?

This issue was decided, with the Lord's help, almost by Paul alone with this declaration of independence from Judaism and legalism as asserted in the Book of Galatians.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Throughout America's most tragic week-end, as all the nation was drawn intently into every detail surrounding the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the people went to the churches of the land in unprecedented numbers to attend worship services to offer their prayers for the Kennedy family, for the nation and for themselves as every American sought to discover the degrees of his own involvement in the awful events.

A National Council of Churches statement on the death of President Kennedy said his assassination places all living Americans "under terrible judgment." It declared, "His martyrdom resulted not alone from the dreadful act of one person, but equally from the accumulated acts of all of us, who have hated when we should have loved, who have condemned others because they failed to agree with us, who have forgotten that we are forever called to lose our lives for those things which are right and good for all men, and not alone for ourselves."

In England, a new group called the "Voice of Methodism" and the Society of the Holy Cross, a predominantly Anglo-Catholic religious order, are planning nationwide drives to oppose any merger of the Church of England and the Methodist Church in England and Wales. The Rev. A. H. Simmons of Aldershot charged that the merger proposals represented a "papering over of the cracks between the two denominations."

Naturally there will always be groups that protest the merger of any bodies as rich in history and tradition as the Methodists and the Church of England. Certainly these should be welcomed as a means by which the merger proposals are carefully scrutinized.

Reading programs in English, Spanish and Hebrew are helping a church in an area of racial change to reach people and ease area tension. The church is First Methodist Church, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., whose minister is the Rev. Charles A. Barton. Reporting to the recent meeting of the National Council of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, he said that his congregation of 500 is made up of Whites, Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Chinese and Japanese.

This is still another example of "unconventional evangelism" whereby the Church reaches out to help people understand that beyond their differences in language is a common vocabulary through which their spiritual needs may be understood and ministered unto.

The ordination of women Reform rabbis was approved overwhelmingly in a recent resolution adopted by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, meeting in Chicago in connection with the 47th biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In the resolution, passed without debate, the women urged that leaders of the three main Reform Jewish institutions convene a conference to consider all aspects of the subject of women rabbis "with a view to determining appropriate action."

Highway safety is a moral question, one of responsibility toward others on the road, a

Roman Catholic priest-columnist said recently in Phoenix, Ariz. at an interreligious conference of clergymen and laymen on traffic accident prevention. "A man has no more right to endanger another with a car than he has to endanger another with a gun," observed Father John P. Doran, syndicated columnist and pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Phoenix.

W. Averell Harriman, assistant secretary of state, received a Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for outstanding contributions in the field of human relations. Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the NCCJ, presented the award at a dinner at the New York World's Fair.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Chief Justice Earl Warren endorses the annual Worldwide Bible Reading Program. Here, at his home in Washington, the Supreme Court justice accepts the 20th anniversary poster of the campaign sponsored by the American Bible Society. Mrs. Warren looks on as Everett Smith of Scarsdale, N.Y. makes the presentation. Mr. Warren said that it is "good to know that the Bible is still the world's best selling book and it should also be the best read." Observed annually between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, the program calls upon millions of persons in scores of countries to read the same selection from the Bible each day.

A new "campus ministry" post to increase Scripture distribution among students has been created by the American Bible Society. It was announced at the ABS headquarters in New York that the national secretary of the new office will be Dr. Arthur P. Whitney, a Methodist clergyman who has been in charge of national distribution.

Dr. Ralph Stood, head of the Methodist Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, was the luncheon speaker for the recent dedication in Fort Worth, Tex. of a new publishing plant for All-Church Press, publisher for a large number of congregation newspapers for churches throughout the nation. The ceremonies also marked the 50th anniversary of the concern.

Christianity Today, conservation Protestant fortnightly, has condemned habitual cigarette smoking as "incompatible with the Bible principal of the stewardship of the

body." In an editorial in the Nov. 8 issue the magazine said, "On the Scriptural ground that the God who gives us our bodies requires accountability for their use, none of us has the right to contract any habit that has been shown to lead to grave illness and premature death."

The national secretary of the Churchmen's Committee for Decent Publications in Washington recently called for a protest against obscenity and pornography from residents of the nation's capital. Upon learning of demonstrations by a priest and a rabbi against obscene literature in New York, the Rev. Harry Correll remarked, "It is time somebody did some real protesting against pornography and obscenity — not only in New York City but also in Washington." Mr. Correll, pastor of the National Pentecostal Holiness Church said the obscenity in publications offered by some Washington newsstands is "worse than it has ever been—by far."

The U. S. Supreme Court recently decided to review a Kansas Supreme Court decision upholding the conviction of two newstand dealers for selling books judged obscene. The action began July 25, 1961, when the Kansas attorney general ordered the seizure of certain paperback books available at a Junction City newstand.

Yes, Carolyn, Christmas carols may still be sung in public schools, a U. S. Supreme Court aid has told a ten-year old girl in the sixth grade. In answer to a query from Carolyn Binderup, a pupil at Sheridan Elementary School in Williamsport, Pa., a letter from the clerk of the highest tribunal said, "You are advised that there has been no opinion of this court covering the singing of Christmas carols in schools." Carolyn said she had written the letter to the Court as an English class assignment.

Walter Flaherty, a top aide to House Speaker John W. McCormack, has turned down a pay raise in his \$18,000-a-year job. The reason: he is leaving his post as secretary to Mr. McCormack to enter the first class of the new Pope John XXIII National Seminary for Delayed Vocations now under construction at Weston, Mass. It will eventually accommodate some 100 older candidates for the priesthood.

Objections to inclusion of chapters four and five in the Vatican Council schema on ecumenism—dealing with Catholic-Jewish relations and religious liberty—were recently voiced at the meeting on behalf of Indian and Spanish bishops. Bishop Fortunato De Veiga Courtinho of Balgaum, India said it was bound to be misinterpreted for political reasons. He said, "It will cause trouble in the Arab countries and in Asiatic nations, which have very ancient religions not mentioned in the schema."

Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Others United for Separation of Church and State, said recently in Minneapolis, Minn. that Protestants should applaud the new approach of the Roman Catholic Church to other Christian groups rather than be suspicious of it. He was speaking on "The Vatican Council and Religious Freedom" at Wesley Methodist Church in that city.

Representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) and the Reformed Church in America have proposed that their denominations combine the administrative structures of programs in which the two bodies are now cooperating to make their witness more effective. The proposal was made by the Joint Committee of the Southern Presbyterian and Reformed Churches which has been conducting talks looking toward "unity in faith and action."

NEWS

...from the office of the



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Education....

J. Henry Bowdon
Area Council Director



We have just finished nine workshops (2 in Lafayette District) on the new curriculum for the Children's Division. We had very good attendance in every district, Baton Rouge and Lafayette giving us our best crowds. Interest was good throughout. However, there were some churches in every district which were not represented. We urge the district superintendent and those responsible for children's work throughout the district to follow through and see that the necessary information about this new literature and its use reaches every church. If those responsible for using and ordering literature for the Church School come up to September, 1964, without being informed about this new literature and arrangement in the Children's Division, they will not then be able to get the old materials and the church will suffer the loss of our Methodist literature. I cannot urge too strongly upon you the necessity of knowing all you can about the change-over. I suggest that each pastor take the little booklet "Are You Ready?" and check off every item in the three check lists to determine if all has been done that needs to be done. New Vacation Church School literature will be ready next year when the new curriculum literature is available. Also, there will appear at the same time a new Children's Bible, prepared especially for children of the age of the present junior department children. This is a fairly reasonable Bible in price, and every church ought to buy it for its children.

December is the month set aside by our Annual Conference for special emphasis on the Methodist Home Hospital, in New Orleans. It is urged that every church take an offering on December 22, 1963, for the Home Hospital. If you have an item in your church budget for the Home, then be sure to send a part or all of it in on that date. The Home is in better condition now than it has been in all the years I have known it, and I am sure I have been on its Board as long as any man in the Church. However, the high cost of administration makes a good offering this Christmas mandatory. We want our Home to stay in the "black," and the only way this can be done is for each of us to do our part toward it. I do not know of a thing that could be nearer the spirit of Christmas and the heart of our Christ than the ministry of mercy which this Home offers. If you need envelopes, information, or any other assistance in properly presenting this cause to your people, just drop a note to the Rev. L. D. Haughton, 815 Washington Avenue, New Orleans 15, Louisiana 70130.

Be sure to observe Student Recognition Day, December 29, 1963.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



On November 22, 1963 I was attending the National Workshop on Stewardship at Evanston, Illinois, headquarters of the General Board of Lay Activities. We were assembled in the dining room of the Georgian Hotel for a luncheon meeting with Robert G. Mayfield, General Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, presiding. The dining room hostess came across the room to the head table and spoke quietly to Bob who then rose and announced that John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States, had been shot while riding in an open car in Dallas, Texas, and was in a critical condition. In the quietness of the shock that was felt by all of us, Bob led in a prayer. The luncheon continued in an air of almost disbelief that such a thing had happened. Then before we finished our meal Bob rose again to say the President was dead. In less time than it takes to eat lunch a healthy, vigorous young man, in the prime of life, was stricken and dead. The head of the greatest government on earth had gone to meet his God.

While all this was happening, one of my luncheon companions was Dr. J. M. Neilson, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Stewardship Organization of England. It was interesting to see the reaction of this distinguished visitor from across the sea. The concern he felt for the man and his young wife and family — the genuine grief he felt that such a tragic thing could happen in

this land of ours. I actually believe his first reaction was that this was the result of some sort of coup trying to violently overthrow the government as has happened in so many countries. However, I think he gained a new insight into us who are Americans as he saw that the unmistakable grief and shock and shame that was felt by those in our group who opposed John Kennedy politically was just as real as it was for those who supported him politically — that he was the President of the United States to all people, and that all would mourn his tragic passing.

The meeting I was attending was for the purpose of trying to understand more fully this thing we call Christian Stewardship. This shameful deed should vividly point up to each of us the uncertainty of life upon this earth. Little did John Kennedy realize when he left on that automobile ride that within a matter of minutes he would be called upon to give an account of his stewardship. I am not suggesting that any of us will fall before an assassin's bullet but I do want to submit that not one of us knows the day or the hour that will demand our final accounting.

Even if our span of years was unlimited we still could not adequately express our complete gratitude to God for his abiding love. Let us then work for him as good and faithful stewards while the sun is shining for truly night must come when man can work no more.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The Division of National Missions of our General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church is at work in all our fifty states among Indian and Latin Americans, Negroes and other minority groups, and is responsible for the work of the Methodist Church in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Dominican Republic, as well as the mountain missions, city and rural missions, and ministry to migrants, the deaf, and other handicapped persons throughout all the states. In general, it is the Methodist Church doing mission work wherever the American flag flies.

This division has almost 200 missionaries and 200 mission pastors, directors of Christian Education, youth workers, and other personnel in these mission fields. For all these the division must find support.

The Advance is a vital and essential source of this missionary support and a source of help for field programs and buildings. When any annual conference, or district, or local church is considering the selection of Advance Specials, the Division of National Missions urges consideration of the many opportunities available in this vital home missions task.

Advance Specials in National Missions include missionary support, field programs, building projects, supplies and equipment for medical clinics, furnishings and equipment for mission churches and parsonages, the care of orphans or needy mountain children, scholarships for young people in training for Christian service and for the children of missionaries.

Costs vary greatly, according to the mission field selected, and are much higher in Alaska and Hawaii than in other National Mission fields.

To support a missionary couple in National Missions fields requires from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year for actual cash salary.

To support a mission pastor of the Indian Mission, in Latin-American missions, in Puerto Rico, or the Dominican Republic requires from \$1,800 to \$2,400 per year, actual cash salary.

Scholarships for young people training for Christian service or the children of missionaries cost from \$300 to \$800 per year.

Supplies for medical clinics, furnishings, or equipment for mission churches or parsonages can be provided through Advance gifts of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more.

To build a chapel or parsonage in the Dominican Republic, in Puerto Rico, or in Indian or Latin American mission fields requires from \$3,500 to \$7,500.

Churches in all fields cost from \$10,000 up — and a great deal more in Hawaii and Alaska. Shares of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more may be designated for a building project.

A recent pamphlet of the National Board of Missions gives this information and asks "Why not support a missionary in 'Home' Missions, or share in building a mission church or chapel, or training some young Christian for his or her life work?"

Every local church Commission on Missions should seriously consider the possibility of an Advance Special in the area of National Missions. Many have and will continue to support missions in America. Any and every church could if a few mission-minded Christians would lay this on their hearts and present it with imaginative concern to their fellow church members.

DECEMBER 5, 1963



WOMAN'S PAGE



Elizabeth Women Complete Study



THIS GROUP was enrolled in the Elizabeth Methodist Church's study of "Christian Issues in Southeast Asia", taught by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Robinson.



MR. R.D. STAPLETON, left, was a resource person for the Elizabeth study, having spent some time in India and Pakistan. Pictured with him are Mrs. J.D. Collins and Mrs. Paul Sigler, examining his display of Indian articles.

NOW IS THE TIME -----

---- to think about subscriptions to the

METHODIST WOMAN & WORLD OUTLOOK FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A whole year of GOOD READING for \$3.30

(or separately, METHODIST WOMAN \$1.50; WORLD OUTLOOK, \$2.00)

Suggestions for armchair Christmas shoppers may be found in the book reviews given in both magazines.

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ALICE ORR, conference secretary of literature, is excited about the new format in which **THE METHODIST WOMAN** now appears.- For what woman can resist a new dress, whether it is one for herself bought at clearance, or one worn by her favorite magazine.

Leaders should realize the importance of **THE METHODIST WOMAN** in the forthcoming issues as plans are presented for the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild; --- then, of course, the plans and issues to come before the 1964 General Conference which have a special relevance for women will appear in its pages.

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You know the length, breadth, depth, and height of the involvement of **THE METHODIST CHURCH** in the modern Christian Mission, therefore we plead with leaders to become readers and share with others the value of church literature in contributing to convictions, alertness, and knowledge.

COMMENT ----- Elma Ashby sends greetings and plans

1442 E. 8th St. Apt. E
National City, Calif.
November 18, 1963.

Dear Friends:

The time has come again to think of the Christmas message and sending greetings. I am trying to get this letter off early, as most of you will be wanting to know my plans and where to reach me.

At this time last year I was making ready for my trip home on furlough, and now it is for the return journey. This has been a full and wonderful year of renewal. First there was the privilege of spending Christmas in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, and traveling on through Galilee, and then followed something of the journey that was made by St. Paul to Athens, Corinth and Rome; a short visit with an African friend in London and on to New York City. In New York a real welcome was given by members of the Board of Missions and all arrangements were made for further travel. Then followed renewed contacts with old friends, family, and the home church in general. I consider myself very fortunate in having more than one home church. I received a "royal" welcome first in Tunnelton, W. Virginia, secondly in New Orleans, and thirdly in Baton Rouge and Greensburg, Louisiana. The WSCS in San Diego and other areas of California have made me feel quite at home too.

The new and furloughed missionary conference at Greencastle in June gave a wonderful renewal in Bible study and fellowship. Last but not least has been the opportunity to renew and bring up to date my medical knowledge, and complete plans for up-grading our nursing school at Nyadiri.

News from the Hospital and nursing school is a bit discouraging. Because of the political uncertainties the government aid to hospitals is being cut, and approval for the additional expansion at Nyadiri has been withheld. This means that in order to continue our medical program, we must have additional financial support from the Mission Board here at home. I have faith that the need will be met and am enthusiastic about my return.

I will leave San Diego at 8:30 a.m., December 26, by American Air Lines, flight #6, arriving in New York - Idle wild, at 5:25 p.m.; leave for London at 8 p.m. BOAC, flight #500. I will have two days in London, leaving there - BOAC, flight #117, at 4:30 p.m. on the 29th, and arriving in Salisbury at 12:30 p.m. on December 30th.

If you wish to write before I leave the States, use the following address: 6200 Stanley Dr., La Mesa, California.

For Rhodesia: Post Bag 636 E. Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

As the Christmas season comes with its tender memories, warm fellowship, and expressions of good will, may our hearts be rekindled with His love. Let us serve Him who is our Lord throughout the coming year.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Elma J. Ashby

News in Brief

CIRCLE NO. 2 OF THE OAK RIDGE Woman's Society held a covered dish supper for members of families on Wednesday, November 13. Mrs. John Barr III is chairman of the circle and the Rev. George Cunningham is pastor of the church.

THE EPPS Woman's Society study group has completed the book "Toward Christian Perfection" under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. L. M. Sawyer.

THE LAKE CHARLES FIRST CHURCH Woman's Society reported at the November meeting that as a result of the study "A Christian Family and Its Money", a sum of money had been sent to Mrs. Ella Hooper, retired missionary; a reading circle has been formed to study the economics of the area; and recommended that a church-wide seminar on the subject be planned for next year.

THE WOMEN OF BOSSIER CITY'S FIRST CHURCH gave a luncheon on Tuesday, November 26, in observance of the 75th anniversary of Deaconess Work. Guests of honor were the girls from the junior high and senior high departments of the church.

THE SUSIE JONES GUILD of DeRidder's First Church recently cleared \$131 on a rummage sale, of which \$31 went to the Teen Choir for help rendered.

MISS LAURA LYNCH, Lafayette District secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, visited the November 18 meeting of the DeQuincy Guild.

THE CARROLLTON WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD sponsored a dinner and bazaar in that church on Thursday, November 21.

Let Us Plan Creatively For Church Extension

A plea for "creative planning" in church extension—as the ecumenically-minded denominations begin to adjust to building needs growing out of the population explosion—ismade by Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, prominent home missions authority. In a recent presentation, Dr. Hoyer said in part:

"Creative cooperation for church extension calls for planning with other churches with ecumenical perspective. This is necessary for four reasons. The first is theological. In spite of our differences, and some of these differences are deep and very real, we know of only One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. At least this is what we affirm in the ancient creed.

"The second reason is statistical. America is a vast country, and it is growing and changing so rapidly that the energies and resources must be coordinated if we are to begin to measure up to the church extension tasks confronting us.

"Stewardship concern is our third reason. We are not sure how much the denominations spend each year in home missions, but we estimate that it is between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000. Perhaps half is invested in 'church extension,' if we include aid to these new congregations until they reach self-support.

"We are conservative when we es-

timate that National Council of Churches member denominations budget \$40,000,000 a year in 'church extension' development and support. Over and above this, these denominations invest over \$100,000,000 in loans to 'church extension' congregations, and we estimate that they make new loans in church extension situations of another \$40,000,000 a year.

"Talking about money in these astronomical figures, it seems that we should be able to save a little, perhaps only one or two million a year—or maybe even four million could be saved—if we planned a little more creatively together. With creative planning together we would hopefully avoid placing fifteen Protestant churches in a new suburban community of 4,000 people (ten might be enough) or twelve Protestant churches in a development village of 1200 people where six might serve better.

"We are not only stewards of money; we are also stewards of opportunities and responsibilities. We do not propose that the money which might thus be saved should be returned to the donors, or that the men thus released be added to the roles of the unemployed. We do suggest that money thus saved and the men thus released be directed to areas not now reached and served.

"In fact we believe that creative planning, resulting in the wiser use of men and resources would challenge more and better men and more money for the extension of the church.

"Fourthly, denominational church extension planning at national and regional levels is not really creative unless it is done with the ecumenical dimensions also and always in mind. Denominational planning should be undertaken with the clear understanding

News in Methodism BY METHODIST INFORMATION

METHODISTS MOURN PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (MI) — Following the assassination of President Kennedy, Methodists not only paid tribute to his leadership but recalled vividly his association with various institutions.

Throughout the nation, special prayers were offered for the bereaved family, the nation and the new head of the government, President Lyndon B. Johnson. Attendance at services in many places was reported at near-Easter levels.

that the denomination's task is to plan so as to be part of a total Protestant whole, a responsible member of the Body of Christ . . .

"We must have national planning in order to get over-all direction and total strategy. Communication is one of the cardinal elements in planning. It is surely needed in interdenominational planning! But at the present time we are hardly talking with one another in interdenominational planning terms at the national level concerning church extension. This must be corrected . . .

"Creative church extension planning is a must. 'Business as usual' will not build congregations or denominations, or the Kingdom of Our Lord in this generation. Let us plan creatively together in church extension. Let us plan nationally and regionally—let us plan denominationally and interdenominationally—with ecumenical perspective—building One Church under One Lord, to the Glory of God—as witness and service to all people, in every community of America."

It was recalled that the late President had received an honorary degree last June at The American University Washington, D. C. Although it had not been generally announced, President Kennedy had tentatively agreed to speak in Pittsburgh on the eve of the 1964 General Conference.

Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, president of the World Methodist Council, and Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington, D.C., Area, were invited by the Kennedy family to attend the funeral service on Monday.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., president of the Council of Bishops in an official statement, said:

"I join with all other members of The Methodist Church in expressing deep sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and the children in the great loss which they and our nation have experienced in the most untimely passing of President John F. Kennedy. Not only our country but the entire world has lost a great statesman and one who was devoting his life to the cause of world peace."

Many other Methodist bishops and church leaders throughout the nation paid tribute to President Kennedy in statements carried widely through the news media.

The Board of Christian Social Concerns wired its sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and, in a message to President Johnson, assured him of "a renewed dedication to the ideals of universal peace, brotherhood, human welfare, justice and national integrity for which he (President Kennedy) lived and worked so well."

"To you who now assume the heavy responsibilities of Chief Executive, we pledge our support," the message said. It was signed by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., board president, and the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Washington, D.C., general secretary.

FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

EVANSTON, Ill.—(MI)—Nearly 80 Methodist leaders from 36 states and the District of Columbia attended a National Workshop for Conference Directors of Stewardship here Nov. 21-23.

Twice during its Friday luncheon meeting, the group paused for special prayers offered by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, for President Kennedy. When word that he had been shot first came to the gathering, prayer was offered, and later, when word of Mr. Kennedy's death reached the group, Dr. Mayfield led in prayer for the bereaved family and the nation.

Prof. Tyler Thompson of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, told the group: "a man is coerced into stewardship . . . He is a steward as he voluntarily fulfills God's intention for him." Another speaker was Dr. J. M. Neilson, executive secretary of the Methodist Stewardship Organization of England.

Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, executive secretary of the board's Section of Stewardship and Finance, led the workshop.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

MIGHTY WORKS OR FRUITS?

From the very beginning of His ministry Jesus had to contend with the fact that most people thought of Him as a sort of miracle man. He went about teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. But His preaching mission was interrupted every day with requests for physical healing. His fame spread throughout all Syria. But it was the face of a healer of diseases. He was the Lamb of God who could take away the sins of the world. But to most people He was a substitute for a doctor of medicine.

Jesus tried hard to impress upon His followers just what His mission was on earth. In the Sermon on the Mount He spoke of fruits. He said that fruits are a sign of life and growth. And that good fruits come only from good trees. Evil fruits are a sign of evil trees. Still the people did not seem to comprehend what He was talking about. Because they continued to ask for healing

of bodily ailments. Very few asked for healing of their souls.

Many people would remind Him that they had often cried out "Lord! Lord." But these pious words did not impress the Master. People would remind Him that they had done many "mighty works." And Jesus liked mighty works. But they did not save the souls of men. Jesus warned that He would not accept these doers of mighty works, because he was not nearly as interested in "big deals" as He was in the acts of witnessing to the love of God. Even Simon Peter at the Transfiguration did not comprehend the wonder and glory of the experience. His first thought was to put up three buildings. No thought of asking Jesus for guidance. Simon wanted to tell Jesus what was the best thing to do. It is interesting to note that God told the Disciples, "Listen to my Son." It took a humbling experience to put them in the right frame of mind.

The church nowadays is suffering from the same misunderstanding. We like mighty works. They always give us a sense of superiority. A new educational annex is a subject for conversation. An enlarged sanctuary may get the preacher a promotion. The transfer of a dozen members to our church rolls from another town can mark our congregation as "real go-getters." But no new fruits have been brought into the kingdom.

Building a new educational annex is wonderful. And sorely needed in a number of places. But where are the ministers or laymen who have won twenty or fifty or a hundred souls to Christ within the year? These new souls are the true fruits of which Jesus was speaking. Maybe we need to revise our sense of values. Perhaps these fruitful persons should also be recognized, along with those who do the "mighty works." Jesus actually gave preference to those who bore fruits.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

A Garden Of Prayer

By the Rev. Harold H. Spence, Pastor,
St. Paul Methodist Church,
Fort Smith, Ark.

For many years we have enjoyed the hymn, "In the Garden", by C. Austin Miles. "I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses. And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses." We have also joined prayerfully in the singing of Eleanor Allen Schroll's hymn, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer." "There's a garden where Jesus is waiting. There's a place that is wondrously fair; for it glows with the light of His presence. 'Tis the beautiful garden of prayer."

Prayer walks have long been helpful to struggling Christians. There is something about the quiet "aloneness" which makes one conscious of "His presence." Not to appear to be sacreligious, but it seems appropriate to say that each of us is equipped with a kind of "Walkie-Talkie." All we have to do is to make sure that we use it. The prayer walk is a good place to sense that, "He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own." We need to feel the kinship with our God and with the world in which He has placed us. If we know that we are His, and that He is all-powerful and all loving, our fears are lessened, and our strength is increased.

I want to share with you a walk that I have made many times through a prayer garden at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Garrett is located on Northwestern University campus in Evanston, and it's function is special training for the Christian ministry and full-time Christian service. It seems to me that the designated "rest stops" in the walk relate the essential steps of a complete religious experience. Many times I have watched men, women, and young people start and complete the walk, and I wondered what burdens had been lightened, or problems solved, or strength gained for a difficult task. Sometimes a young couple would come to Howe's Chapel, which was just outside the garden, to be united in holy matrimony. Emerging, they might reverently take the walk together. Perhaps the walk was no new experience, but one which they wanted again, and to share it together.

As one approaches the garden he sees on a painted sign these words, "Enter into this garden to find quiet, peace, beauty." And then the scripture, "Be still and know that I am God." You see, before one can have a spiritual experience with God he must prepare himself. Let us here this day, at this quiet time, take such a walk. Once in the garden, we come to the first stop, entitled, "Vision." Here we read these words from Isaiah, "I saw the Lord high and lifted up." Also, "Holy, Holy,

Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory." Others come to our attention, like, "Without vision the people perish." While at this point we come to realize that God can be seen in everything, and that such a consciousness of God's presence will make a tremendous difference in our thoughts and actions.

Now we walk until we come to the second rest stop entitled, "Confession." We read the convincing words, "All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned everyone to his own way." Then we share the spirit of the plea, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." This, because we feel with Isaiah, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips." After a brief meditation on our need, we move on until we come to the third stop, "Renewal." We read, "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Now we begin to feel a sense of cleanliness, a new start. We hear with Isaiah, "Lo this live coal hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." We feel as if we were afflicted with cancer and it is suddenly gone. So we head for the exit, the walk has been a profitable one, but it is about over. We have a lot of things to do, so we had better get at it. Soon we come upon one more which reads, "Dedicated." God speaks to us as to Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Having been through such a pleasant experience, it is not really too difficult to say, "Here am I, send me." With a new determination, we take the last steps out of the garden, and as we go through the gate, these words of farewell confront us, "Leave renewed in all thy strength to serve the present age." We can't help the past, and the future is not ours, but we have the present age. God has some things He wants done today. We can witness for Him now.

Build a Devotional

By the Rev. Meyers B. Curtis, Minister
First Methodist Church
Conway, Arkansas

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"

(Luke 3:4, Isaiah 40:3)

It didn't seem that it should be so, but there it was—a store all "dressed" and "ready." At first, the thought raced through my mind that, perhaps, they had moved Christmas up a little this year, but I finally figured that even the "Commercial" interests wouldn't do that! Then the thought came—"I must have forgotten to tear November off the calendar, for I had always been told that Christmas decorations and ballyhoo didn't begin until after Thanksgiving. I suppose that I am just uninformed, and that it must be after Halloween—or is it Columbus Day?

I know that manufacturers, "buyers" and those who are vitally interested in pushing the sales have many weeks ago spent long hours preparing for the season. The manufacturers have been busy making merchandise for months in advance.

Of course, I guess all this interest and care for "what shall we push this year" is necessary. To have the shelves stocked in the stores does take many hours of preparation; though, of course, it might be said that the things we so readily buy and give off the shelves may not be the things we need most to give and receive. This "rushing" the season does, I must confess, take a little edge off of what I would desire to be a much happier, holy day and season—rather than a season as one salesperson put it: "Yeah, brother, the season of the aching back, the tired feet, the frantic grab—I hate to see it come—and I certainly will be relieved when it is over." But if others are getting the "Christmas mood" already, perhaps we ought to give some previous, precious thought.

December 1 begins the season of "expectancy"—or looking forward to the birth of Jesus Christ. The colors of purple indicate the humility and penitence of men in the face of the great gift that God is about to offer.

The words of John the Baptist and Isaiah before him need to be heeded—"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.'" Their injunction and command has been resounding through the years of the past. It is necessary and as much in order today as it ever was. Though we be much engrossed with "things," caught up in frenzied "busyness" and toilsome pace, how may we prepare that Christmas will come to us calmly and holy?

As we turn to the biblical accounts, we find that God made His prepara-

Let the Children Come

The magic month of December is here again! Each year all of us—young and old—look forward to the merry days of Christmas. We think of the beauty of the decorations, the good spirit among our friends and loved ones and, finally, to the visit of old Santa Claus.

Christmas is celebrated so that we may remember the time when Jesus came into the world as a baby. The four weeks before His birth are called "the Advent" or the preparation time for the proper observance of His birthday. Each week has its own message for us. Some families make an advent wreath and each Sunday light a candle to add meaning to this period of preparation.

The first week celebrates the hopes and prayers of the prophets who looked forward to the coming of Jesus as their leader. Read these verses from your Bibles: Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 31:33-35. The hymn that is most used for this week is "O, Come, O Come, Immanuel." You may wish to read the verses of it.

The second week emphasizes the story of Jesus' birth in a stable. Learn a little bit more about the beautiful little city of Bethlehem. Think again of why Mary and Joseph made the long journey there. Think in your own home that just as Mary and Joseph could find no room for themselves in an inn, so too may we crowd out the real meaning of Jesus' birth by thinking too much of other things. Read Luke 2:1-7 and sing together "Away in a manger."

The third week helps us to realize that as the angels sang of Jesus' birth, this good news went out over all the earth to every man. Christmas belongs to all! Because Christmas belongs to all, our keeping of Christmas is enriched by customs and traditions of many peoples.

The fourth week calls us to come and worship Him—to bring our gifts and our lives to show our thanks for His great gifts to us.

Aunt Feather

tions for the event. In reading the narrative, one comes to realize that Christmas was not an accident. It was planned and purposed—the fruit of generations of cooperation between man and the will of God. Some 700 years before the family in the manger at Bethlehem, Isaiah was singing: "For unto us a child is born—unto us a son is given." Isaiah was but one of a great company of people looking for that day. Yet, even after all these years of preparation, when the great day came, many were busy—intent on their own affairs, and the visit of God went unnoticed.

How may we prepare that we not miss the meaning and true joy of the season? Let these simple suggestions

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THE GIFT OF LIGHT

Let me capture the
Rare largess of light,
To keep my life clearly aglow,
Lest it pass into eternal night,
Ere my sunsets go.

—Murriel Alys Green

Town and Country Challenge In Baton Rouge District

by the Rev. Carey Martin

As we have the opportunity from time to time to attend conferences on town and country work, we come away feeling that if all that is said is true the rural church in a matter of a few years will be history. It is true the number of farm families have diminished 7% of our population, but in most areas there are few vacant homes, and I believe this applies to most areas of the conference. What then is the plight of the church?

In one community the pastor, the Rev. Fred St. Amant, had heard that there was no possibility for growth for the church; the majority of the families were Roman Catholic and there just were not any non-Catholics there. He has made a startling survey that I would like to share. This is no reflection on the people of his church.

The average distance from the five nearest Methodist churches in all directions was 23.3 miles, so that, on the average, all people within a radius of 11.6 were nearer this church than any other Methodist church. The survey covered 2501 families, with the following results:

	Families	PerCent
Roman Catholic	1960	78.4
Baptist	238	9.52
Methodist	114	4.56
Episcopal	95	3.8
Presbyterian	32	1.24

The other 62 families were distributed among 22 other religious groups.

This county seat church has 27 families in its resident membership at present, but in this area (with an average radius of 11.6 miles) there are 114 families containing Methodists, besides 8 families no member of which has ever belong to any church. (43 of these 122 families who are either Methodist or have no church affiliation live elsewhere, but own week-end camps there, and if they attend church it will be where they are at church time.)

Subtracting the 27 families who are already in our local membership and the 43 who only have camps in our area, we still have a potential of 52 other families out of the total of 122.

In short, we could practically triple the number of families in our resident church membership if we could reach these 52 in addition to the 27 we already have—to say nothing of the 43 families who have week-end camps.

News From Iota-Maxie Charge

The Maxie Church on the Iota-Maxie Charge recently held its annual gumbo. This project is sponsored by the women of the Church. Proceeds are used for repairs and improvements of the church property. The women presented five hundred and seventy-three dollars to the building fund this year.

The Maxie Methodist Church on the Iota-Maxie Charge has been making extensive improvements to its property this fall. These improvements have included: renovation of its heating and electrical system, a new roof and a renovation of the kitchen and social hall. Cost of the project came close to one thousand dollars. The work has been completed and there is no indebtedness resulting from the project.

The Iota and Maxie W.S.C.S. groups meet on Monday, October 28th at the Iota Church for a joint program observing the "Call to Prayer." Mrs. Calvin Lapuyade, secretary of spiritual life

for both groups was in charge of the program. Mrs. Dodds Raspberry is president of the Iota group and Mrs. William Winchester is president of the Maxie group. Twenty-one ladies were in attendance.

Teachers in the Children's Division of the Church School at Iota held a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 31. The children met at the church, went "trick or treating" and then returned to the church for games and refreshments.

Mrs. Martin Welch of First Methodist Church in Crowley was the guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Iota W.S.C.S. Mrs. Welch spoke on "The World Federation of Methodist Women." Mrs. Eugene Henderson was in charge of the program.

A Fellowship Supper was held at the Iota Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, November 13th. The Rev. Harold Hine, District Missionary Secretary for the Lafayette District and a former pastor was the guest speaker.

The Rev. Calvin Lapuyade is pastor of the Iota-Maxie Charge.



THIS FLOAT WAS entered by the Kindergarten of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church in the recent homecoming parade in that city.

Course in Lay Speaking Planned

Initial plans have been announced for a training course in Lay Speaking to be held in First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, on consecutive Sunday afternoons, beginning Jan. 12.

The course will be led by Judge Cecil Cutrer, and it is recommended for anyone who feels that such training would be an aid in witnessing for Christ.

Details for the course are being worked out by Jack Malarkey, Dale Roush and Roy Emmons. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is the pastor.

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Joins Staff of Shreveport, First

First Methodist Church, Shreveport, has announced the addition to its staff of Miss Pamela Wilson, who will have directing responsibilities in the children and youth choir program at that church.

Miss Wilson comes from Chapelwood Methodist Church, Houston, where she directed children's choirs. She is a native of Houston and graduated from Springbranch High School and attended the University of Houston.

She had the honor of being the youngest member ever elected to the Official Board of her home church, in which she also served as superintendent of the Youth Division, in addition to her choir work.

LAUNCH SPECIAL STUDY

NASHVILLE, Tenn — (MI) — A study of Wesley Foundations is being launched, looking forward toward "a more effective campus ministry of The Methodist Church."

The Rev. Samuel N. Gibson, executive director of the University Christian Association at Pennsylvania State University, will direct the study, which is expected to take two years.

FACE SOCIAL CONCERNS

GREENSBORO, N. C. — (MI) — Christian social concerns leaders of North Carolina's three annual conferences were urged to aid the Negro's drive for equality, during a Nov. 15-16 meeting here in West Market Street Church.

The Boards of Christian Social Concerns for the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction sponsored the event, which featured four speakers and eight workshops.

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Worth Remembering: "Somebody is always prophesying the death of the church, but you cannot have a successful funeral until you find a willing corpse. The church seems to have within it the needs of its own resurrection, which is indeed a thing of wonder. Today it stands as the bulwark of American democracy against the extremists from the left and from the right. It has grown into power and influence and upon its vitality and sanity, democracy depends."—Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, speaking there at a recent Laymen's Luncheon.



THE REV. CALVIN LAPUYADE, pastor of Maxie Methodist Church, serving his guest, the Rev. D.R. Dean of Wesley Church, Alexandria, during the recent annual "gumbo" at Maxie.



MRS. OTIS STEWARD working in the kitchen during the "gumbo" at the Maxie Methodist Church, an annual affair sponsored by the women of this church.



AT RUSTON DISTRICT Conference Dr. Henry A. Rickey presents Local Preacher's licenses to James Thomas Law, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ashley T. Law, and John Roddy Taylor, son of the Rev. and Mrs. A.G. Taylor, as the parents look on proudly. Also participating, left, is the Rev. Douglas McGuire, chairman of the District Committee on Ministerial Training and Qualifications.



THE REV. W.E. NOLAN, Dr. J.J. Mickle and Dr. Bond Fleming, look over the Centenary College display at the Shreveport district Conference in Noel Memorial Church.



DR. JOLLY B. HARPER and Dr. B.C. Taylor join in the ceremony of burning the mortarboard on the Shreveport district parsonage.

Visiting the District Conference



AT SHREVEPORT, Dr. Harper is shown with Mr. and Mrs. William Butts of First Church, Shreveport, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trickett of Noel Memorial Church, after Mr. Butts and Mr. Trickett have been licensed to preach.



AT RUSTON District Conference at First Church, Springhill, the Rev. Eddie Morgan, secretary, and District Superintendent Henry A. Rickey during one of the sessions.



MEMBERS OF Ruston District Conference listen attentively as the business of the conference moves forward.



J.C. LOVE, JR., Ruston, joins with Dr. B.C. Taylor and Dr. Joe J. Mickle in reporting for Centenary College.



REPRESENTATIVES OF 11 Shreveport Churches are recognized by District Missionary Secretary Art Baker as "Four-Lane" churches in missionary giving.



DR. JAMES T. HARRIS, center, and Mr. Curtis Reece, layman of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, receive certificate as a "Four Lane Church" from District Missionary Secretary Baker.



MRS. L.C. AYCOCK, Ruston District president of the WSCS makes her report to her district conference at Springhill.



DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, Sr., director of the Area Council, reports to the Ruston Conference.



THE REV. JACK H. MIDYETT, Bossier City, reviewed the total program of the Shreveport District. Speaking to his report later were Mrs. W.D. Snelling, left WSCS president, and Dudley Snow, District Lay Leader.

Portrait

An Urban Church Overseas

By James Lloyd Knox

(Editor's Note: This article about an urban Methodist church serving many nationalities in a suburb near Buenos Aires, the capitol of Argentina, is written by the pastor of the church. Mr. Knox, whose American home is Tampa, Fla., is also the Methodist news correspondent for Argentina.)

First Methodist Church in Lamos de Zamora, a suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina, could well be named "The Church of All Nations." Services are held in four languages, and the people are of many nationalities.

The Lomas church began in 1895 to serve the large British community living in the area. Services in English continue to be the best attended. The English language congregation has 149 members, and new members continue to be received.

There are two services in German each month. A German Lutheran and a German Congregationalist congregation hold monthly services. A Latvian congregation also has a monthly service in Lomas First. It is thrilling to hear this group sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" in Latvian on Reformation Sunday. Most of the Latvians are refugees from Communism. The power of their faith has held them strong, even though they have lost all and now live in a new land.

Almost from the beginning of Lomas First's history, services were held in Spanish. However, in 1922 the Spanish Methodist congregation left First Church to form what is now the Central Methodist Church of Lomas, which is the mother church of two other Methodist churches and several missions in the Lomas area.

Between 1922 and 1961, there was one attempt to have services in Spanish at Lomas First. That was for a brief period in 1948. Since there was no effort to form a congregation, it failed.

In October, 1961, afternoon services in Spanish were initiated by Bishop Sante U. Barbieri of the Buenos Aires Methodist Area, who preached the first sermon in a new series. Other outstanding Argentine pastors came to preach on succeeding Sundays. In November, Pastor Carlos Gattinoni of the Central Methodist Church of Buenos Aires preached in a five-night series of evangelistic services. The last night of the campaign witnessed 120 people crowd into the church. Of course, many people from other Evangelical (Protestant) churches attended the special meetings.

Now that the angels have gone, and the preaching is left to the pastor of the local church, attendance has leveled off at about 20 persons per Sunday at the Spanish service. It is hoped that this will be the nucleus for a Spanish-speaking congregation.

Since the British railroad companies were nationalized in 1948, the British community has diminished. Thus it is only realistic to develop an Argentine congregation at "Old First."

The English congregation will be vigorous for years to come, however. There are several interesting reasons. Recently the official Board voted to have a stewardship campaign terminat-

ing with a Loyalty Dinner. A great deal of stress is being placed on tithing and planned, consistent giving.

There are a good number of members from non-English-speaking homes who come to church to hear and learn English and who later are converted and become members of the church.

The make-up of the congregation is interesting. The former president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Elena D Auitolo, was born in Newfoundland and worked with the noted missionary, Dr. Winfred Grenfell, in Labrador as a nurse. The new Woman's Society president was born in Argentina of U. S. parents. Her husband was born in Brazil of a Swiss mother and British father.

In the congregation is a Pole. His wife is from Estonia. Both experienced German and Russian occupations of their countries and later escaped to Argentina. There is a Czech family who fled the Communist take-over in 1948. The father of this family was a provincial governor in his native Czechoslovakia.

A young East German girl is a member of the church and a Sunday school teacher. A Mennonite family from Germany attends our services. The Dutch Reformed pastor sends his boys to the

FIVE DECISIONS GIVEN

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the remainder of the quadrennium be provided for by the Council of Bishops. The Council of Bishops answered the petition by calling attention to Decision No. 61 of the Judicial Council, which held that a Central Conference bishop's term of office expires at the close of the Central Conference at which his successor is elected, and expressed the judgment that Bishop Alejandro can serve until his successor is elected by the Central Conference. Thereupon the Northwest Philippines Conference requested a decision from the Judicial Council:

- (1) To uphold the legality of the action of the Philippines Central Conference determining that the retirement age of a bishop in that Central Conference be the same as that obtaining in the Jurisdictional Conferences.
- (2) Declaring Bishop Alejandro a retired bishop as of February 19, 1963.

- (3) Ordering the immediate holding of an extra session of the Philippines Central Conference and requiring the two bishops of that Central Conference to call it for the purpose of electing a successor to Bishop Alejandro.
- (4) That the decision of the Council of Bishops be declared null and void.
- (5) That the Judicial Council require the Council of Bishops to provide episcopal oversight until a new bishop is elected.

The decision of the Judicial Council was that the action of the Philippines Central Conference in setting the retirement age of a bishop of that Central Conference the same as that obtaining in the Jurisdictional Conference is in accord with the law of the church; that a bishop who attains age 70 between sessions of the Central Conference is not automatically relieved upon reaching his 70th birthday but continues as bishop until the close of the next regular session of said Central Conference, at the close of which he shall be relieved from his duties as bishop; that the Judicial Council has no constitutional or legal authority to nullify administrative decisions of the Council of Bishops made in accordance with the law of the church, or to issue mandates to compel the exercise of executive or administrative powers of the episcopacy and therefore items 3, 4 and 5 of the Appeal are denied.

Decision No. 200

The Commission on Entertainment and Program of the 1964 General Conference requested a declaratory decision as to whether or not the tenure rule in Paragraph 1104 of the 1960 Discipline, which limits service on various divisions, boards, commissions, etc. to 12 consecutive years, applies to that Commission.

The decision of the Judicial Council unanimously held that this Commission is not an Administrative Agency of the church within the meaning of the term as used in Part VII, Chapter 1 of the Discipline and therefore the tenure rule in Paragraph 1104, which is found in this section of the Discipline, does not apply to the members of this Commission.

Decision No. 201

The Central Kansas Conference requested a declaratory decision as to the eligibility of Mrs. Margaret Rickard for a pension under the provision of Paragraph 1620.5 of the 1960 Discipline. The facts presented to the Council stated that Maurice E. Rickard, who withdrew under complaints from the Central Kansas Conference, entered suit for a divorce from his wife Margaret on grounds of "incompatibility and extreme cruelty." It was not contested by her nor was a countersuit filed. Maurice E. Rickard married again as soon as possible after the divorce. Margaret Rickard continued to support and care for her children as best she could. Upon reaching the age of 65 she applied for a pension for her years of accrued service as the wife of a Methodist minister under Paragraph 1620.5, which provides that by two-thirds vote of the Conference an annuity may be granted to the wife for her years of accrued service without granting one to her husband if he had disqualified himself by some moral delinquency, mental illness, or other cause beyond the wife's control.

While recognizing that its decision

will probably work a hardship on Mrs. Rickard, who appeared to be well regarded in her own Conference, the Judicial Council ruled that having been divorced she was no longer the wife of a Methodist minister and according to the wording of the Discipline she is not entitled to an annuity.

One member of the Council disqualified himself from discussion and vote on this question, and another member dissented.

Decision No. 202

The New England Annual Conference appealed to the Judicial Council for a decision as to the legality of various items of a report of its Board of Pensions, which was adopted by the Conference, concerning the annuity responsibility for a member of the Conference serving a federated church. The Board recommended that a member serving such a church which has a Methodist constituency be considered as rendering part-time service and that the non-Methodist part of the federated church be considered as an "institution" and that the rules governing part-time service be applied in determining the minister's annuity credit.

It recommended further that when a federated church is served by other than a member of the New England Conference, part of the apportionment which is for service annuity (9% funding) be subtracted from the total appropriations to that church.

After very careful study of the regulations of the Pension Code dealing with federated churches and with institutions, it was decided by the Council that the action taken on the adoption of the report of its Conference Board of Pensions by the Annual Conference was in conformity with the provisions of the 1960 Discipline of The Methodist Church.

One member of the Council dissented from this decision.

Decision No. 203

Bishop Dionisio D. Alejandro made a ruling in the Philippines Annual Conference concerning the responsibility for the annuity claim of the Rev. Candido Padilla. In 1961, the Philippines Annual Conference was divided into the Philippines and the Middle Philippines Annual Conferences. The Rev. Mr. Padilla retired in 1957 from the Philippines Annual Conference and established a residence in a community which later became part of the Middle Philippines Conference. He was, therefore, considered a retired member of the Middle Philippines Annual Conference. He later moved to Manila in the territory of the Philippines Conference, and upon his request was transferred to that Conference. Upon announcing his transfer, the bishop recommended that his name be included in the list of conference claimants of that Conference. A ruling was requested as to whether the territory of the Middle Philippines Conference from the Philippines Conference.

Bishop Alejandro ruled that the Middle Philippines Conference was responsible for those years of service rendered within its bounds.

In view of the provisions of Paragraph 1636.1 of the 1960 Discipline that "the responsibility for annuity of years of approved service of a conference claimant shall rest with the Annual Conference in which the service was performed or its legal successor," the Judicial Council affirmed the ruling of Bishop Alejandro in this case.

In Memoriam



John W. Mann

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 29, at Lewisville Methodist Church for the Rev. John Wayne Mann, aged 77, retired member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, who died on Nov. 27.

He retired in 1956 after serving 43 years, during which time his appointments included presiding elder of the Arkadelphia District, district superintendent of the Prescott and the Texarkana Districts; Gilliam Circuit; Texarkana Circuit; Bauxite Circuit; 28th Street Church, Little Rock; Carlisle; Lewisville; McGehee; Tillar; College Hill Church, Texarkana; Lonoke; Warren; Nashville; Stamps; Waldo; and the Richmond Circuit.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, John W. Mann, Jr. of Massachusetts, and the Rev. C. J. Mann of Texas; a daughter, Miss Lenora Mann of Baltimore; two sisters, Mrs. B. A. Lynch of Blytheville and Mrs. E. E. Garlington of Searcy; and three grandchildren.



BUILD A DEVOTIONAL

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be a guide:

1. Keep it Christian. This is a Christian festival. Let us read the gospel as though we were hearing it for the first time. There is so much about the story that is filled with wonder and awe. We can agree with the singer as he intones: "Behold, I tell you a mystery." To some minds this may not be fully explained, or, of course, can this be surely proved. Read the whole story on through to the resurrection; for the story must be viewed in the light of the resurrection, the supreme miracle of the New Testament! However we may look at the stories with their obvious conflicts — myths or not — God used this means of teaching reality to his children, to young and old, wise and simple.

The birth of Jesus is a miracle any way you look at it; but the important element in the miracle is not how God entered the life of Jesus/ but that He did. Dr. Karl Barth sums it up when he writes, "the truth is clear that the man, Jesus Christ, owes his beginning in history to the fact that God in person became man — His existence be-

gins with God's special action. In Him and through Him, God has taken the initiative. Once more God acts as the creator. God gives Himself an earthly origin; that is the meaning of 'born of the Virgin Mary'. It means He not only resembles us men; His is same as us."

Let us take our Bibles — read — and let the truth break our hearts.

2. Keep the Christmas by avoiding the extreme. Why do we have to be buffaloes into believing that only the most expensive Christmas can be the best way to keep the Christmas spirit?

3. Keep it sober. Perhaps Christians don't have to be reminded of that. Perhaps, some do. Truly it is a time of joy. There is no need to celebrate the birth of our Lord as if it were a pagan Bacchus festival. Let us resolve that it not be a time for just an excuse for endless rounds of drinking bouts and over indulgences.

4. Keep the church central. We believe that the church is the body of Christ. Christmas always provides many opportunities of corporate worship and inspiration for the fellowship of the redeemed.

5. Keep the family together. Christmas is for all people—the nameless, the homeless, the young, the old—for every person. Remember, that the event took place within the context of the family. Not that individual members shouldn't participate in doing things with groups to which they belong, but too often the only time the family is together is on Christmas morning. Why not look forward to Christmas together through family activities and programs. We all belong to the greater family of God. Remember, the humble stable—

the warmth and love of a family.

6. Make Christmas the beginning not the end of a new year of dedication. We ought to give some sober thought to this aspect of Christ's character this year. He is the Prince of Peace! We need today as sorely as ever before this peace. Maybe we've made mistakes in the past, but 1964 can be a year when our main activity shall be that of peace-maker.

Let us pray:

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of the earth; mercifully hear our supplications and remove from the world forever the dreadful menace of war. Guide the rulers with they counsel and restrain the passions of the people, so that bloodshed may be averted and peace be preserved. By the pouring out of thy spirit upon all flesh, quicken the sense of our common brotherhood, bring the nations into a new bond of fellowship and hasten the time when the Kingdom of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland.)



'NO HUMAN BARRIER'

ST. LOUIS— (MI)—"There can be no human barrier to membership in The Methodist Church," Bishop Eugene M. Frank declared in a pastoral letter sent Nov. 19 to all the pastors in the Missouri Area.

It often happens that the strong man of the church is as badly in need of pastoral care as the weakest one.

AN URBAN CHURCH-

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church's week-day kindergarten. Also in the church are people born in Scotland, Wales, England, Uruguay, Spain, Australia, India and South Africa.

Mrs. Robert Elder, Sr., now 84 years of age, was one of the first missionaries in Argentina. She and her husband came to this country from New Zealand (their birthplace) under the Evangelical Union of South America. Later they worked under the Southern Baptist Board of Missions. Although she is Baptist, she attends service in the Lomas church when possible. Three of her granddaughters are outstanding members and workers in the church.

Lomas First has an Italian-born bishop, an Italian-born district superintendent and a North American pastor. It is truly a "Church of All Nations."

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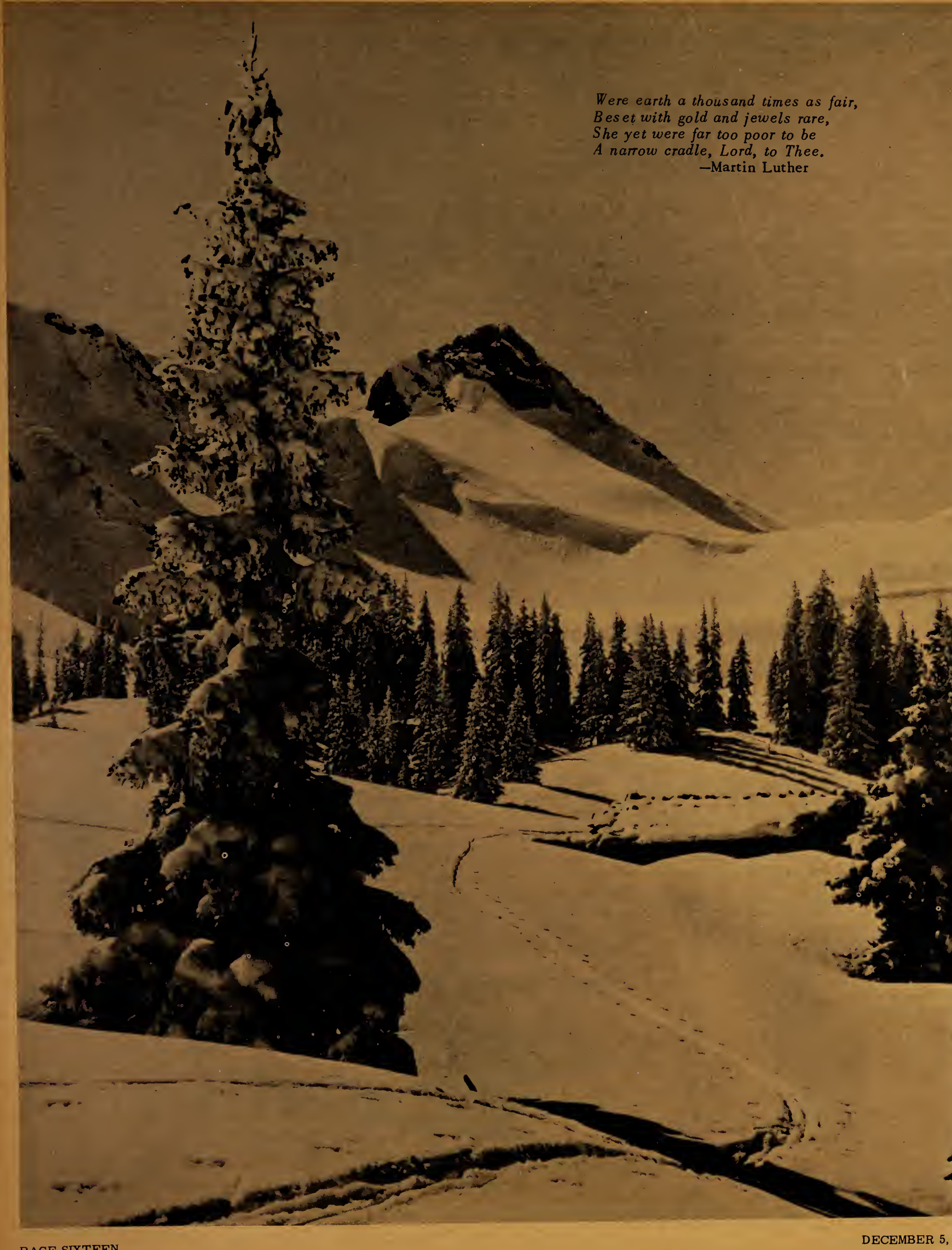


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A narrow cradle, Lord, to Thee.
—Martin Luther*

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Lake Charles Men Hear Candidates

The Methodist Men of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, met on Thursday, Dec. 12. Invited to attend this meeting were the six candidates from Calcasieu Parish who are in the runoff for the State Legislature.

The purpose of the meeting is to get acquainted with the candidates and to give the men opportunities to ask questions of the candidates. This is an opportunity for those who desire to be responsible Christian citizens to get acquainted with the candidates and make a wise decision concerning the use of their votes.

The program was arranged by Mr. Paul Verduzco, president, and Dr. J. S. Weltz, program chairman.

Centenary Choir In Rayville Concert

The Centenary Choir gave a concert in the high school auditorium at Rayville, La., on Wednesday, Dec. 11, under the sponsorship of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church of that city, whose pastor is the Rev. R. E. Walton.

WSCS 25th ANNIVERSARY

The observation of the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service will be launched in local churches throughout Louisiana and the rest of the nation on January 19th.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Conference Institutions

New Orleans, Louisiana
December 6, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

We are now in the concluding days of another series of District Conferences. These meetings signify the half-way mark in the conference year. The reports of work accomplished are encouraging. This should be one of our best years.

In each District Conference we have had presented information concerning the church-wide, conference and district institutions and causes which make up the benevolence budgets of The Methodist Church. Each one of these has a claim upon our concern and our support. They are our institutions which we have established and which we maintain in order that, in the name of Christ, our Methodist Church may minister to little children, young people, adults, and the very aged. Through these agencies we reach out in compassion to comfort the orphan, reclaim the fallen, heal the sick, educate the young, and encourage all to grow in the grace and knowledge of God. If we did not have these institutions in Louisiana, we would be about the business of establishing them or others like them. Let us be grateful that we have Centenary College, the Methodist Children's Home, the Methodist Home Hospital, our other hospitals, and all the other institutions and agencies included in our World Service and conference benevolence program. They are all well-manned and doing a splendid job in their respective fields. They are worthy of our support and they have a right to expect it. Let us keep them all before us now as we move forward into the second half of the conference year, and let us do more for the causes which they represent than we have ever done before.

Sincerely,

Aubrey S. Walton

Christmas Appeal For Methodist Home Hospital

by Lona Wilson

Director, Methodist Information

On the Sunday before Christmas, Methodist churches in Louisiana will take a special offering for the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans—a maternity home for unwed mothers and an adoption agency. These gifts open the door of hope and redemption to girls in desperate need; and through adoption bring together the baby who needs a home and the home that needs a baby.

During the 70 years of its existence the Home Hospital has cared for approximately 4,300 girls. It has a capacity of 40 girls and 30 babies. The present building at 815 Washington Ave., New Orleans, is beautiful and well-equipped. Valued at more than \$600,000, it was constructed between 1950-53 and paid for by 1956.

The home is supported by voluntary contributions from individual Methodist churches in Louisiana and Mississippi, with a suggested goal of an amount equal to 4 per cent of the pastor's salary, and a small appropriation of \$5,800 from the Louisiana Annual Conference. Individual donations and legacies are gratefully accepted. Maintaining the present standard of the home's operation will require funds not now available. A small percentage of the income is received from those girls who are able to pay all or a part of their expenses at the home. No girl is ever denied its service because of a lack of money.

The Rev. L. D. Haughton has been superintendent of the home since June 25, 1953, and he has announced his plans to retire in June, 1964. He has performed his duties at the Methodist Home Hospital effectively and unselfishly.

The home is licensed by the Louisiana State Department of Public Welfare and is staffed by 22 physicians. Graduate nurses are on duty at all times. The social work staff is highly trained.

The Board of Trustees of the Home Hospital, composed of 30 lay and clerical members of the Louisiana and Mississippi Annual Conferences, call on you to give "that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



THIS GROUP from Louisiana attended the Older Youth-Young Adult Workshop at Kansas City, Kans., Dec. 2-5: (l. to r.) the Rev. John F. Baringer, the Rev. James L. Adams, Dr. Virgil D. Morris, the Rev. Warren L. Livingston and the Rev. K.G. Rorie.



PARTICIPATING IN the Mortgage burning ceremony at First Church, Ponchatoula, Nov. 24 (l. to r.): J.B. Stafford, chairman of the Official Board and of the Building Committee; J.B. Coburn, one of the laymen who worked so hard for the occasion; the Rev. Eldred Blakey, pastor; and Mrs. Mary Alford Kinchen, chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

Editorials

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

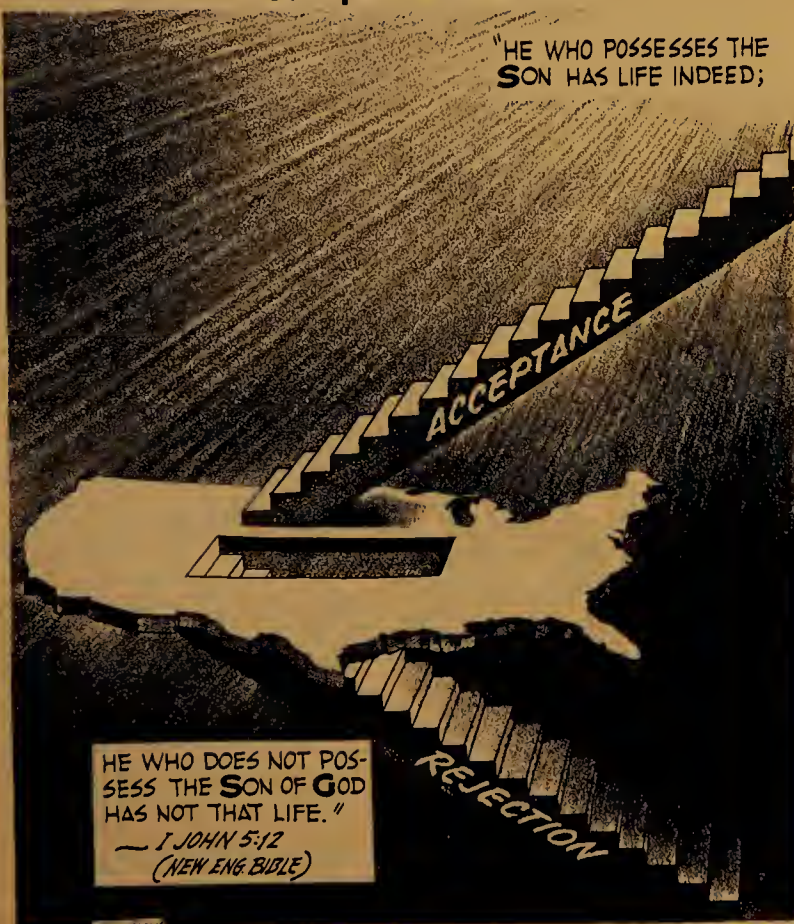
IN A DISTRICT CONFERENCE we attended recently one of the ministers made a composite report for the district and in this report he kept emphasizing something important about the program of the church — that the only way we can reach any goal we set for ourselves as a denomination is to reach it in the local church. He said, "If it doesn't happen in the local church it doesn't happen."

It is in the local congregations of Methodism that people have come together through leadership of the Holy Spirit to find the challenging and enriching experiences that will contribute to the salvation of their souls. The goals of evangelism do not conflict with this truth, rather, they are based upon the dedicated efforts of members of local congregations to witness to the unreached and to help them find their place in a local church.

The educational program of Methodism is grand in its scope and purpose when seen at the general church level, but every staff member of the General Board of Education knows that theories and principles find their testing in the local church. This is why one of the very significant divisions of that board is the Division of the Local Church.

Missions, when viewed broadly in the worldwide perspective, carry us to lofty heights through the thrilling stories of the missionary heroes who have gone to every corner of the globe. These have been enabled to go only because persons who were members of local churches heard the challenge of the "great commission," and when they knew they could not go to the mission field themselves, have sent a part of themselves in their gifts for World Service, Advance Specials and other missionary programs.

Inescapable Steps



A church may have a Social Creed and adopt a challenging program of Christian social concerns, but only when ways and means are found to bring these more closely to the conscience of the local church is there any hope for attaining its ideals.

If it doesn't happen in the local church, it doesn't happen.



THE FAMILIAR CHRISTMAS STORY

THERE ARE WAYS in which we can see that the Christmas story can become so familiar that it loses its greatest force for our lives, becoming as trite as some of the Christmas tunes to which we are over-exposed about this time of year. On the other hand, there is nothing about Christmas that does for us what the reading of the old, old story does.

We should listen to the familiar words as though we were hearing them for the first time. The Story of the Nativity can never become to us merely a precious bit of outdated folklore. This is the story which helps us to understand how God came into the world for all time and for all men. At Christmas we recall something that has happened, but we are also made aware of something which is happening now.

The Christmas story has its deepest meaning for us because we are familiar with it and the events to which it was the doorway. When we think of Christ, we know what's coming — the baptism, the temptation, the ministry of healing, the betrayal, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection — and then the long centuries to follow when men should follow after, with their hearts burning within them as He walks along the road with them. This is why we can never really forget the chain of events God set going at Bethlehem.

The true meaning of Christmas will always be reached through wonder, and when that is lacking it is a meaningless time. Someone has said that when he was small he knew so little that he believed the Christmas story just as it was written. Then for a time he knew so much that he could not accept the miraculous setting of the story. Later in life, he confessed, he discovered he knew so little that he believed it just as St. Luke wrote it. This is a pilgrimage many of us have taken in our true appreciation of the familiar Christmas story.



the EDITOR'S CORNER

BOOK REVIEWS

B. Paul Durbin, **EVERLASTING GOODWILL AND GLORY**, Greenwich, \$2.75.

Again we have received a review copy of a new book by one of our own, Paul Durbin, who is a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

He shares with us in this volume 36 sermons from his own ministry. Some of them are in outline form and others are rather complete. We have found great joy in reading them and feeling something of the movement of the Holy Spirit that was in their preparation and their preaching. In a warmly-written preface he shares with us something of his religious experience and his call to the ministry.

Robert V. Osment, **HAPPY IS THE MAN**, Revell, \$2.50.

The author, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., follows an optimistic and radiant pathway through twelve chapters that represent his formula for happiness. There is a great deal more meat here than in some of the more superficial guides to happy living that have had a wide sale.

The key sentence of the book is "Happy is the man who knows first what happiness is and who accepts no substitute." Some of his chapters in his excellent development of this thesis include "Strength From Above," "Your Life Can Be Changed Through Prayer," "You Can Talk With God," "Another Chance Through Forgiveness," and "Love Stands Battered But Unbeaten."

Ladonna Bogardus, **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN AND YOUTH**, Abingdon, \$1.25.

This is a new cooperative leadership education text, which was published just in time for presentation to the recent National Methodist Conference on Christian Education. Miss Bogardus, who has been a staff member of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education of The Methodist Church since 1949, reflects in these pages the experience she has shared in working on committees concerned with the religious education of exceptional children, and of retarded children. There is excellent guidance here for these special fields.

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"O Christmas tree, O Christmas Tree
How lovely are thy branches
(From an old German Folksong)

Martin Luther, credited with introducing the custom of lighted candles on the Christmas tree, is shown in this old artist's sketch with his family and his friend and co-reformer, Philip Melancthon, at Luther's home in Sittenberg.

Astronaut Cooper, A Methodist, Receives World Council Medallion

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (MI) — Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., was presented a World Methodist Council medallion at the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism here.

Major Cooper, a Methodist for more than 25 years, was a speaker at the meeting, held Nov. 19-21 at the Sheraton Hotel and Trinity Temple Methodist Church.

The holder of the American record for space travel made a 22-orbit flight last May in a capsule he had named Faith 7.

Major Cooper told the approximately 400 persons present at the council meeting something of what religion means to him and his family.

"Jesus has always been a significant part of my life," he said.

The astronaut told of how he went through "stacks and stacks" of paper trying to write a suitable prayer before his space trip and finally gave up. But near the end of the flight, he related, a prayer came to him spontaneously, and he said it into the tape recorder of his capsule.

It "doesn't stand as a significant prayer in design quality," he said, "but it was my prayer and I meant it."

Major Cooper also said, "The more we find out in space, the more everybody is convinced of tremendous things God has created in this universe. Something of this size and magnificence is beyond the comprehension of mortals."

The outgoing president of the Council of Evangelism, the Rev. Dr. Kermit Long, Phoenix, Ariz., presented Major Cooper the medallion on behalf of the World Methodist Council and the Council of Evangelism.

The astronaut was introduced by his minister, the Rev. Conrad W. Winborn, pastor of Seabrook (Texas) Methodist Church.

Kentucky Governor-Elect Edward T. Breathitt, also a Methodist, was on the program, and he praised Major Cooper for "his life and courage and his great Christian witness."

Several other speakers addressed the meeting, which dealt primarily with communicating the gospel through Christian experience and family evangelism.

The Methodist Council of Bishops' recent statement, which, among other things, condemns the denial to any person of the right to worship in any Methodist church, was read at the meeting, and prayer was offered in connection with it.

At the close of the conference, Dr. Long was presented a World Methodist Council medallion in recognition of his service as president of the Council of Evangelism. The presentation was made by the Rev. Dr. Truman W. Potter, Charleston, W. Va., newly elected president of the Council of Evangelism.

The Council of Evangelism is an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism, which from its Nashville, Tenn., headquarters promotes The Methodist Church's evangelistic program.

Among those attending the meeting were chairmen of boards of evangelism and secretaries of evangelism for Methodist annual conferences and many district secretaries of evangelism and district superintendents.

The next meeting was set for Jan. 5-8, 1965. No announcement was made concerning the place.

KERN LECTURER

ASHLAND, Va. — (M.I.) — Finding more students seeking for "packaged answers" to today's questions, the Rev. Malcolm Boyd lived up to advanced billing as "disturber of the peace" in the 1963 Kern Lectures series at Randolph-Macon College here Nov. 18-21.

Boyd, chaplain to Episcopal students at a Detroit university, spoke on the theme of "The Christian Faith in Revolution," with addresses relating Christianity to art, the sex revolution, mass society and race.

Dr. Potter New President For Evangelism Group

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (MI) — The Rev. Dr. Truman W. Potter, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Charleston, W. Va., is the new president of the national Council of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

The council is an auxiliary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which promotes the denomination's evangelistic program.

Dr. Potter and other officers were elected for two-year terms at the council's annual meeting here Nov. 19-21.

Four vice-presidents were elected. They are the Rev. George W. Chant, Minneapolis; the Rev. Granville N. Hardin, Indianapolis; R. B. Lazenby, Muskogee, Okla.; and John Sonnenday, St. Louis.

The Rev. Wayne A. Lamb, Paducah, Ky., was elected secretary and the Rev. Wilford Smith, Kerman, Calif., Treasurer.

Elected jurisdictional representatives on the executive committee were the following ministers: Lawrence W. Lykens, Harrisburg, Pa.; James W. Turner, Roanoke, Va.; Willard J. Rand, Jr., San Mateo, Calif.; Clarence M. Fogleman, Wichita, Kan.; Joseph T. Edwards, East Lansing, Mich.; and W. R. Mayberry, Newark, N. J.

Dr. Potter succeeds the Rev. Dr.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 15—Sunday	2 Peter 1:16-21
Dec. 16	Heb. 4:11-16
Dec. 17	I Thes. 1:1-10
Dec. 18	James 1:19-27
Dec. 19	I John 1:1-10
Dec. 20	John 1:1-18
Dec. 21	Mat. 1:18-25
Dec. 22—Sunday	Luke 1:5-25

Kermit Long, Phoenix, Ariz., as president of the organization.

The meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel and Trinity Temple Methodist Church.

Attendance was about 400, including chairmen of boards of evangelism and secretaries of evangelism for Methodist annual conferences and district secretaries of evangelism and district superintendents.

NEW POSITION AT A.U.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(M.I.)—A new position of provost or executive vice president of American University will be filled by Dr. Harold H. Hutson of Greensboro, N. C., it has been announced.

Dr. Hutson, now president of Greensboro College, also Methodist-related, will take the new position next July 1, according to action by the AU board of trustees in creating the position.



LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Maj. L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., (right), astronaut whose 22-orbit flight last May is the longest made by an American, was honored at Louisville, Ky., for his Christian witness. He receives a World Methodist Council medallion from Dr. Kermit Long of Phoenix, Ariz., at the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism. Dr. Long is outgoing president of the Council. Maj. Cooper, a Methodist who named his space capsule "Faith 7," told some 400 persons at the annual meeting that religion "has always been a significant part of my life."

Mrs. Maxine Reeves

By E. W. Sandel

Mrs. R. M. (Maxine) Reeves, LaSalle Parish Home Demonstration Agent of Jena, was elected treasurer of the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association at the annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, recently.

This is the first time a home demonstration agent from Louisiana has been elected to one of the major offices of the association since its organization 30 years ago. However, the state has a Southern Regional Councilor on the executive board.

In addition to the usual treasurer's duties, Mrs. Reeves will serve on the executive board and will help plan the program for the national meeting next year. She has been a Home Demonstration Agent in LaSalle Parish for 17 years.

She is a most active member of Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena. Never too busy to assist in any and all activities connected with her church, she serves in the following capacities:

She is director of the Adult Choir, director of the Junior Choir, a choir soloist and a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Last year she was the keynote speaker for the Alexandria District Parson-



ettes. She is quite talented and participates often in dramatic skits at church dinners.

She was an active member of the Parsonage Committee as it built and improved the furnishings for the new parsonage at Jena.

In addition to all these things, she edits a weekly column in the local newspaper, dealing with her work and providing readers with helpful hints for building a good home life.

We salute Mrs. Reeves as one of Louisiana's most active Methodist personalities.

Funds for the dolls came from the treasury of the circle and all of the 11 members have been working on the project, according to a recent feature story in the Alexandria Town Talk, the issue of Nov. 23.

Each doll will have an outfit and a blanket and there will be extra clothes in case the Salvation Army receives some dolls that have not been so well outfitted.

The women became interested in such a project last Christmas when they took food to the Salvation Army headquarters and saw dolls badly in need of dresses too late to do anything about it.

Although the Trinity circle is the only group dressing dolls, other groups that are filling "kiddie bags" with games, toys and clothings include First Methodist, Alexandria; First Methodist, Pineville; Horseshoe Drive, Methodist; Wesley Methodist and Trinity Methodist, Alexandria.

A Methodist woman who is not a member of the WSCS is cheating herself.



SHOWN AT THE Thanksgiving Service at Bayou Chicot Methodist Church, Nov. 20, (l. to r.): Kent Thompson, Mrs. Fred Flurry, the Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent; and the Rev. W. Spencer Wren, pastor.

REPORT NO. ONE

Retired Ministers Homes Board, Inc.
Cash received from June 1, 1963-Dec. 4, 1963

			Total offering last year
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT	\$519.79	Representing 17 churches	\$722.40
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT	489.19	Representing 23 churches	1,688.62
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT	477.00	Representing 12 churches	1,140.16
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT	585.33	Representing 15 churches	1,153.29
MONROE DISTRICT	439.40	Representing 17 churches	760.35
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT	992.70	Representing 17 churches	1,263.38
RUSTON DISTRICT	753.18	Representing 19 churches	1,187.61
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT	1,745.13	Representing 28 churches	2,843.72
	\$6,001.72	148	\$10,759.53

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Collins President of Ministerial Union

The Rev. Albert A. Collins, pastor of Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, was recently elected as president of the East Jefferson Ministerial Union.

Other new officers of the group are the Rev. Dean Robinson, pastor of the Jefferson United Presbyterian Church, vice president; and the Rev. B. W. Cook, pastor of the Jefferson Christian Church, secretary-treasurer.

Women Assist In Christmas Project

One of the hard-working groups of Louisiana Methodist women making their contribution to the joyous spirit of Christmas is the 11-member Susannah Wesley circle of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. Directed by chairman Mrs. W. H. Rollins, this group is dressing dolls to be given to the Salvation Army, who will give them to needy families at Christmas.

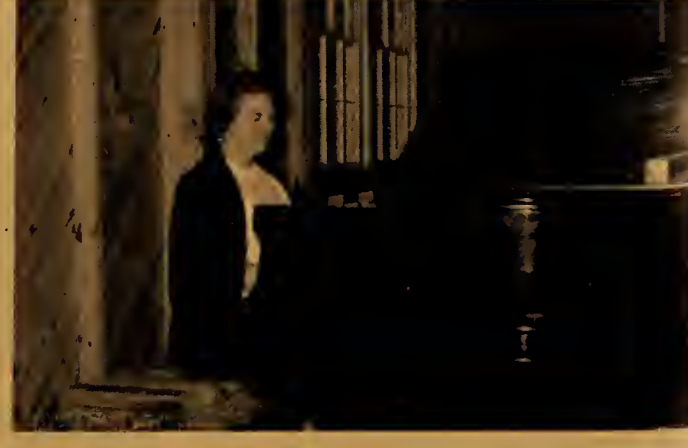
Alexandria District Laymen's Retreat



AT RECENT Alexandria District Laymen's Retreat J.N. Fombey, left, assists with registration.



KENNETH RIGBY, Shreveport layman, speaks to the retreat.



MISS NORMA BROWN plays for song service.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE RAYNE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Service was held in the Centenary Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Karl D. Wood is pastor.

THE LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, held Open House on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, allowing members and visitors to inspect the new buildings. The Rev. James L. Beasley is pastor.

EPPS METHODIST CHURCH observed Methodist Youth Sunday with the members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship having complete charge of the evening service. The Rev. L.M. Sawyer is the pastor.

JOHN OLDHAM, Baton Rouge District director of youth work, was guest speaker at the Blackwater Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Nov. 24. The Blackwater pastor is the Rev. Angus Lee Carruth.

A DEPUTATION TEAM of the Wesley Foundation of Louisiana Tech in Ruston had charge of services at the Farmerville Methodist Church, Sunday night, Nov. 24. The Rev. David Corley is pastor.

NORMAN SMITH brought a music program to the November meeting of Methodist Men of First Church Lake Charles. Music students from McNeese College were featured. Dr. George W. Pomeroy is the pastor.

DR. JOLLY HARPER, Shreveport District Superintendent, led the study on the "Local Church and Its Work" in the Trout Methodist Church, Dec. 8-10. The Rev. E.W. Sandel is pastor.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Service in Abbeville was held in the First Methodist Church of which the Rev. Trocy R. Arnold is pastor. The Rev. Jim Terrell, Presbyterian minister, brought the message.

THE SENIOR HIGH GROUP of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Youth Fellowship, Shreveport, held a Family Night Chili Supper and Talent Show on Friday night, Dec. 6. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.

MRS. ED BARKSDALE, wife of the pastor of Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, was one of the participants in a recent variety show presented by the Parents Teachers Association of Jeno High School.

THE REV. CARL WILLIAMS, missionary to Bolivia, on furlough, spoke at both morning worship services at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, Nov. 10. The pastor is the Rev. Byrl Moreland.

A BUFFET SUPPER honoring college and career age young people in Horseshoe Drive Church, Alexandria, was held Friday, Nov. 29, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Poole. The Rev. Louis Coppoge is the pastor.

THE REV. DELL DURAND, pastor of the College Avenue Church, Natchitoches, was the speaker for a series of services held at Fellowship Church, Hineson, Nov. 17-23. Oscar Robinson was song leader and the Rev. Ed Pickens is pastor.

THE SPRINGFIELD METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP report that they are selling popcorns and practicing on a Christmas play. They enjoyed a Halloween party given by their sponsors. Their pastor is the Rev. John Sayes.

LAKE VISTA METHODIST MEN heard Mrs. Hope Stroud give Christmas Eve Selections by Helen Woite, at the dinner meeting, Monday, Nov. 25. The Rev. Clyde C. Frozier, Jr. is pastor of the Lake Vista Church in New Orleans.

THE REV. COLLINS PINKARD, pastor of the Shongaloo Methodist Church, showed slides of his visit on the Alaska Mission Tour to the MYF Sub-District meeting on Monday, Nov. 25. This was the World Service meeting.

PINE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, the Rev. John F. Kellogg, pastor, has begun work on a new church under the supervision of Polk Tiner, building committee chairman, Lonnie Sibley, Official Board chairman, and Tully Milton, construction foreman.

THE STAGE IN THE NEW ADULT CENTER of First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge was given by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Campanella in memory of Mrs. Campanella's mother, Mrs. Lilly Babin Champagne. Dr. Dona Dawson, Jr., is the First Church pastor.

THE HAND-BELL CHOIR of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, presented music for the evening service in the DeQuincy Methodist Church, Nov. 24. The Choir is under the direction of Mr. Lamar Robertson. The DeQuincy pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

THE BLACKWATER METHODIST CHURCH, the Rev. Angus Carruth, pastor, will hear the choir present "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saens at the eleven O'clock service, Dec. 15. The director will be T.N. Retif and Lelond Stockwell will accompany.

ISTROUMA METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP officers led the evening worship service on Nov. 24. Participating were: Kay Whitfield, president; Daniel Rose, vice president; Susan Polick, secretary; and Pat Palmer, treasurer. The Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST MEN, New Orleans, held the December supper-meeting on Monday, the 2nd, with Dr. John Gooche as guest speaker. Dr. Gooche, an eye surgeon, has spent time on several occasions serving in Methodist mission hospitals overseas. The Rev. Albert S. Hurley is pastor.

ALEXANDRIA METHODIST MINISTERS having a part in the Annual Thanksgiving Community Service were: the Rev. Roland Freidrich, First Church associate pastor, who was choirman of the day's plans; Dr. Guy Hicks, First Church pastor, who gave the call to worship; and the Rev. George Dameron, pastor of St. Paul's, who read the 107th Psalm.

THE REV. AND MRS. C. ED HENKEL are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel, on Oct. 30 in Shreveport. She weighed seven pounds and thirteen ounces at birth. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Rachel is the fourth daughter in the Henkel family. Mr. Henkel is pastor of the Stonewall and Keithville Charge.

WINBOURNE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB, Baton Rouge, held the annual Ladies' Night dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 19. The wives and daughters of the members were special guests. Entertainment consisted of a question-and-answer contest, a "How I Met My Husband" report from each wife, and special music by the men. About forty-five people attended the meeting. The Rev. Tom Lancaster is pastor.

MINDEN'S FIRST CHURCH started the Christmas season on December 8 with all choirs singing special music. On December 15, the Candle-Lighting service of Christmas Carols will end with a tableau of adoration of Christ. On Dec. 22, the Chancel Choir will present a cantata. All services will begin at 5 p.m., with youth meetings following. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor.

CARL AND JULIA WILLIAMS were honored with a Fellowship Supper, Nov. 19, at McGuire Methodist

Church, West Monroe. The Williams showed slides and gave an interesting program on their work as agricultural missionaries to Bolivia. This was sponsored by the Commission on Missions, Mrs. Walter Holbert, chairman. The pastor of the McGuire Church is the Rev. J.P. McKeithen.

IN ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria, the Commission on Membership and Evangelism together with members of the Methodist Men's Club visited each member of the church, asking each to cooperate with the American Bible Society by reading the suggested Scriptures each day, Thanksgiving through December 31. Over 75% of the membership are cooperating. The Rev. George Dameron is pastor.

DR. B.C. TAYLOR, vice-president of Centenary College, Shreveport, was the morning worship speaker at First Church, Pineville, in November. Dr. Taylor, in addition to having served as Shreveport District Superintendent for six years and pastor of Noel Church there, has also been pastor of several other Louisiana churches. He was appointed vice-president in 1961. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell is pastor of First Church, Pineville.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT was held in Ruston's Trinity Methodist Church on Dec. 4. Following a covered dish meal, the program was conducted in the sanctuary. Mrs. J.T. Folk, Sr., told the Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang"; the Junior Choir sang two Christmas selections; and Sandra Exell sang a solo, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". The lighting of the outdoor manger scene climaxed the occasion. The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is pastor.

OAK PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, held a Family Night Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 24, with a full house in attendance. The program consisted of instrumental music by four boys: Sammy Doland, Danny Bumilus, Ronnie Bumpus, and Gregory Regan. The Senior MYF presented "A Pageant of the Beatitudes", and the Commission on Social Concerns presented a movie, "Poy the Piper". The pastor is the Rev. Donald M. Risinger.

BROADMOOR CHURCH in Shreveport is holding "Come and Share your Ideas" sessions on two Sunday afternoons of December, - 8 and 15. Christmas arts and crafts are given in three divisions. Mr. Roy Davis is directing the one on flower arranging; Mrs. Tommy Lou Maddox and Mrs. Eva Johnston are directing the one on Christmas decorations; Mrs. Tottie Young leads the one on gifts and crafts. Pastor at Broadmoor is the Rev. James T. Morris.

THE EDEN METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria District, was featured recently in a write-up in the town paper, The Alexandria Town Talk. With one of the pictures was the caption, "Still standing in the cemetery at Eden Methodist Church near Jeno is the grave marker of one of the early pastors and his wife. The left side reads 'Rev. Uriah Whotley, Born Jan 1, 1902 - Died May 25, 1864.' The other reads 'Jone Whotley, Born June 23, 1811, Died Sept. 29, 1883.'" The Rev. Henry Pinckard is pastor of the Eden Church.

DR. DAN SCHOLZ AND MRS. RUTH HYATT were soloists when a portion of the Christmas section of "The Messiah" was presented in Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge, on Dec. 1. Orchestra members accompanying the choir and included, strings: Dr. Kenneth Klaus, Mrs. Geno Potterson, Mr. Shirl Cook, Mrs. Shirl Cook, Miss Judy Fiehrer, and Miss Virginio Benedict; bassoon, Mr. John Potterson, and organist, Mr. Curtis Holmes. The pastor at Reily Memorial is Dr. W.E. Trice.

THE PRETENDERS, an amateur drama group in Elysion Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented the comedy "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town" on three nights, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 6-8, with all proceeds going to the church. The cast included: Fronchelle Bloize, Annoro Conner, Carol Jone Bloize, Ann Foncher, Miriam Brown, Charles Humes, Al Schleiniger, Russell Richardson, Richard Brewer, Lillian Stout, and Ruth Schleiniger. Their pastor is the Rev. Ned L. Stout.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 22, 1963:
"BORN TOMAKE MEN FREE"

By: DR. E. T. WAYLAND



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20; Galatians 3 and 4. Printed Lesson Text, Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:8-14.

MEMORY SELECTION: When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5.

AIM OF LESSON: To give renewed emphasis to the fact that Christ was God's supreme gift to man and to picture again something of the beautiful story of the Birth of Jesus as the Babe of Bethlehem.

The opening selection for our lesson text for today, like our lesson text for last Sunday, is taken from the Book of Galatians. This particular selection from Galatians is chosen as part of our Christmas lesson because of its reference to the coming of Christ into the world, "Born of a woman."

The first preserved discussions of the incarnation of Christ is found in the writings of Paul. This reference to the incarnation in Galatians was written, we are told, possibly twenty years before either of the Gospels was written.

However, these four verses from Galatians, in our lesson text, do have some very significant statements regarding the coming of Jesus to the world.

CHRIST'S BIRTH AND WORLD HISTORY

Whatever may be said of the time of Christ's coming, we think it is self-evident that the time in which Jesus lived on earth is a pivotal point in world history. Before the coming of Jesus, recorded history reveals that numerous empires arose, flourished and fell, with almost a monotonous regularity, without making any appreciable change in the nature of the world's life.

The time of the birth of Christ is not merely a date on a calendar. It is a time which marks a definite change in the very nature of the world's life. Whatever was the contributing cause, since the day of Jesus there has been a constant continuous, world-wide struggle for progress that has radically changed the life of the world.

The revolutionary progress the world has made socially, educationally, economically, scientifically, politically and spiritually, in the two thousand years since the time of Christ is indescribably greater than the meager development made in all the centuries before Christ came. History, as well as the calendar, is actually divided into two major epochs, B. C. and A. D.

JESUS CAME AT PROPER TIME

In the opening clause of our lesson text, Paul says, "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." Paul not only tells that God chose the time for sending Christ into the world, but he indicates that the time chosen was the proper time; a time when his coming would be the most effective.

There were conditions existing in the world at the time of Christ's coming that do seem to have made that time especially fitting for projecting the mission and message of Christ.

1. There was universal government. Rome had conquered the known world. This made it possible for Paul and others to pass from one country to another, almost at will, in carrying

the message of the gospel.

2. There was universal peace since there was no power left to challenge the legions of Rome. This also made travel easier to all parts of the empire without being disturbed by armed conflicts.

3. There was a universal language. Alexandria, in conquering much of the world ruled by Rome, had carried Greek culture with him, including the Greek language. This made it easier for Paul and other Christian leaders to preach in new areas on arrival since in centers almost everywhere some people understood Greek.

4. There was religious toleration. Rome cared little or nothing about the character of the religion of their subjects so long as they paid taxes and kept down revolts. This spirit of toleration made it much easier for the Christian religion to get started. Persecution of Christians came when they became numerous and refused to recognize Caesar as a god and even taught that their God was stronger than Caesar. By that time, however, the Christian movement had become so strong that even the powers of Rome could not stop it.

5. Romans were great road builders. Great Roman roads were built from Rome to its outlying provinces. These roads, some remains of which still stand, were used by messengers of God as they too traveled to the ends of the Roman empire.

6. In describing the situation on the Day of Pentecost, the writer of Acts says, in chapter 2:5 "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven." This indicates that the Jews were widely scattered over the whole Roman Empire. They were the people with whom Paul and other missionaries began their work when they went to the various countries. They would understand at once what these missionaries were talking about.

MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

In the first verse of our lesson text Paul makes another statement which embodies a profound truth. Paul says God "sent forth His Son, BORN OF A WOMAN." Paul makes that statement very simply and directly as though it would be readily understood by all people. As a fact, however, what he is declaring is the momentous mystery of the incarnation.

We will understand as said previously, that the first, preserved discussions of the incarnation are found in the writings of Paul, written possibly 20 years before either of the Gospels was written. It might be interesting also to note that, although Paul wrote ahead of the Gospels, he does not here or anywhere else in his writings or in his teachings as reported in Acts, make any statement that indicates either that he did or that he did not know about the story of the virgin birth of Jesus. However, it seems to be evident from the writings of Paul that he thought the idea of Christ being God in human form was common knowledge. He simply states it here as if all Christians would know what he is talking about.

Paul gives us here, in a few words the Christmas story when he declares that Christ was born of a woman. Let us keep in mind that the Christmas story is not just a beautiful, fanciful, im-

aginative story. It is a deathless recital of a timeless fact in the world's history.

Some say that they just cannot understand how the Christ of God could be present in the world in human flesh and form. It could be said just as correctly that we do not understand how our own spirits can be present in human flesh and form in the world. One is just as mysterious as the other. The one is a common everyday experience hence appears to be less mysterious. Fortunately it is not necessary for us to understand either the incarnation of Christ of the mystery of our own lives to believe both.

WHY JESUS CAME

Paul not only announces the fact of the incarnation of Christ in human form, he tells why he came to earth.

1. Christ came, Paul says, "To redeem those who were under the law." The complicated requirements of the law, especially as interpreted by Jewish leaders, made hope of salvation and peace with God impossible of attainment. Christ came revealing a new covenant of grace and revealing God's love and willingness to forgive.

2. Paul said Christ came to make possible our adoption into the family of God as sons.

3. Christ came to reveal God as Father. Paul says, "Because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba! Father!"

4. In verse 7 Paul says that Christ came, not only that we might be sons of God, but heirs of God through Christ.

SHEPHERDS KEEPING WATCH

It is our conviction that the very simplicity of the story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, as written by Luke, is one of the strongest proofs of its truthfulness. If one attempted to fabricate such a story, it would almost certainly be couched in such fanciful, unrealistic language as to brand it immediately as just a story.

Luke's story of the birth of Jesus is the simplest, the most direct, the most impressive and at the same time the most beautiful story ever written. It bears on its very face the stamp, the seal, the evidence of its truthfulness.

God revealed the fact of the birth of Jesus to peasant shepherds watching their flocks by night. The revelation of this most significant event was not made to Jewish leaders of the Temple as one might expect, but to humble shepherds.

An angel stood before them "and the glory of the Lord shone round about them" as the angel told them of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. In the presence of such a display of supernatural power, the shepherds were afraid as we would have been. The angel said, "Fear not . . . for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

"THIS SHALL BE A SIGN"

The sign which the angel said would reveal to the shepherds that they had found the Christ was not a mighty King seated on a throne with evidence of supernatural power, as some might expect. They would find in Bethlehem a "Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

While this sign indicated simplicity, humility and even poverty, the shepherds stood there at the moment in the presence of another sign that was awe inspiring and soul stirring. The heavens above them were filled with "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God" and singing the most beautiful song earth has ever heard: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds left their sheep and went to Bethlehem where they found the Christ in the humble situation the angel described. They returned to their work "glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

America is not suffering from a decline in morality but is being damaged by the fact that "our private and public morality, concern and responsibility" have not kept pace with the needs of the day, National Council of Churches President J. Irwin Miller declared at the formal opening of the cooperative agency's triennial General Assembly in Philadelphia.

The assembly's opening session was attended by some 4,000 delegates, visitors, consultants and observers from 31 Protestant and Orthodox member denominations, plus Roman Catholic and Jewish observers.

The Christian cross is being replaced by the psychiatrist's couch as a life-changing symbol in the U. S., Dr. Lawrence Lacour of Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, recently told a United Church of Canada evangelism conference. He said, "Clergymen are like surgeons trying to operate with a dull knife because we don't want to hurt anybody. No wonder we find it difficult to get under the skin and cut away the dead tissues. We have no sharp edge of particularities to our faith."

This very able staff member of the Board of Education was himself cutting with a "sharp knife" in this analysis which is certainly characterized by "a sharp cutting edge of particularity."

Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, proposed in one of the closing sessions of the Second Vatican Council that the Catholic Church recognize the validity of mixed marriages performed by non-Catholic clergymen. Relaxation of the rules regarding marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics would be a contribution to Christian unity, the German prelate declared.

We have a feeling that one of the actions the Protestant world would be most grateful to see come out of the Vatican Council is an easing of the rigid position which the Catholic Church holds regarding "mixed marriages."

Three women Baptist missionaries in the Uzbek Soviet Republic were recently charged with illegal religious activities and sentenced to two years in prison. Their arrest was reported by Pravda Vostoka, the republic's Communist newspaper. It said the women had been accused of "organizing secret meetings of an unregistered Baptist sect."

The paper charged that one of the missionaries had made her granddaughter "transcribe and distribute the texts of songs from books published in Czarist times as well as more modern hymns by which the character and world outlook of the girl were influenced."

What is believed to be the first merger of Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren parishes in anticipation of the proposed union of the two denominations has been completed in Pawtucket, R. I. The Rev. C. Clifford Sargent announced the local merger as the pastor of Wesley Methodist Church which will have about 700 members, resulting from the union of the former First and Thomson Methodist churches and St. John's EUB church. Preparations for the merger were begun a year ago.

We are reminded of our own first appointment in 1938 as pastor of both the Northern and Southern Methodist churches in Judsonia, Ark., in anticipation of Methodist union which came in 1939. During that one year we served under a district superintendent of the M.E. Church and a presiding elder of the M.E. Church South.

Just as the people of America did, the British people flocked to their churches when they heard the news of President Kennedy's assassination. They saw in Mr. Kennedy a man loyal to his Christian faith and in Mrs. Kennedy a personality in her own right whose courage and idealism matched those of her husband.



PHILADELPHIA .. Former Gov. LeRoy Collins of Florida (center) was a major speaker at sessions of the United Church Men in Philadelphia, preceding the National Council of Churches' triennial General Assembly. UCM is a department of the 31-member NCC. Shown with Gov. Collins, now president of the National Association of Broadcasters, are William Fox of Connellsville, Pa., president of UCM (left); and J. Irwin Miller of Columbus, Ind., out-going NCC president.

Lutheran students from Europe, Africa, and Asia attending theological seminaries and Bible colleges in the United States participated in an orientation and fellowship conference in Washington during the Thanksgiving holiday. The purpose of the conference was two-fold: to give the foreign students a broad insight into the structure of American Christianity, particularly of Lutheranism, and to provide American hospitality at Thanksgiving time.

Dr. Alan Walker, prominent Australian Methodist evangelist, has criticized Prime Minister Robert Menzies for promising grants to private and parochial schools for science instruction. According to Dr. Walker, the policy, as expressed by the Prime Minister in a campaign speech, discriminates against Protestant churches. He said the current election campaign marked the "first breach" in Australia of the wall separating the Church and State in education.

The Toronto (Canada) diocese, host for the historic, worldwide Anglican Congress in August, has voted for a five-year plan that would channel an extra \$200,000 a year to the Church in Asia, Africa and South America. The move was in response to the congress' document, "Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ."

Church construction in this country for October totaled \$85,000,000—bringing the total to date for the year to \$791,000,000, the Bureau of Census recently reported. These figures represent a drop compared with 1962 which had recorded totals of \$91,000,000 and \$819,000,000 respectively.

The Anglican Synod of the Waiapu diocese in New Zealand has approved a tentative plan of merger with other major Protestant denominations in that country. Reservations, of the plan, however, were expressed by Archbishop Norman Lesser, Bishop of Waiapu and Primate of New Zealand.

Several new village projects designed to encourage self-help initiative among residents and to become "self-generating" were described to the 45th annual meeting of the American Friends Service Committee meeting in Philadelphia. The Quaker agency, which has relief and self-help projects operating in 20 different countries, also elected a new chairman of its board and corporation. He is Dr. Gilbert F. White, 52, professor of geography at the University of Chicago, who succeeds Harold Evans, 77, Philadelphia attorney.

A German prelate has hailed as "the American contribution" to the Second Vatican Council the interest shown by Council Fathers in civil rights and religious freedom. The comment was made by Bishop Walther Kampe, who represented the German hierarchy in its relations with the secular press.

The "most likely" period for the third session of the Second Vatican Council has been listed as Sept. 14-Nov. 20, 1964. The announcement was made by Archbishop Percile Felici, secretary general of the Ecumenical Council at the start of the second session's 78th congregation. He noted that Pope Paul VI "will make known officially, at the proper time, the date for holding the third session of the council."

Saigon Radio, the official voice of South Vietnam's new government, said recently that Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Nguyen Van Binh of Siagon, and other prelates, had signed and issued a pastoral letter urging the clergy to refrain from any political activity. According to the broadcast, the pastoral advised priests to take every precaution against interference in politics.

The vast majority of West Indian Negro immigrants now in London no longer attend church, a survey of churches in the British capitol has revealed. According to the Rev. Clifford Hill, a Congregational minister who conducted the survey, the situation has developed because of a lack of education about the West Indians among Londoners. He said, "It is the ignorance on the part of both clergy and laity that is largely responsible for the churches' failure to win the confidence of the immigrant population."

Some 200 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox delegates from six continents are expected to participate in the first full meeting of the World Council of Churches' Commission on World Mission and Evangelism in Mexico City, Dec. 8-20. This commission was formed with the merger of the International Missionary Council into the WCC at the latter's Assembly in New Delhi, India, in 1961.

The Baptist World Alliance, in cooperation with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has acquired all of the properties in the 1600 block of 16th Street, Northwest, lying between Corcoran and R Streets in Washington as a potential site for a future Baptist World Headquarters building.

A black and white photograph of a man in a suit holding a baby. The man is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The baby is wrapped in a light-colored blanket. The background is dark and indistinct.

Sunday, December 22

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, dark hair, wearing round-rimmed glasses, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color.

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From Bishop Walton - -

The Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans offers to Louisiana Methodists an opportunity to share in a beautiful ministry of Christian love and mercy to those who are in great need. Dr. L. D. Haughton and his well-trained and devoted staff are performing this ministry for us in a most effective and unselfish manner. We have our opportunity to participate in this greatly needed program of Christian service through our gifts to the Home Hospital. The Christmas offering each year enables us to remember the Home Hospital in a very real and tangible manner. Let us make our Christmas offering this year for the Methodist Home Hospital the most generous that we have given.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton



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From The Board Chairman - -

The Christmas Season comes again to remind us of God's great gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. This remembrance always issues forth a response of gratitude from the depths of our hearts, and we search for some concrete and material way of expressing that gratitude.

The Methodists of Louisiana have had no difficulty in finding a way for this expression, for the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans, with its continued ministry to unwed mothers and their infants, offers unto us at Christmas a most appropriate way to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child through our support of the work of the Home.

The Louisiana Annual Conference

encourages you to support the Methodist Home Hospital at Christmas and has recommended that the Christmas Sunday offering be designated for that purpose. Every dollar that you contribute to the Home will be translated into an investment in the future of some child or mother of that child. What better way can we direct our Christmas giving than to an institution that is so closely related to the building of Christian character and the molding of the future of God's little children.

Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,
Benedict A. Galloway
Chairman of the Board

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From Bishop Franklin - -

The Methodist Home Hospital at New Orleans is one of our most indispensable institutions. It opens a door of Christian love and helpfulness in the darkest moment of a young woman's life. The record of those who pass through this institution is very wonderful, indicating that they receive understanding and help which puts them on the high road again.

Our Home Hospital needs our constant support, and the rising cost of operation steadily increases. I commend this institution to all those who love and sympathize in their hearts and wish to give a helping hand where it is needed most.

Marvin A. Franklin

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The Church is a Lay Movement

I have been considerably encouraged by the "new" emphasis on the place of the laity in the promulgation of the Christian faith, and the increased realization that the faith and its values to mankind are to be judged by the lives shown by professing Christians outside the church edifice and family. Indeed,

this is a slow but healthy revival of Christianity—or, better, a placing of the center of the faith where it never really was before. Some recent expressions of this wholesome development within and without the organized church have come to my attention, and I share them here.

On a Wide Circuit

by W. W. Reid

Dr. Frank E. Moorhead, of Atlanta, Georgia, has said to the laymen of the Peachtree Road Church: "We come to fully understand the church when we see it as a lay movement. Whenever laymen become inactive in the life of the church, leaving everything to the pastor, the church declines. The early church was a lay movement. When Jesus selected his disciples, he didn't choose people who were in full-time religious service. He chose laymen who were willing to make commitments of time and talents.

"Sunday services are never an end in themselves. The real test of the layman's ministry is Monday through Saturday. God is interested in what happens in industry, in government, and in classroom just as much as in the church. What occurs on Sunday in the church is badly misunderstood if it is looked upon as an end. It must be looked upon as a time of preparation. The victory is not won in the huddle of a football game any more than total victory is won in the church on Sunday morning. The victory is won by the quality of our commitment in the daily battles.

"When Jesus left his disciples most of them were still in the same jobs they had when he met them. Their business was unchanged but they were changed men. The Christian layman is a minister of Christ in daily life."

The lay delegate from First Church, Mason City, Iowa, to the annual conference, says concerning his and his fellow-laymen's place and responsibility:

"Today's layman is not asked to lay aside his tools or books to the exclusion of his daily work. Nevertheless, he is expected to fulfill a distinct obligation to his church. As the disciples of old, he should provide his pastor with meaningful companionship; never a sycophant, nor yet a chronic 'aginner,' but a thoughtful friend who can give both criticism and assistance in one role."

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phant, nor yet a chronic 'aginner,' but a thoughtful friend who can give both criticism and assistance in one role.

"He must be a knowledgeable member of his church, taking the time to learn its needs and its teachings. He must be a participating member of his church, for no organization can be dynamic without active membership and no church can move forward more rapidly than it is able to carry with it the rank and file of its laity. He must maintain membership in what has been called 'the priesthood of all believers' by continuously demonstrating in his day-to-day conduct the teachings and precepts of his chosen faith. He must be a contributing member who recognizes the importance of sound stewardship. Finally, he must be a proud member of his church, for without a sincere belief in the merits and worth of his church neither he nor it will be effective."

Bishop Eugene Slater notes: "The layman's obligation to witness for Christ is as binding as that upon the preacher. Through what he is, and does, the Christian layman declares what he believes about Jesus Christ. He does not have to stand in the pulpit to preach. He preaches as he engages in his work. He proclaims his faith in Christ in every encounter with his fellows."

"One sometimes hears the remark that the layman's role in the church is to pay the bills. I take it that this is a facetious remark. For it is the preacher's obligation, and privilege, no less than the layman's, to support the church with his money. And for anyone to think that the role of a Christian layman is limited to financial support of his church is to reveal a very limited understanding of Christian discipleship. Laity and clergy alike, and together, constitute 'the people of God.'"

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PREACHERS TO STUDENTS CONSIDER CAMPUS TRENDS

CHICAGO, Ill. — (M.I.) — Fifty-five formal papers were prepared by scholars and delivered either at plenary or group sessions of the Second National Convocation for ministers to College and University Communities. The three-day study was in Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel, November 20-22.

This convocation brought together more than 200 Methodist ministers who fit this category. Here, as they had done in a predecessor convocation in 1961, these preachers to students wrestled with the demanding problems posed by academic communities.

The importance of this specialized type of ministry was described by Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., in an opening statement.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Five Protestant churches and a Jewish congregation participated in a Union Thanksgiving service at Washington, D.C., which was attended by President and Mrs. Johnson and their daughters. Leaving Mount Vernon Place Methodist church, the President and Mrs. Johnson stand with the host pastor, Dr. Albert P. Shirkey. In the second row, from left, are Miss Lynda Bird Johnson, 19; her fiancé, Ensign Bernard Rosenbach of Comfort, Tex., and secret Service agent Rufus Youngblood. In the rear are Jack Olson, a friend, and Miss Lucy Baines Johnson, 16.



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

THOUGHTS ABOUT DALLAS

The Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities met recently in Dallas. Men from nearly every state in the Jurisdiction were there. Both ministers and laymen were in attendance. So it represented a cross section of thinking of men from the entire Jurisdiction.

Uppermost in everyone's mind, of course, was the memory of the terrible tragedy that occurred there on November 22nd of this year. Many unthinking people had blamed Dallas in particular and Texas in general for the assassination of former president Kennedy. And naturally all the men who attended the meeting from Texas were sensitive about the attitude of people farther away.

If it will help anyone from other parts of the country, let me say that Dallas citizens are more deeply grieved than citizens of any other city that I have ever visited. They are more than grieved. They accept a larger share of the blame than one might think.

Dallasites knew of the growth of hate organizations that had been developing in their community life. For months the thinking people had wondered how to curb this growing spirit of vengeance and bitterness. But after all, what could you do? If you bring on the ill will of some of these so-called "good American citizens," you run the risk of having your home bombed or your car smeared with paint.

The assassination, however, was not

the result of hate campaigns in Dallas alone. All over the country the selfishness societies and the hate councils have gone beyond the bounds of good taste . . . of even decent citizenship. They have marked certain persons for extinction just as the gangsters did a generation ago. Of course they would not "rub them out" with guns or bombs. They chose the nicer way of urging everyone to have no business dealings with them. After all, starvation is neither noisy nor spectacular. A person or family can starve or be run out of town very quietly by not selling them food . . . or gas for their cars . . . or by seeing to it that no one hire the breadwinner. And a good citizen could do all of these things and still carry on as a fairly good church member.

What should a Christian do about all this? Both pulpit and pew must be heard on this matter. If an "important" church member leaves the church when the pastor speaks out on a knotty social question, the question still needs to be faced. We need to win everyone we can win into the fellowship of God's church. But the church can't expect to play footsie with the world and play hands with God at the same time. Every member of any of these societies and councils should ask God a very serious question, "Are you pleased with what I am doing about this?" Every church member should ask him-



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Faith and an Aldersgate Experience

by the Rev. H. O. Bolin

Faith is one of the big factors of life. Paul makes it one of the abiding qualities of life. He went on to say, "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Faith and vision are blood-brother; both are necessary to accomplishment. This is true in any realm of life. Take these factors out of the picture and all accomplishment would cease. We are trying to bring something about; we are seeking, both as individuals and as a church, an aldersgate experience. We cannot attain this goal without faith.

Christ himself emphasized the matter of faith. While he was here in the flesh, people were constantly coming to him for various kinds of help. Very often he raised the question, "Do you believe that I can do this?" When the seeker replied, "Yes", the Lord would say, "Be it unto you according to your faith." Many times he said, "Your faith has saved you"; "Your faith has made you whole." He admonished his disciples, "Have faith in God; all things are possible if you can only believe." He was about to leave his disciples; that is visibly. They were heartbroken. He said to them, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me." Not only do we fail in our accomplishments through lack of faith but we actually hinder the Lord in his activities. He went to Nazareth where he had grown up and he couldn't do many great works there because of the unbelief of his old-time friends.

I trust that we have a vision or realization of our present world situation. The world is definitely headed in the wrong direction. The so-called free part of the world is looking to the U. S. for leadership but we are so emersed in materialism that is like the blind leading the blind. Even many of us ministers are self-seeking, either looking for higher salaries or greater prestige. Honey is a good thing but bees often become drowned in their own honey. Material comforts, possessions and standings are fine but they must not be put first in life.

As Lazarus lay at the rich man's door begging to be fed with the crumbs that fell from his table, so a confused, frightened, ignorant, prejudiced and hate-filled world is lying at the door of the church—maybe not begging for spiritual food, but needing that above all things—and the church is not able to deliver the goods. Like the rich man of the parable the church has been too busy clothing itself with purple and

fine linen and faring sumptuously every day. It has been so busy with the material side of its program that the spiritual has been neglected. We need to get a new vision of the church as it ought to be, and then work to bring that vision to reality.

That is where faith comes in. We have got to believe that, by the help of God, we can reach our goal otherwise we will not put forth the necessary effort. We all remember the part faith played in Wesley's Aldersgate experience. If that experience is to be recreated in our lives, we also must exercise great faith.

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Build A Devotional

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 2:15

Bethlehem is little more than five miles from Jerusalem, yet we had to travel nearly three times that far to get there. We had to travel over a road that had been hastily constructed because the Israelis had pushed across the line established by the United Nations in the division of Palestine and cut the road. Still there are thousands who go that extra distance to visit the little Town of Bethlehem.

I was fortunate enough to make this trip two times. Even though they were separated by only a few days I had time to think both in retrospect and in anticipation. It is hard for a traveler of today, riding along in a comfortable automobile with an educated guide pointing out spots of interest, to imagine the scene of more than 1900 years ago. More than imagining the scene of that distant day we need to try to see the "Road to Bethlehem" as we strive to travel it in this 20th Century. The jostling crowd is still there!

The traveler is annoyed by the detour. Of course it was only an inconvenience for us but the cause of that detour was hard for us to realize. Yet

here were the refugees living out the misery right before our eyes. How many detours has the world tried? How many detours have we as individuals tried? In our life the tragedy is that all too often we become discouraged or disgusted and stop before we stand in adoration at God's manifestation of His love.

The traveler is annoyed by the jostle of the crowd. All that many will think of is how their feet will hurt when the mad scramble is over at the "Christmas bargain counter." Others will want to celebrate but not celebrate the birth of the one for whom the Day is named. The wise men and the shepherds are also on that road. Though they are separated in status of life they are one in purpose. They must see "this thing that has happened." Each went back to his respective place a different person.

They are all on the Road this year, as in years past—the curious, the self-centered, the unconcerned, the questing, the amazed. When we are quiet, surrendered, and sensitive we hear the angel's song and we are amazed at such wondrous love as this!

—R. B.

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Let The Children Come

December is the magic month of waiting and secrets and surprises. It is the same with children all around the world. Every one looks eagerly forward toward Christmas—the celebration of the birthday of Jesus.

Make a list of the words that make you think of Christmas: Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, Wise men, gifts, friends, homes, your Church, carols and Santa Claus. These are the same, but there are different ways of celebrating Christmas in the different countries.

In Switzerland, the Christ Child Himself delivers gifts to the children. They think he comes on Christmas Eve in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. The gifts he carries are toys, nuts, sweets and cakes. Then, after carols are sung, and the story of the Nativity told by the father, the children open their gifts. Later groups of boys and girls go about singing, yodeling and tinkling cowbells. As they go from house to house, they are given gifts by friendly neighbors.

In many parts of France, shoes are set by the fireplace by the young children of the family to be filled with toys and sweets. Dec. 6 is called St. Barbara's Day and is the beginning of the holiday season. Wheat grains are placed in dishes of water and set to germinate. An old folk legend predicts fast growing grain to mean good crops for the coming year. Gifts are gathered and taken to the church. A lighted candle at the church invites the poor to come and receive these gifts.

St. Nicholas is the giver of gifts for Dutch children. They believe that the Saint comes riding through the air on a white horse and jumps from rooftop to rooftop. As he slips down each chimney, he fills shoes and baskets with all sorts of goodies for the young ones.

In Norway the birds and animals are especially remembered since they were the only ones present at the birth of the Christ child. The cattle are given extra hay and a special sheaf of grain is placed on a tall pole in the yard for the bird's Christmas dinner.

Next week we will think again about how the people around the world think of Christmas.

Poem For The Week

FRIENDSHIP

by Mattie E. Malone

Friendship is a priceless gift to man.
We seek it, and we find it, if we can,
In human form.
But human love is often false or weak;
When we most need it—when a friend we seek—
Friendship is gone!
Ah, then in deep remorse to God we turn.
Divine love is the best,
And we will learn 'tis always strong.

NEWS

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Education....

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Area Council Director



If there ever was a time when the church should give careful thought to the students, it is now. So many ideologies are clamoring for their attention, some of which are not conducive to the promotion of strong Christian characters. The church must make its influence felt on the college campus. We can easily do this in our own Centenary College as we now have strong and effective leadership in the department of religion and in the minister to the student body. The Wesley Foundations on the campuses of the state colleges are making a real effort to make religion attractive to students and all of us should make a determined effort to strengthen these institutions by giving them adequate support financially and otherwise.

Students in general are very critical of the church, and perhaps they have good reason to be, for so many times the church has been very conservative and slow to change its program or its approach. There is a good reason for the church to be slow to change for it is very much like the American Medical Association, which changes very slowly. One deals with the health of the nation; the other with the soul of the nation and, for that reason, they cannot be reckless. The church has an opportunity on December 29, which it should not let pass — that is Student Recognition Day in every local church. There are not many churches in the Louisiana Conference that do not have at least one student in some college. Give to every one of your students a cordial invitation to worship with you on that day. Recognize them, and let them know they are still and always an important part of the church. We have mailed to each pastor a suggested program for Student Recognition Day. Additional copies of this program may be secured by writing to the address given on the back of the program we enclosed.

In making the rounds of the district conferences, I find that so few of the churches have observed Rally Day and have sent the offering in to Brother Hearn, the Conference Treasurer. We can only use this money to promote Christian education throughout the districts this year if it comes in before the end of the conference year. Please do not wait until the end of the year to send in your offering. Check with your treasurer right away and see if this offering has been sent in; if not, please see that it is sent at once.

Lay Activities....

Thomas A. Pitt

Asso. Area Director



The Alexandria District held their Laymen's Retreat Saturday, November 30th. This was the first such session in this district in a number of years and although the turnout was not as large as was expected, it was a time of good fellowship and inspiration. J. N. "Jim" Fomby, the District Lay Leader, presided over the meeting which was held at Camp Mil-Mar located just north of Pineville. Paul White led the song service with Miss Norma Brown at the piano. The Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent, opened the retreat with a most inspiring address followed by discussions on the several phases of lay activities. It was then my privilege to speak to the group. After dinner we were challenged by the evening address delivered by Kenneth Rigby. Ken is one of the outstanding laymen of the Shreveport District. He is an associate District Lay Leader and District Director of Lay Speaking. He is a member of St. Luke's Church in Shreveport where he is a member of the Official Board and teaches an Adult Church School Class. He is an attorney by profession.

I would like to call to your attention the fact that the second call of this conference year is going out for the One Thousand Club. The recipient of this call will be Love Chapel Methodist Church in the Shreveport District. This is the only Methodist Church on Highway 80 between Bossier City and Minden. The potential growth here is tremendous and there is a great challenge for unlimited service to this area. The Rev. Kenneth Griffith and his congregation of over one hundred members are now meeting in a temporary building on a two acre plot of land which they have purchased. They are now making plans to go forward with permanent buildings and equipment. The \$10,000 they will receive from this call of the One Thousand Club will mean much to these fine

people and I know of no better way we can encourage them in their efforts to build His Kingdom in this community than to answer this call during the Christmas season by sending our \$10.00 each to our local director of the One Thousand Club.

There is one other project sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities that I would call to your attention at this season. That is our Conference Laymen's Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships at Centenary College for young ladies who are preparing themselves for careers in full time Christian service. We now have three such young people receiving these awards and expect to increase this to four next year. The next semester will begin shortly and we must provide this support to continue this program. If you have not already done so, ask your Men's Club, Church School Class or other organizations to send a contribution to your District Lay Leader or send a gift personally.

Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie

Asso. Area Director



Somewhere in the American conscience there is room to be uncomfortable over the treatment of our oldest and most consistently mistreated minority group, the Indian Americans. When we speak of Americans, they were the original group! And when we think of the way their homelands were wrested from them by treachery and sometimes violence, we of the church feel the sting of John Robinson's lament to our Pilgrim Fathers: "concerning your killing of those poor Indians. Oh, how happy a thing had it been, if you had converted some."

From an estimated population of 800,000 at the coming of the first European settlers, the number of Indians in America has steadily dwindled to 266,000 by 1910. Most of us were brought up during the school days when we were taught that the Indian was destined to vanish completely from the American scene.

But the idea of "the vanishing Indian" is no longer true. By the year 1950 there were over 400,000 and increasing each year at a faster rate than the combined non-Indian population of the country. This should suggest to us that the Indian will be around for some time — in large numbers.

The Methodist Church is trying to do something to help the Indian with his problems. There is a general poverty where Indians are heavily concentrated. Poor health is a persistent problem. Inadequate living conditions frequently compound the Indian's health problem. Education is another of their pressing needs, with fathers and mothers remaining illiterate for the most part and poorly preparing their children for life in today's society. Prejudice in many subtle forms still arises to haunt and hamper the Indian's future.

Where do the churches fit into this picture? Indian pastors are doing all they can at great sacrifice. One Indian pastor gave up a monthly income of over \$600 to go back to school. His goal was a high school diploma, a college degree and seminary training. All were accomplished at great personal sacrifice. Today his sacrifice continues as he serves one of the largest Indian pastorates at a salary of only \$200.00 per month. This story cannot be repeated again for every Indian pastor, but you may be sure in each there is the element of sacrifice and dedication required that few white Americans have experienced.

Our Louisiana Area has been concerned with the work and needs of the Oklahoma Methodist Indian Mission Conference. This is a field that calls for our financial support in the manner of Advance Specials. Financial assistance is desperately needed toward an improved salary standard to replace the starvation salaries they now receive. They need an educated ministry, and this points up the need for helping our young Indians, who feel the call to the ministry, with scholarships and other aid. We must help provide more adequate church buildings and parsonages for the Mission to replace the shacks and brush arbors.

A recent report of a special committee of the South Central Jurisdiction touring the Oklahoma Indian Mission gives praise and thanksgiving for the high spiritual quality of the Oklahoma Indian Mission work. Lives have been changed because the people have become a part of a redeeming fellowship. A church has been born in their midst and the fact that the leadership of the Mission is almost wholly Indian has contributed immensely to this fine result.

"The vanishing American" is still with us, and in increasing numbers. A great group, potential Christians and Methodists, are on our doorsteps in the neighboring state of Oklahoma. The call has come for our assistance. We can do no less than consider their appeal and answer, if our heart is right. An Advance Special for the Oklahoma Methodist Indian Mission Conference ought to be a reality in every local Methodist Church in Louisiana.

For specific information you may write the Area Office, Box 4325, Shreveport, or Dr. Dewey D. Etchieson, 3409 N. W. 53rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



WOMAN'S PAGE



Methodist Women - Take Note!

January 19, 1964, looms large in significance for Methodist women, for on that date will be launched the twenty-fifth anniversary observance of the two women's organizations in the church—the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. When the women of three churches of Methodism came together in 1939 to form the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, they inherited from the merging bodies over a half a century of service.

The observance to be launched on January 19 will be climaxed in 1966—but more about that in a later issue.

It suffices for now to remind all leaders to make plans and arrangements for a special emphasis on January 19 in order to focus attention of the entire church upon the accomplishments and plans of Methodist women.

At the same time the Woman's Division will be in session at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., and will initiate the general launching.

The January issue of The Methodist Woman will have a double page spread pertaining to this important event, and will print "The Call" and "A Service of Worship," which should be helpful in your local arrangements.

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Ponchatoula Honors Member



THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Ponchatoula, paid tribute recently to a dedicated member, Mrs. Lottie B M Mitchell (center). Pictured with her are Mrs. Mary Muller (left), church school superintendent, and Mrs. Edith Liles, chairman of the commission on education. Mrs. Mitchell has done much for her church over the years. She served as a teacher of the Young Adult Class, now named in her honor the "Lottie B M Mitchell Class". She was an active member of the Official Board, chairman of the commission on education for over 20 years, led in organizing the Wesleyan Service Guild and was its first president. An excellent crowd attended the service to honor this teacher, friend, loyal church member and dedicated worker for Christ. The Rev. Eldred Blakely is pastor of the Ponchatoula church.

Alexandria District Parsonettes Hear Moreland

Alexandria District Parsonettes met Thursday morning, November 21 in the home of Mrs. Mary Grace Beebe at 1104 Greenbrier in Alexandria.

The devotional thought for the day was given by Mrs. Clarice Flurry.

After a short business session presided over by Mrs. Frances Pearce, president, the program was presided over by Mrs. Martha Moreland, who presented an interesting and timely demonstration on "Beauty in Christmas Decorations." She showed decorative pieces made with a variety of materials—Christmas trees of tulle, and a newspaper tree, made with styrofoam base,

Program Setting at Cotton Valley



THE COTTON VALLEY Woman's Society recently used this inspirational program setting showing how Christians must witness to the world. Mrs. J.A. Moody is president and Mrs. Oathen Rogers was program leader. The Rev. W.O. Lynch is their pastor.



Mrs. Martha Moreland is shown with exhibits in her demonstrated lecture in Alexandria.

and 300 three-inch squares of newspaper. This tree was guiled with gold spray and small red ornaments attached. (It is shown in the picture, 3rd in line.)

Christmas swags and wreaths were displayed, featuring guiled rope, plastic fruit, bells from India, and assorted materials.

A demonstration was also given on candle making; also the decorating of purchased candles, with poinsettias cut from warm paraffin, previously colored.



Spotlight on Deaconess Work

DEACONESS VERNA WEBSTER WILLIS

--- tells "Why I am a Deaconess"

First, I am a deaconess today because MY LOCAL CHURCH DID NOT FAIL ME. Hearing a missionary from China when I was twelve years old filled me with a desire to be one also. That aspiration was kept alive throughout the years by the understanding and help of my family and by my church in Pelican. In sending me to Epworth League Assemblies where I could know and talk with deaconesses and dedicated ministers, and in many other ways they provided the inspiration and spiritual growth which I needed. Zaidee Mason Lundy, my church school teacher, and Elizabeth Stinson, my high school English teacher, were extremely helpful.

Second, MY COLLEGE CHURCH DID NOT FAIL ME. From the time I arrived on campus until I graduated I was showered with love and friendship and responsibility. Working full-time during the summer months as youth worker and pastor's assistant provided further growth and inspiration. I was sent as a delegate from the Student Christian Association to the Student Volunteer Conference in Detroit, Michigan which provided deeper insights and dedication. (I received my B.A. Degree from L. S. N. C. of Natchitoches in 1929.)

Third, MY CONFERENCE DID NOT FAIL ME. Women from all over the State have greatly influenced my life through personal friendship and help, and I'm offering a prayer of gratitude for you as I write this. You are too numerous to name but I will mention the Gleaners from Shreveport who helped me through my last year in college and then provided my scholarship to Scarritt.

Upon graduation from Normal College I worked two years as Methodist Student Secretary and many of you contributed to my salary — I really never knew from whence it came except the part that came directly to me from Alexandria.

Upon my graduation from Scarritt College in 1933 and being commissioned a deaconess I was appointed to St. Mark's Community Center in my own beloved state! After four years I was loaned to Cedar Grove Methodist Church for two years only as a D. R. E. Then Margaret Young, Fred Rogers and I who had worked together at St. Mark's were re-united at Centenary Methodist Institute in Nashville, Tennessee. Two years later there was finally an opening in student work, but it was too late! I had fallen in love with a group worker, so after only one year at S. L. I. in Lafayette I was married, losing my deaconess relationship.

Mike and I worked as employed workers under the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions for eighteen years. Now that married women can be a deaconess, I have been re-instated and Mike is to be commissioned a Home Missionary at the Annual Meeting in Buck Hill Falls in January. We have worked together at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Florida, Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Arkansas, and this is our second year at Wesley House in Houston.

Fourth, THE BOARD OF MISSIONS HAS NOT FAILED ME. To any young person who might read this let me assure you that if you choose a church-related vocation your Board of Missions will be more concerned about you than the agency through which you serve. Your relationship with all those involved and the many opportunities they provide for your constant training and growth will enrich your life beyond measure. Your salary and retirement benefits will be adequate. Best of all is the joy that will come to you as you let God redeem lives through your service to mankind.

To adults interested in recruiting young people for service through the church I suggest that you strengthen your efforts in the local and college churches. Do not feel that it is the job alone of those teaching in the youth division or the director of Wesley Foundation. Open your homes and hearts to these young people. Provide opportunities for them to know and enjoy missionaries and deaconesses. See that they have the information and financial help needed.

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Mrs. Moreland showed the group a picture which she had constructed of miniature angels, angel hair, a square of styrofoam sprayed blue, and a picture frame. Against this background of blue, the angels were attached to a styrofoam base, covered with angel hair, making them appear to be sitting

on clouds.

A buffet luncheon was served. Attending were Mesdames White, Hicks, Poole, Coppage, Flurry, Reid, Ross, Shirley, Pearce, Zerangue, Moreland, Smith, Garrett, Beebe, Sandel, Barksdale, and Boddie.

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A Strategy for Positive Church Expansion

By B. P. Murphy

In The Methodist Church, we must emphasize the need for developing an adequate strategy of church expansion and for evaluating our present program. We must ask certain simple and direct questions, such as: Do we know where Methodism would like to go? Do we have a plan for getting there? How about our progress? Are we losing ground, standing still, walking, running or jetting forward.

This is important for many other compelling reasons. Certainly Methodism is active, but are we doing things of first importance because of deliberate planning? Often I get the impression that we do things because history says to and without asking if it is necessary or relevant today. Again we launch out on a very worthy activity without asking if there are more important programs that point more directly toward our goal.

Then there are some who are restless about general programs which seem to interfere with local church programs. I sense a local church distaste for hierarchical intervention and ecclesiastical officialdom. Some say frankly, "Let us alone for a while; reduce the canned plans so we can get on with the business of the church." We need to heed these voices in Methodism and to re-examine our method of setting goals.

Surely, though, we must have our goals clearly in view. We need more daring programs of expansion, more flying goals, more deadlines that challenge our best efforts to meet them.

First we should assess the objective factors Methodism confronts at this time. There is the population factor — more people — you see them. These people are on the move. There is a heavy tide into the urban centers, and especially the fringes of these urbanized areas. This flood leaves about 50% of the counties with less people, creating another problem for our churches there.

What does the mirror show of Methodist membership in America. In 1961 the percentage of Methodist membership in the total population was 5.52%. Are we satisfied with the percentage? The prognosis is that the population will continue to rise. We must set our plans to serve more and more people, even if we are to maintain our present ratio to the total population.

Secondly, we should ascertain and assess the present activities of the churches.

One activity of importance is our rate of growth in membership. The percentage of membership gain by episcopal areas for the 1960-61 year is recorded. The leading area of the entire church was Jacksonville, with a percentage gain of 5.50% for the year. Los Angeles was second with a gain of 4.99%. Third came San Francisco with a gain of

3.65%. Then there was Oklahoma-Mexico with 3.15%. For the total church, the average was 3.59%.

Across the church, a key factor in rapid growth is a vigorous program of new church development. During the last few years, our rate of growth has been rising from the plateau on which we were stuck. Let us rejoice in this. It is well to study our growth rate carefully.

But before we rejoice overmuch, we should study the records of our sister communions. The rate of growth for the decade ending 1960 is: American Baptist 1%, Presbyterian 6%, Methodist 9%, Missouri Synod Lutheran 37%, Nazarenes 39%, Pentecostal Holiness 58%, United Pentecostal 60% and Assembly of God 75%.

Of course, there are explanations and excuses that can be offered—if we Methodists are looking for that. I do not believe we are in a mood for that. We simply want to get on with the business of writing a better record.

Other images of our activities are deeply disturbing when applied to the entire church. We may glimpse these in rapid succession; we are not maintaining our percentage of the population growth; we are not winning our own constituency. One of five members of the church school of church membership age is not a member of the church. I asked one pastor of a large church why there were so few new members from the church school. He replied, "This church is large enough." Further inquiry revealed that parents were disturbed because their children were not brought into church membership.

Now there are those who say that some Christians should be encouraged or permitted to find their vocation outside the church. You can be liberal and nod to this if you wish, but frankly I don't like it. I favor rapid growth, even if the new members are not 100% mature Christians when they become

members. This is really the way it has been in the church. We are to help one another become better Christians.

Another disturbing glimpse shows that our evangelistic ratio is too low. We are now winning one new member for each 26 members. The Board of Evangelism estimates that our normal rate of growth (to say nothing of increasing it) can be maintained only if we win one new member for each 14 members. The evangelistic ratio for new congregations is one for seven.

We are not following our people on the move. The percentage of newcomers in the church is less than it should be. Studies show a church should have 17.5% of its membership composed of newcomers who have lived in the community or been members of the church six years or less. The record shows that only 14.5% of our people have been members for six years or less. The goal of 17.5% is set for a normal church to keep pace with population growth and mobility.

We are lagging in the development of new congregations. In the church as a whole, we are organizing 200 new churches each year on a goal of 400. In addition, 200 new sites for future development are purchased annually.

Here then are some of the objective factors related to the church as beheld in the mirror of self-analysis. What are our obligations to the increasing population about us? This question haunts us as we continue our look into the mirror.

We have established our objectives and reaffirmed our ideals in these words in our basic law: The Methodist Church believes today, as Methodism has from the first, that the only infallible proof of a true Church of Christ is the ability to seek and save the lost, to disseminate the Pentecostal spirit and life, to spread scriptural holiness, to transform all peoples and nations through the Gospel of Christ."

These words must sound stilted and formal to those disassociated with the church. What translation may be provided for our times?

What is needed is the ability to see the present and to prepare the present to meet tomorrow. We need both heritage and horizon. What is needed now is windows, not mirrors.

Looking through the windows of our day, we see the needs of men in our own midst. We must evolve a strategy. Let it be a strategy of positive church expansion, wrought out under our ablest leaders, in consultation with local church representatives. Let it be great in scope, real, certain, absolute, precise, strict and unequivocal. Let us forget the dualism of task between ministers and layman, recalling that when we enter the Christian life we become committed to the same role in the sharing of our convictions about life.

What then are we to do? Let each church extend its parish of responsibility, and cultivate the area with devotion. Let us call in the homes of our neighbors to share our convictions about life under the dominance of the Spirit of Christ. We are convinced that Jesus Christ is indeed Lord of life. We need not print His name on the roadside

to share our thoughts with our neighbors. We can share our burdens and joys with one another.

Then we must plan, with our sister communions, for the planting of new congregations where needed.

It seems to me that one of the crucial issues is the establishment of priorities. At all levels of Methodism—local, district, conference, area and general church—there is a churning of waters and too little channeling of the streams. Every cause needs a champion.

We are all agreed on a general need for new churches. Indeed Bishop J. Waskom Pickett in *The Dynamics of Church Growth* makes a case for a much more rapid growth of the church. But this will come about in Methodism only if local church, conference and area planners accept the priority and pursue the goal with vigor.

Another crucial issue is the financial cost. On the average, a new church with first unit building costs \$125,000. Are we willing to pay the price? Financial support cannot be separated from the task of sharing and witnessing. Money is a measure of value; it is part of each of us. Bishop Francis McConnell said that the giver comes nearest to giving himself when he gives money, gives that is, "till he himself knows that he is giving."

As we look through the windows upon our church, we become obsessed with the necessity for affirming our faith and sharing our convictions about life. We need a positive church expansion strategy that will re-awaken each local church to its privilege of witness and will lead us to undergo the agony necessary to the planting of new churches needed in the years ahead.

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'RENEWAL IN MINISTRY' THEME OF MEETING

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (MI) — "Renewal in the Ministry" will be the theme of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism's eleventh annual Christmas Conference for young Methodist ministers and their wives to be held Dec. 31, 1963, to Jan. 3, 1964, at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colo.

The conference commemorates the historical Baltimore Christmas Conference of 1784, when the Methodist Church in America was formally organized by a group of young preachers.

An attendance of about 160 is expected, said the Rev. Dr. W. D. Lester, Nashville, director of the conference and director of the Department of Evangelism for Special Activities of the General Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, will deliver the keynote message.

Other leaders and their subjects: Methodist Bishop Edwin R. Garrison, Aberdeen, South Dakota, "Renewal Through Christian Experience"; The Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, Nashville, director, Department of Preaching Evangelism, General Board of Evangelism, "Renewal Through Evangelistic Theology"; and the Rev. Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, Nashville, director, Department of Area and Conference Evangelism, "Renewal Through Unconventional Evangelism."

Discussion leaders will be Mrs. Lawrence L. Lacour and Dr. Charles B. Copher, a professor at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Murphy is the executive secretary for church extension of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa.)

In Memoriam



Bishop John Springer

Bishop John McKendree Springer, retired Methodist missionary bishop to Africa, died December 2 in Memorial Home Community, an interdenominational home for the aged, at Penney Farms, Fla. He was 89.

Memorial services were scheduled for December 6.

Bishop Springer was elected to the episcopacy in 1936 after a career of pioneering for Methodist missions on the African continent, and he was retired from active episcopal service in 1944.

As a missionary, he arrived in Southern Rhodesia in 1901, on his first assignment, only three years after the Rhodesia mission had been established. Ten years later he battled with primitive conditions in opening work in the Republic of Congo, then the Belgian Congo. With his first wife, who died in 1949, Bishop Springer trekked across the continent from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic in 1907, and helped dramatize to American Methodists the needs of the African people.

In 1913 he established a Mission Station at Kambove, overlooking a valley that was called Livingstone's Spruit, gateway to the copper mines, one of the objective points toward which Livingstone was striving at the time of his death in 1873. For some 28 years Bishop Springer was stationed not more than three hundred miles from where the great explorer died and in 1938 he was able at last to visit the place of Livingstone's death and where his heart was buried.

A native of Wisconsin, Bishop Springer was a graduate of Northwestern University and the Garrett Biblical Institute, both in Evanston, Ill.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Helen Newton Everett Springer, whom he married in 1956 in First Methodist Church (Chicago Temple), Chicago. Two years later, after an absence of eight years from the Congo, Bishop Springer returned to Africa, to live out most of his remaining days. With his wife, a missionary nurse in Africa for more than 20 years, he landed in Capetown and drove slowly up the continent to the Congo. He was 84 then.

When Bishop and Mrs. Springer arrived in the Congo, where he began his missionary career back in the early 1900's, he was given a reception that will be remembered in Elizabethville for time to come. They were honored at a tea attended by representatives of the then Belgian Government, the American consul, four mayors, a number of pastors, teachers and missionary staff. Some 2,500 Africans greeted him as he went to his home atop the highest hill at the Mulungwishi mission station, 110 miles north of Elizabethville.

Bishop Springer came from a long line of Methodist pioneers. His grandfather is said to have preached the first evangelical sermon in Chicago.

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METHODIST MISSIONARIES SPEAKING AT SCHOOLS

Two Methodist missionaries who served in the Congo during the hectic months following independence and a deaconess who has devoted the past few years to community center work are touring U. S. colleges and universities in 50 cities this fall.

The campus visitation is sponsored annually by the Department of Student Work of the Methodist Board of Missions to help acquaint university and college students with opportunities for careers in church work overseas and at home and to interpret the total mission of the church. Currently on tour are the Rev. Jon Guthrie, Ronald Schooler and Miss Betty Ruth Goode.

Mr. Guthrie, whose home is Fort Smith, Ark., returned last year from the Republic of Congo and is visiting campuses in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma to talk with students about the relation of the church to the situation in Africa today, especially in regard to the challenge it represents to the student Christian movement. Mr. Guthrie served a three-year term in the Congo, developing a regional school and working in agriculture. During the last part of his term he was an athletic director in the Elizabethville area, former stronghold of the toppled Tshombe government.

Mr. Schooler returned last summer after three years in the Congo as a special-term missionary, teaching at the Springer Institute in Mulungwishi, Katanga. He will be visiting campuses in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. Mr. Schooler, whose home is Durham, N.C., taught French and other subjects at the Institute and established close relationships with the younger people of Africa. He was a first-hand observer of the struggle between Katanga and Republic of Congo. On most campuses, Mr. Schooler will deal with the church and the revolution in Africa, and the call for young Christian workers in the new nations of the world.

Miss Goode, whose home is Hopewell, Fla., will visit campuses in Wisconsin and Michigan to discuss with students the mission of the church in the United States today, particularly as it relates to the student Christian movement. She will also confer with students interested in exploring the possibilities of missionary service with the church in frontier situations in this country and abroad. A deaconess, Miss Goode has been on the staff of the Homer Toberman Settlement House in California and Centenary Methodist Community Center in Nashville, Tenn.

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INTERIOR OF Bayou Chicot Methodist Church, decorated for the Thanksgiving Service held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20.



THIS GROUP OF Junior High young people of Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented a Thanksgiving program at the evening worship hour on Nov. 24.



THESE YOUNG PEOPLE of Cotton Valley Methodist Church were photographed during a recent hay ride.



THESE CHILDREN of the 2nd and 3rd year primary classes at Jonesboro Methodist Church are shown with a Thanksgiving basket, typical of the ones they prepared for shut ins.



THIRD YEAR PRIMARY children are shown as they participated recently in Promotion Day exercises at their church.

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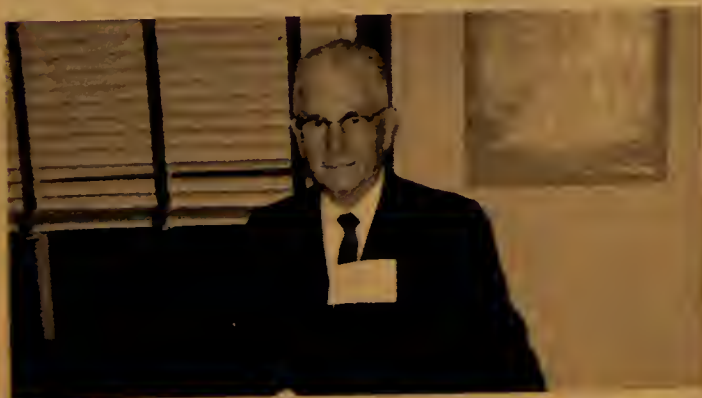
SHOWN AT THE LADIES Night Program of the LaSalle Parish Methodist Men's Club, Nov. 12: left: Mrs. Ed Barksdale



and the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick entertain; Center: One of the six tables at the meeting; Right (l. to r.) the Rev. E.W. Sandel;



Mrs. Fred Flurry; the Rev. Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent; and Mr. Will Baker, Jena.



AT THE RECENT ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT Curriculum



Workshop: Left: Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., area director; Center: part of the group in attendance; and Right: Mrs. Martha Overbey,



community worker, speaks on group teaching and substitute teachers.

Christmas Greetings

New Orleans, Louisiana
December 19, 1963

Dear Louisiana Methodist:

This is the season of the year when we remember with deep gratitude God's great gift of love to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, whose birth we celebrate at Christmastime.

During these days our thoughts turn also to our fellowworkers whom we appreciate and love in an especial manner. We are grateful to all our friends in the Louisiana Annual Conference - our ministers and their families and our lay people who are so interested in and loyal to the church of Christ.

We take this opportunity to thank you for all your kindness to us this year, expressed in so many thoughtful and lovely ways. We are grateful to all of you. It is a joy to work with you in promoting the program of The Methodist Church in Louisiana.

We wish for you and yours all the joys of the Christmas season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mildred and Aubrey Walton

Mildred and Aubrey Walton



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON, center, is shown with Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, Lake Charles District Superintendent, left, and the Rev. Oakley Lee, right, pastor of First Methodist Church, Welsh, following the service on Sunday, Dec. 8, at which the new church organ was dedicated.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1963

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Board of Evangelism Announces Conference on Discipleship

The General Board of Evangelism has announced that one of three Conferences on Discipleship for laymen and their wives will be held Jan. 3-5, 1964 at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Okla., under the leadership of Dr. James L. Robertson of Arlington, Va., Dr. F. Olin Hunt of Raleigh, N. C. and the Rev. G. Byron Deshler of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. The conference will begin Friday afternoon and conclude with Sunday dinner.

The other two conferences will be held at Kenlake Hotel, Hardin, Ky., Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1964, and at Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Feb. 7-9, 1964.

A Discipleship Conference for ministers will be held at Lake Murray Lodge, Jan. 7-10, 1964, under the leadership of Dr. Robertson, Mr. Deshler and Dr. Virgil D. Morris.

These Discipleship Conferences are the successors to what were first called "Conferences on Spiritual Birth and Growth." In 1964 each will be less of a lectureship or school of evangelism and more of a spiritual retreat, designed for spiritual renewal. After each address the group will break up into groups of "the twelve" to evaluate the address, and to spend time in sharing of concerns and spiritual experiences, in waiting silently before the Lord, and in seeking a renewal through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The approximate cost of the laymen's conference at Lake Murray, including

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Final Issue

This issue of the Louisiana Methodist is the last one for the year, following the precedence set in previous years of publishing 50 issues annually. To assist those of you who use the Daily Bible Readings and the Sunday School Lesson in your prayers and plans, we have included in this issue two of each, covering the weeks through January 5 and 12th.

A Report from the General Assembly, National Council of Churches

...by Lona Wilson...

Director, Methodist Information

Four Louisiana Methodists were among the 5,000 church leaders from all parts of the country who made Philadelphia, Pa., a religious capitol during the first week of December. Participating in the triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches were Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport physician; Mrs. Glen Laskey of Ruston; and Vincent Mouser, Columbia attorney, official delegates, and Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, director of Louisiana Methodist Information.

There were three public and six plenary sessions of the assembly, but much of the work was done in 120 section meetings held to discuss the role of the church in today's changing society. Dr. Mason was the leader of

one group on "Technology and Livelihood."

Delegates and visitors to the assembly heard addresses by well-known figures in church and public life.

The meeting opened on Sunday evening in reverent solemnity as the long procession of robed clergymen and laymen moved into Convention Hall, bearing the banners of their 31 constituent denominations.

After they bowed in prayer for the late President John F. Kennedy, they heard J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council from Columbus, Ind., deliver his address in which he gave an eloquent plea for the eradication of hate and violence—for greater love between members of the human family.

On Tuesday evening, at the time when the late President Kennedy had

been scheduled to address the assembly on "Our Liberties, One and Indivisible," a memorial service was conducted in his memory. Leaders of the denominations comprising the NCC paid sorrowful tribute to the nation's slain executive. The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and the Singing City Choir under the baton of the world-famous conductor, Eugene Ormandy, presented a distinguished program.

Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, in an address to the United Church Men, called on American church-goers to make larger financial contributions because "the work of the Church should be increased a hundred-fold."

The Rev. Dr. Franklin H. Littell, Methodist professor of church history at Chicago Theological Seminary, in

an address to the second plenary session, said that those who collaborated with Nazism by "limiting the claims of the Gospel" to narrow individualism and familial piety were like Americans who cry out "whenever the Word hits like hammers and burns like fire."

He said, "The attacks on our churches from America's spiritual underground are exactly the same as can be read in the Communist newspapers of Eastern Europe and in the files of the captive press under the Nazis."

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, senior bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, was elected to a three year term as president of the National Council of Churches. He succeeds J. Irwin Miller, an industrialist from Co-

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Let earth receive her King

Editorials

CHRISTMAS IN PROPER FOCUS

THERE are many ways in which the rich realities of the Christmas story are made to live again in our minds and hearts. As a secular culture presses in upon us at this time of the year and as it becomes increasingly difficult to keep from becoming influenced by its materialism, we are grateful for the effective ways in which the Nativity is visualized for us in these days. Taking its place alongside the great music of the season is the use of the visual arts which are effectively telling the story of what took place at Bethlehem.

Just now there is apprehension in some quarters as to how much of the story can be told visually on school and public property without invading the realm of religious teaching involved in some recent court decisions. However this concern does not seem to be deterring the determination to focus the attention of all the world on the fact that it was the birth of Christ that gave us Christmas.

Numbers of churches are developing a tradition of making their visualization of the Christmas story as effective as their other presentations. We have been thrilled to see this taking place. We are also delighted at some of the very wonderful Christmas presentations that have come to us by the medium of television. This avenue of the arts is proving its maturity at Christmas time by bringing into our homes some of the finest programs we have seen.

As all of these other means are used to focus the image of Christmas on the screens of our consciousness, we of the Churches and we who live in Christian homes should avail ourselves of the opportunity to utilize all these aids in making the Christmas story come alive for all of our people. Then we will have no fear that the materialism of Christmas will capture them.

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Highest From The Lowliest



"King of Kings and Lord of Lords" REV. 19/16



STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

IN occasion of the Christmas holiday season that is assuming increasing importance in all of our local churches is Student Recognition Day, observed on the last Sunday of the year. For a number of years this has been developing as a means by which our young people can feel that they are still a real part of the churches from which they have gone for their higher education.

We have been developing a stronger ministry to our students on college campuses so that this opportunity for the development of the Christian life during these years is the best it has ever been. The buildings and other facilities for this ministry are being constantly improved. As these things are done we have a greater reason for keeping in close touch with these young people, looking to the day of their graduation when they will again have the opportunity for full participation in the program of the local church in their hometown.

As increasingly large numbers of your young people go to college, the occasion of Student Recognition Day should become one of the major events of the Church Year.

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OFFERING FOR THE HOME HOSPITAL

IN the city of New Orleans, Louisiana and Mississippi Methodists have long cooperated in the operation of the Methodist Home Hospital which provides a Christ-centered ministry to families in times of unusual need. This ministry has been made possible through the generous response of our church people in the Christmas offering. Sharing in this appeal has become for many one of their greatest sources of Christmas joy.

There are two reasons why our gifts for this institution should be larger this year than ever before. First, Mississippi Methodists have found it necessary to reduce their support, and we in Louisiana must respond to this increased challenge. Then, the Rev. L. D. Haughton, who has endeared himself to us through his ten years as superintendent of the Home Hospital, is retiring in June and bringing to a close this long and effective period of service. We honor him with our Christmas offering this year and make it possible for him to continue the efficient operation of the institution's business.

Above all else, we give at Christmas because we know that Christ would want us to share in this ministry of service which has at its heart his spirit of love and self-giving.

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the EDITOR'S CORNER

COMPLETING DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Since we last wrote in this column of district conferences we have been to seven more and have completed our schedule of attendance at fifteen. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, we completed our round for the year by attending the Lafayette (La.) District Conference at Indian Bayou. If our recollections are correct we attended one more than this in 1960, but they were scheduled over a longer period of time that year.

One of our main impressions from this year's conference is that in almost every one of them the district superintendent found a way of scheduling the meeting so that it seemed different from the others while at the same time preserving the essential elements that must be included in all. We want to commend every district superintendent in Arkansas and Louisiana for the imaginative way in which they did this.

In other years one felt after a while that he could make the reports for the other interests after hearing their representatives speak, but this year they caught this spirit of originality from the superintendents and few even told the same stories more than once or twice.

We have appreciated especially the fact that in each district conference an important place has been given to the granting of License to Preach. We have spoken of this before but we want to repeat our conviction that this first step in ministerial qualification deserves all the importance we can attach to it.

From the Ozarks to the Bayou Country is a long circuit to ride and yet we have found in every district a spirit of optimism and a determination to rediscover "our mission today" and to implement it in every local church—large and small.

In the last two of the Louisiana Conferences Bishop Aubrey G. Walton reported on his recent visit to Africa.

It has been a delight to travel with the representatives of the other interests of the church — this is another "fringe benefit" that cannot be taken lightly. Having said all this, we must confess that when we were home again after the fifteenth district conference that we were a bit weary and oh so glad to be home.

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Stewards and Evangels of the Grace of God

By Eugene L. Slater

(Editor's Note: This article, adapted from an address by Bishop Slater at the National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country July 9-12 in Minneapolis, Minn., deals with motivations for rural church work rather than methods. Bishop Slater administers the Kansas Area.)

About the grace of God, three things should be said: First, God takes the initiative in expressing His love and favor toward sinful man. Man, though unworthy and undeserving, is the object of God's persistent love. Second, God's grace reaches man through many channels and in a variety of ways. Third, man is free to reject or accept the grace of God.

Now it is well that we consider that God's grace, operative upon us and within us, issues in the bestowal of gifts. It is true that, apart from the grace of

God through Jesus Christ, every man is endowed with talents and gifts. No man is without native ability and divine potential. The parable of the talents teaches us that although men differ as to their several abilities, every man is favored with some talent. Further, we are reminded of the necessity of employing the talents given us. To refuse to use our God-given abilities is to run the risk of losing them. Indeed, the inevitable consequences of the failure to use our talents is the loss of them.

As Americans today we must give an account of our stewardship. We are citizens of a land whose constitution is based upon the faith that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To be the steward of such faith involves every American in serious obligation. Not only must each one refrain from acts or words that would reflect adversely upon any other. More than that, each one has the inescapable responsibility to regard every other man as a citizen to whom all the rights and privileges of American citizenship are free and available.

Racial prejudice or discrimination, anywhere in America, is a threat to personal liberties everywhere in America. The real 100 per cent American is he who, in practice and in profession, insists on full, unhampered, first-class citizenship for every other American, without regard for his present condition or accident of birth. Of this political faith, we are stewards. No individual can, for long, keep his faith for himself and his own tribe. Ultimately this faith must bless all Americans, or it will, at last, bless none. It must be the possession of every American, or it will be lost to all.

Or, consider our stewardship as Methodists. We Methodists cover the whole of the United States. And we believe that our understanding of the Christian faith is such that it appeals to the mind, heart and will of every person. That we have grown in members and influence is obvious. That our church is recognized at home and around the world as a vigorous body of Christians is well-known fact. But not all our assembling of statistics nor our parading of Methodist achievements quite satisfies our sense of Christian stewardship. Something is lacking. Something more is needed.

An even more fundamental requirement is that we recognize that we are Christians, men and women saved by grace. To be a steward of this sacred

possession—that is our real calling.

Changing times, shifting and mobile population, and declining areas are phases altogether familiar to Methodists. One after another could report on rural areas, once teeming with people, but now diminishing in population year after year. The mechanization of agriculture, the trend toward larger farm operation, the creation of more and more jobs in business and industry—these and other reasons account for the inevitable more from country to town and city.

We readily agree that declining rural areas and shifting population make our work difficult. May we not also agree that people, wherever we find them, be they many or few, are our business. Or, let us say in another way. People are our concern. As Christians we can never escape the conviction that we are personally responsible for our fellowmen. As stewards and evangels of the grace of God, we have something, rather Someone, to share with our neighbor.

We believe that we have been called to the stewards and evangels of the manifold grace of God. Closely related to this primary motive is our desire to serve the areas of life in our land designated as "town and country." May I suggest a trinity of phases as we try to develop an approach and strategy for a more adequate Christian witness to rural America? These three phrases are: "how to," "want to," and "will do."

"How to" is the underlying theme of our generation. We have found out enough about the movement of planets and the operation of physical laws to place man-made satellites in space and man in orbit. We are working at the project of placing man on the moon, and there is little doubt that this will be done. The research laboratory is the symbol of our age. No area of physical life is beyond our scrutiny. How to get from one place to another in less time, how to build a better mouse trap, how to improve the physical conditions under which we live—these objectives constitute the major drive of our day.

It would be unfair to leave the impression that nothing is being done to find ways and means to improve human relations and serve the highest interests of mankind. Much is being undertaken in this area. Church and state are alert to the necessity of providing a framework and creating an atmosphere wherein man can live freely and responsibly and with purpose. Still the fact remains that we have not ap-

proached the work of the church in these changing times with the same wisdom and persistence and tenacity with which the scientists have undertaken space exploration. How to minister to people for the sake of Jesus Christ deserves the best thought and the most persistent effort we are capable of giving.

Move now to the second of our trinity phases, "want to." I suggest that we, each one of us, seriously consider whether we want to serve the people in the changing and declining sections of our country. If so, we will find ways to serve. We are ingenious enough. Of that I am certain. Our deficiency, I fear, is in our lack of desire.

A rural charge is not always thought of as a "good" appointment for a Methodist preacher. Lest this word be interpreted as a judgment against the ministry as a whole or any part of it, let me say I am pointing out a condition that exists in the church, the whole church. We have lost our passion for souls. We have forgotten our

central loyalty to Christ. Unless and until we are captured by Christ to the extent that we feel that we are prisoners of the Lord and that we move out in Christ's spirit and under His direction, we are not likely to change the situation in our town and country parishes.

"Will do" is closely related to "want to" in our three phrases. Not too long before his death, Pope John XXIII remarked: "I don't know how long God will let me live, and while I do live He may let me do very little. But the little He will let me do, I intend to do it all." The late beloved leader of the Roman Catholic Church has said it well. The will to know what God wants of us and the will to do what He asks of us, what more do we need than this? Have we Methodists forgotten who we are? Do we yet remember what our divine vocation is? We are to be stewards and evangels of the manifold grace of God. What a glorious calling!!

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

TEAMS VISITING U. S.

NEW YORK—(MI)—Four women from Latin America are visiting Methodist women in the United States this winter and next spring to encourage fellowship among Christian women of the Americas and to promote the cause of world understanding. They are members of the fourth World Understanding Team of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

The team is a project of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division. The coordinator is Mrs. C. A. Bender, New York, an executive secretary of the department and the official Board of missions observer at the UN.

WORLD SERVICE LAGGING

EVANSTON, Ill.—(MI)—World Service—the church's basic benevolence fund—and several other general funds were lagging as the first half of the fiscal year closed Nov. 30.

This was reported Dec. 4 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, here.

World Service receipts for November totaled \$1,070,838.06, bringing the total since June 1 up to \$4,898,714.86. This figure is some \$369,800 short of the figure at the this time last year, or a drop of 7.01 per cent.

All General Advance Specials showed increases from 6.88 to 18.78 per cent, and the Fellowship of Suffering and Service was up 1.82 per cent. All other funds were off from 3.34 to 35.53 per cent.

ASTRONAUT GIVEN MEDALLION

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(MI)—Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., was presented a World Methodist Council medallion at the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism here.

Major Cooper, a Methodist for more

than 25 years, was a speaker at the meeting, held here Nov. 19-21. The holder of the American record for space travel made a 22-orbit flight last May in a capsule he had named Faith 7.

He told about 400 persons present at the meeting something of what religion means to him and his family.

The outgoing president of the Council of Evangelism, the Rev. Dr. Kermit Long, Phoenix, Ariz., presented Major Cooper the medallion on behalf of the World Methodist Council and the Council of Evangelism. At the close of the conference, Dr. Long received a similar medallion from the hand of his successor, the Rev. Dr. Truman W. Potter of Charleston, W. Va., newly-elected president of the council.

CALLED TO RESPONSIBILITY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(MI)—The martyrdom of President Kennedy serves as a call to accountability and responsibility for Christians, Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston asserted here in an interdenominational service Nov. 24.

This call requires men to quit taking God for granted and to recall that "we are a people by heritage dedicated to law and order and to equality under law; deliberately to involve ourselves in the whole enterprise of humanity" if the sacrifice is to be meaningful; "to a deepened fulfillment of the dignity of every person;" to "share our substance" because "to give thanks for what we have received, without sharing with those who have not received, is mockery."

The bishop spoke at Washington Cathedral (Episcopal) at a National Service of Thanksgiving sponsored by Church World Service, the Protestant relief agency. It was placed at Thanksgiving time to emphasize the "Share Our Substance" program and was nationally televised.

District Conferences



HOST PASTOR William F. Mayo, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and District Superintendent R. Leonard Cooke at Lake Charles District Conference at Jennings.



ATTENDANCE WAS GOOD at the Lafayette District Conference at Indian Bayou.



MR. WAYNE GILMORE leads the presentation of the Centenary College campaign at Lafayette District Conference.



A HIGHLIGHT at Lake Charles District Conference was granting of License to Preach to Curtis Cady, father of missionary M.C. Cady.



BISHOP WALTON reports on his recent trip to Africa.



THE REV. LLOYD Foreman reports on New Orleans Inner-City Parish.



M. KENNETH SCHOR speaks at Lafayette District Conference concerning Methodist Hospital planned for New Orleans.



D. ALLEN COLLETTE, Lake Charles District Lay Leader reports to his district conference.

News From Centenary College

By Dr. B. C. Taylor
Vice-President

Dean BOND FLEMING, Vice-President DR. B. C. TAYLOR, and Alumni Director WILLIAM NOLEN, represented Centenary College at the District Conferences over the State during the last ten days.

THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT is presenting George Bernard Shaw's "Major Barbara" at the Marjorye Lyons Playhouse.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE attended the Southern Association of Colleges meeting in Memphis the week of December 2-5.

THE CENTENARY BASKETBALL team is off to a good start, winning their first game from the Baptist College of Marshall by a score of 60-89.

CENTENARY is now engaged in a Self-Study Program to determine the needs and plans for the future of the College. Every area of activity on the Campus will receive close examination.

The history of Centenary College has been moved from the archives in New Orleans to the new College Library on the Campus. Those desiring to do research on the past of the Institution can do so by contacting Mr. Harrington, the Librarian.

A special called meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held December 18.

Brochure Outlines New Orleans Wesley Foundation Program

The program study groups and special projects of the Tulane University Wesley Foundation are described in a most attractive brochure recently received from the Rev. Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Jr., director.

Outlined are the schedules for worship, study and informal fellowship opportunities at the foundation, which is located at 7106 Freret St.

Worship opportunities include Sunday morning worship, and evening prayers on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

The study schedule offers Wesley Forum at 6:30 p.m. Sundays; interdenominational study group on Wednesday; study-involvement group for freshmen only on Thursday, studying "Modern Man and the Christian Faith"; and disciplined lay studies for upperclassmen and graduate students on Thursday.

Informal fellowship activities include Sunday morning coffee before the worship service, supper on Sunday evenings

before Wesley Forum, and frequent week-end parties and tours.

Some of the outstanding events of recent weeks at the foundation have included a lecture on Nov. 10 by Dr. Anwar Barkat of Pakistan on the theme of the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference, which is to be held at the University of Ohio, Athens, O., Dec. 27-Jan. 2.

A number of challenging films were shown during the Fall Quarter in the Wesley Forum. On Nov. 10, 17 and 24 Mr. David Reed, a Tulane graduate student working on a degree in "Psychodynamics" led three interesting discussions on personality development. On Dec. 8 and 15, Dr. Warren Roberts of the Political Science department of Newcomb College led two discussions on "Knowing Latin America."

From Dec. 1-7 the foundation sponsored the National Student Christian Federation Rouault Traveling Art Exhibit, which is entitled "Behold the Man." This is a series of etching with accompanying readings from the Scriptures, Paul Tillich and T. S. Eliot providing aids to meditation on the suffering and redeeming Christ.



AT RUSTON DISTRICT Parsons and Parsonettes Christmas party at Louisiana Tech, Dec. 5, Mrs. Eddie Morgan, Parsonettes president, presents a gift to Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rickey, as the Rev. William Fraser looks on approvingly.

NEWS and NOTES

about facts and folks

THE REV. FLOYD DURHAM, pastar of the Bernice Methodist Church, brought devotional messages over Radio Station KTDL, Farmerville, the week of Dec. 2.

THE REV. MARVIN McFARLAND, ossociate pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston, conducted the devotionals on Radio Station KRUS the week of December 9-13.

THE REV. LLOYD A. FOREMAN, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer and St. Mark's Methodist Churches in New Orleans, was the speaker on the Chapel of the Air, WWL-TV, Dec. 8.

THE REV. C.D. PINKARD, pastor at Shongaloo, was the guest evangelist for revival services at Cloyton Church on the Sicily Island Charge, Dec. 1-6. The Rev. L.W. Taylor is the pastor.

AT REILY MEMORIAL University Methodist Church, Batan Rouge, the pastar, Dr. William E. Trice, showed slides taken during his recent trip to Africa, at the evening worship service, Dec. 8.

THE REV. C.D. PINKARD, pastor of Shongaloo Methodist Church, lost his father on Nov. 15. He was a lifelong Methodist who lived in Alabama. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family.

THE NAPOLEON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH members are joining in the project to provide homemade candy as Christmas gifts for patients at the hospital in Carville. The Rev. Don Alverson is pastor of this New Orleans church.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Grace Church Ruston, had as guest speaker on Dec. 4, Mr. Sam Sullatt, who used as his subject, "The Christion Science Religion". The Rev. Wilson L. Watson is pastor of Grace Church.

HOLLY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH held revival services the first week in December with the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder as guest evangelist. The Holly Grove pastar is the Rev. Raymond M. Crofoot.

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION CHOIR of the University of Southwestern Louisiana presented the Christmos cantata, "The Glory of the Star", in the Abbeville Methodist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 15. The Abbeville pastor is the Rev. Tracy R. Arnold.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR of First Methadist Church, Loke Charles, under the direction of Lamar Robertson, presented the evening worship service at the DeQuincy Methodist Church, Dec. 8. The DeQuincy pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

MR. GEORGE D'ARTOIS, Commissioner of Public Safety for the city of Shreveport, was the guest speaker for the Nov. 26 meeting of the Methadist Men's Club of Wynn Memarial Church, Shrevepart. The Rev. Ira A. Love is pastar.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15, was observed at First Methadist Church, Crowley, as the 50th anniversary of the completion of the sanctuary and of the 68th session of the Lausianaa Conference held in that church, Dec.

10-15, 1913. The pastor is the Rev. W.D. Boddie.

THE TRINITY SUB-DISTRICT Methadist Youth Fellowship met in the Wesley Foundation Building at USL, Lafayette, on Thursday, Dec. 12. Highlight of the program was a presentation by the Wesley Players of a play by E.E. Cummings entitled "Santa Claus".

SLIDELL METHODIST CHURCH members heard the Rev. Carl Williams, missionary to Bolivia, give a slide-illustrated lecture at the Sunday evening service, Dec. 15. On Sunday, Dec. 22, the children's division will present a Christmas pageant. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor.

MR. T.H. QUEHL, a farmer member of Alcoholics Anonymous, was guest speaker at the marning warship service, Dec. 8, at First Methodist Church, Baker, where the Rev. Lael Jones is thepastor. He spoke on "Commitment to Abstinence os o Step in Christian Living - a Part of Life's Stewardship."

MISS HARRIET MAGRUDER is the new choir director in First Methodist Church, Lafayette, transferrng her membership from her home in Jackson, Miss. Miss Magruder is voice instructor at the University of Southwestern Lousisana. She has degrees from Southern Methodist University and George Peobody College. The pastor is the Rev. R.R. Branton.

THE YOUTH CHOIR OF THE CARROLLTON Methodist Church in New Orleans presented a service of Christmos Carols, "Angels We Have Heard on High", at the Sunday evening service, Dec. 8. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Virgil D. Morris of Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the Southcentral Jurisdiction. The Corrollton pastor is the Rev. Jack Cooke.

SPECIAL GUESTS AT THE LAFAYETTE FIRST Church's Family Night, Thursday, Dec. 12, wos the Rev. Jerry Moon, director of Dulac Community Center, along with some members of his staff and fifty Indian boys and girls from the Center. The Rev. R.R. Branton is pastor of the Lafayette Church.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Franklin, the Methadist Men, their wives and guests observed the organizatian's annual "Ladies' Night" on Wed, Dec. 18. The Franklin High School chorus, under the direction of Cliff Caillouet, presented a program of Christmos music. The pastor is the Rev. James Christie.

DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, SR., area director of the Area Council, was the guest preacher for both morning worship services at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where the Rev. James Stovall is pastor, Dec. 8. At the evening service he preached at Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, where the Rev. D.W. Poole is the pastor.

IN A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN GILLIAM Methadist Church, a piano, given by family and friends, was dedicated in memary of R.T. Douglas, charter member of the church. Mrs. Katherine D. Martin was at the piano during the service and Mrs. Corrie A. Adger at the organ. The Rev. C.B. Krumnow, pastor, received the gift for the congregation.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT was an important event at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Wednesday Dec. 11. Following the meal together, the program and the receiving of gifts for the Navajo Methadist Mission children in Formington, N. Mex., the lights were turned on the beautiful new manger scene which was recently bought for the church. The postor is Dr. George W. Pomeroy.

DURING THE RECENT FALL REVIVAL held at Fellowship Methodist Church, Hineston, thirteen

new members were added to the church, including nine by baptism. The Rev. Del S. Durand, pastor of the College Avenue Methodist Church, Natchitaches, was the guest preacher, and he was assisted by Mr. Oscar Robinson as song leader and Mrs. Carrie Terry as accompanist. The Rev. Ed Pickens is the pastor.

THE WINBOURNE METHODIST YOUTH fellowship in Baton Rouge, junior high division, recently completed a study on handicapped and exceptional people. As an outgrowth of this study, they collected articles of food for a Thanksgiving basket to present to a young couple who are deaf mutes and who are rendering special service to Winbourne Church. Their pastor is the Rev. Tom Lancaster.

THE AUBREY G. WALTON SUB-DISTRICT held the monthly meeting Dec. 2 in Zwalle. A program "What Christmas Means", was presented. Norman Booker, president, called the business meeting to order. All churches except Mitchell were present. It was decided that a sweetheart bouquet would be held on Feb. 12 in Many. Each church will select o sweetheart to compete.

"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD" was the theme of the program for the annual Christmas Family Night celebration for the congregation of First Methodist Church, Monroe, which was held ot the Julia Wossman Recreation Center. The event was planned by the Fomily Life Committee of the church, of which Don and Edie Spargo ore the chairmen. The pastar is the Rev. George W. Harbuck.

THE COTTON VALLEY MYF will present a live Nativity Scene, "The Light of Bethlehem", Friday, December 20 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. Participonts will be Richard Wright, Lindo Harris, Richard Spencer, Randy Guillory, Kay Vail, Dianne Campbell, Mike Wreyford, Glenna Utz, Vickie Dailey, Roger King, DeeDee Miller, Doug Voil, Johnny Hayes, Sheilia Campbell, Lindo Hudson, and Becky McGinnis. Norrator will be Mrs. Pat Miller. The pastor is the Rev. W.O. Lynch.

FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS Philharmonic Orchestra accomponied the Chancel Choir of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, in the presentation of J.S. Bach's "Christmos Oratorio", Dec. 8. Soloists were Barbaro Biermann, soprano; Julia Poppas, contralto; Tom Lyons, tenor; Don Bernard, baritone, with Lindo Byrd at the console of the new organ. Richard Waggoner, minister of music, directed. The Rev. Benedict A. Galloway is pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of New Orleans enjoyed an evening of Christmas music on Dec. 8. The Concert included "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" by Johann Kuhnau; "We Praise Thee All" by J.S. Bach; and "Fantasia on Christmos Corols" by Vaughan-Williams. Soloists were Phyllis Nansen, Sharon Hobbs, and Nancy Livingston, sopranos; Janet Lindsay, contralto; Thomas Carter, tenor; and Jack Davis, bass. Member of the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra and guest organist Jahn Yarbrough assisted the choir, with Wayne Hobbs, choirmaster, conducting. The Rev. Clyde S. Clark is the pastor.

A SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLES, sponsored by the youth fellowship, will highlight Christmas observance at First Methodist Church, Arcadia. Planned for the porticipation of the entire congregation, the service will be held Sundoy, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a social hour in Fellowship Hall. Other plans include an MYF Christmas party an Dec. 21 at Children's House, an institution near Ruston for the mentally retarded. This has become an annual activity of the Arcadia young people. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Dr. E. T. Wayland



LESSON FOR DECEMBER 29, 1963:

DIMENSIONS OF FREEDOM

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5 and 6. Printed Lesson Text, Galatians 5:13-26.

MEMORY SELECTION: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law (RSV).

AIM OF LESSON: To help our people understand better the liberty and the limitations of Christian freedom and to emphasize the difference in the "works of the flesh" and "The fruit of the Spirit."

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This is the last of three lessons selected from Galatians which have been carried under the general subject, "Man's Faith and God's Grace." This final lesson of the Unit and the final lesson of this calendar year has for its subject, "Dimensions Of Freedom."

Apparently there were those who had accused Paul of encouraging immoral living by his emphasis on Christian liberty and freedom from Jewish law. Either sincerely or for the sake of conscience, some in the Galation churches had interpreted this doctrine of Christian liberty to mean that a Christian, who is not under the "law" is free to live as he pleases.

In the Roman Empire the laws of Rome were strictly enforced everywhere. Every subject of Rome knew the rule of law. In Paul's day very few people knew anything much about the necessity of self-discipline in a free life, since few ever had freedom of action.

It was possible that some of such people could have sincerely misinterpreted Paul's teachings that a Christian was "saved by grace" and consequently was no longer subject to Jewish laws. Hence it was that Paul wrote this letter to the Galatians with two major purposes in mind. First, he defended his authority as an apostle of Christ. Second, he wanted to outline for the Galatians, and for us, the "Dimensions of (Christian) Living."

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LIBERTY HAS ITS LIMITATIONS

In this letter to the Galatians Paul warns them of the perils to Christian liberty through accepting doctrines of legalism and ritualism. He warned them also very pointedly against the assumption that Christian liberty permits one to do as he pleases.

Paul told the Galatians that along with the exercise of Christian liberty one must always remember that Christians also have human responsibilities.

There are those who claim that freedom of religion means also freedom to reject all religions. That is true. When God made man a free moral agent he did give him the power to accept or reject religion. However, along with that power of choice God reveals the fact that blessings follow the choice of good and that ultimate punishment follows the choice of evil. Jesus said in Matthew 6:24, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Our Lord is saying that we cannot include both. Jesus also said, in Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me." In this Jesus is saying that we cannot exclude both. This means that we must inevitably choose between good and evil.

In the battle of life no man can be neutral. We are moral beings. We have the power to choose but we do not have the power to avoid a choice. Man faces the inescapable demand, the unavoidable necessity to choose between good

and evil. It may not be necessary to make a conscious choice of the evil. Jesus, in effect, says that when we fail to choose him and his way of life, in so doing we indirectly have made the choice of evil. Consequently even the freedom to choose has its limitations.

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MOSAIC LAW AND THE LAW OF LOVE

In verse 14 Paul is contrasting the Mosaic law with the Christian way of life. He sums up the Christian gospel in the one word "love".

What is the vital difference in Judaism and Christianity? One consists of obeying the Mosaic law, the other consists in obeying the law of love. What is the big difference in the motives which prompted obedience to these two different kinds of law? The Jews obeyed the Mosaic law through a sense of obligation. It was something they felt they must do because they were Jews.

The Christian obeys the law of love because his inner, Christ-like nature leads him to want to do what he should do because he is a Christian. In obeying the law of love he is not conscious that he is obeying a law at all. He renders his service out of a sense of loyalty to Christ and a desire to be helpful.

There is a big difference in obeying the requirements of a law and responding to an impulse of love. We give an example of what we mean. Suppose by a force of circumstances a man is forced by law to support a woman and several children. He must furnish them a house, clothing and food and be responsible for the education of the children even though he has no personal interest in, or relationship to the family. Such a responsibility would be like an unbearable weight about his neck.

However, suppose this woman and these children were the wife and children of the man, and suppose he dearly loved them all. Prompted by that love he would do more for them than any law would demand. Furthermore, he would find some of the deepest, most abiding joys of life in doing it.

May we say here, regarding a life motivated by the law of love, that the true Christian is the only person who can do what he wants to do, without any uneasiness about the future. This is true because the Christian life is motivated by the law of love for God. The Christian will be doing what is right and will find his highest joy and the deepest meaning for life in doing it. Paul says, in verse 23, "Against such there is no law."

We may be sure that Christian conduct is not prompted by fear, threats or prohibitions any more than a good citizen's life is prompted by fear of the law or its prohibitions. Love can inspire actions which the law cannot produce by command.

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HATRED, BREEDS BITTERNESS, VIOLENCE

In verse 15 Paul calls attention to the inevitable result of strife, envy, bigotry and hatred. In the recent assassination of President Kennedy, America has had an unforgettable example of the end results of hatred, suspicion and unbridled criticism.

Such an atmosphere can often distort the thinking of normal people. It can inflame subnormal and abnormal minds until they go out of control in violence and fanatical action. Paul is saying that if we turn on each other with venom and bitterness, we may destroy each

other, the good with the bad. Hatred, violence, savagery cannot possibly solve complicated problems.

Irresponsible or unnecessary criticism can destroy the harmony of a neighborhood life. Whole communities can be affected. The efficiency and effectiveness of a school system can often be disrupted by destructive, hostile criticism. We have all seen how disastrously a church program and church life can be crippled by unjust, malicious or even just careless talk.

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HOW PRESERVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Concerning political freedom we often say, "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." This is just as true regarding Christian freedom as it is of political freedom.

Paul says we can retain our sense of spiritual freedom only if we "Walk in the Spirit" or "Be led by the Spirit." It is not attained in our own strength. Paul is also telling the Galation Christians that Christian liberty does not mean license to engage in unchristian practices. The Christian is free from the legalistic demands of Judaism but he is never free from the law of love in his relation to God and man.

Our sense of religious freedom can be preserved by Christian self-control. We must reject temptations to evil. We must cultivate good habits by developing the power to say "no" to those temptations that would enslave us.

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THE BLACK CATALOGUE OF SIN

Paul does not leave much to the imagination as he catalogues the basic sins of life. In verses 19, 20 and 21, he gives a list of "The Works of the Flesh." This list, of course, is not exhaustive but it does include many of life's common sins. As found in the Revised Standard Version, the list seems to fall into groups of related sins:

1. Immorality, Impurity, Licentiousness. We are all familiar with the basic meaning of immorality. Impurity seems to refer to personal immorality. Licentiousness Webster defines as Lawless, dissolute, libertine or lewd. To be licentious is to be unrestrained by moral law.

2. Idolotry, Sorcery, Idolotry, of course, is the worship of idols or other things as gods. Sorcery is the practice of magic or witchcraft. It professes to have power that comes through help from spirits, good and bad.

3. Enmity, Strife, Jealousy, Anger. These are attitudes of life, descriptive of a wrong relationship between man and man.

4. Selfishness, Dissensions, Party strife, Envy. These are terms that describe attitudes and activities that divide groups and promote discord and ill will.

5. Drunkenness and carousing. Common as these sins are today, they need no definition. Perhaps it should be said that Paul does not confuse drunkenness with sickness. He listed drunkenness with the "works of the flesh" which are so sinful "that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

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FRUITS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

As we read our lesson text today, when Paul changes from listing "the works of the flesh" to "The fruit of the Spirit" it is like changing from the harsh, clanking of discordant bells to the soft, beautiful notes and harmonious chimes of a great organ.

If one believes that this contrast of Paul's between the "works of the flesh" and "the fruit of the Spirit" is a correct picture, it should make it easy for anyone to decide which manner of life he would prefer to live.

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LIFE LED BY THE SPIRIT

Paul says "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." We should have no self-conceit. We should not provoke one another or envy one another.

If led by the Spirit, legalism and empty ceremonialism should have no place in our lives. We should let the high challenge of Christian living and Christian service capture our souls.



news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Reuben Herbert Mueller, senior bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, was installed as president of the National Council of Churches for the next three years near the end of the recent triennial General Assembly in Philadelphia. Bishop Mueller, who pronounces his name exactly like that of the man he succeeds, J. Irvin Miller, has served continuously as an officer of the National Council longer than any other person, having been elected as the agency's first recording secretary at the constituting convention in Cleveland in 1950.

Bishop Mueller has been most active in the negotiations leading to the proposed plan of union between his denomination and The Methodist Church, so we can almost feel that the new president is "one of us." He is certainly one of those who has been most active in the ecumenical movement. First vice-president is Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon and former U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who is a prominent Methodist layman.

During the final ceremonies of the second session of the Second Vatican Council Pope Paul VI made a dramatic announcement that he would make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January, 1964 to "pray for the final, happy conclusion" of the council, for Christian unity and peace among men.

Plans for this unprecedented trip by a pope has drawn favorable comment from religious leaders of the world, especially in the light of the possibility that he may use the occasion for a meeting with Orthodox leaders who would probably never have made a journey to the Vatican for such a meeting. This could mean another conversation contributing greatly to world Christian unity.

The most popular recording artist in the U. S. today is Soeur Sourire, the Smiling Sister of the Dominican convent of Fichermont, Belgium. According to record trade journals, the songs of Soeur Sourire, whose real name is Sister Luc-Gabrielle, are now at the head of the best-seller list. Her songs, in French, have a folk-type quality. The most popular of the twelve songs in her album, "The Singing Nun," is "Dominique," a joyful ballad about the founder of her order. As a single disc, "Dominique" has sold more than 750,000 copies since October.

This kind of music is a welcome relief among the "best-seller" tunes. It may or may not establish a trend, but it is bound to serve as something of a "leaven" on the total output of records.

Professor Joseph L. Hromadka, dean of the Amos Comenius Theological Faculty in Prague, Czechoslovakia, claimed recently in a speech at Cologne, Germany that the atheist ideology officially promoted in Communist countries is merely "a temporary phase of communism." Speaking at the so-called Prague Peace Conference, he argued that "what the West often considers as a danger to the Church is in reality rather an opportunity, because in these countries atheists can be confronted with Christianity."

This is a poor argument in defense of Com-

munistic atheism. We know that the two are so inseparably tied together that such a story as this cannot really be taken seriously.

A Roman Catholic edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be published in Great Britain next year. Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School, who headed the 22-year project of translating and publishing the RSV, made the announcement at the most recent session of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, meeting in Philadelphia.

We have a feeling that the RSV will be enthusiastically received by Roman Catholics in England and around the world following the publication under the sponsorship of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain.



PHILADELPHIA -- About 4,000 delegates, consultants and visitors attended the sixth triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. Photo shows part of the crowd in Convention Hall during an opening session. Assembly theme, "Servants of the Eternal Christ," is symbolized on stage by figures depicting Christians in the service of others down through the centuries. At right is statue of Christ symbolically surveying the ages. The NCC represents 31 Protestant and Orthodox bodies with more than 40 million members.

Two English-speaking congregations in Mexico City, one of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the other of the American Lutheran Church, have merged in the first such union in Latin America. United were the Church of the Good Shepherd, a Missouri Synod parish founded 15 years ago, and the Ascension Lutheran Church, a five-year-old ALC congregation.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, recently presented a \$10,000 check to Metropolitan Antony Bashir of Brooklyn, N. Y., head of the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America, to be used for the training of Orthodox priests.

There has been a significant increase in the sale of religious and inspirational Christmas cards since the assassination of President Kennedy, it was reported in New York. Card companies have noted that in years past, there is usually a small falling off of sales just after Thanksgiving. A great demand was reported for the sale of two cards painted by Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy prior to her husband's death. These cards, prepared for the benefit of the proposed National Culture Center in Washington, have religious themes.

A column in the North Carolina Lutheran, official state publication of that denomination, said that strict observance of Advent by Lutherans, including bans against singing Christmas carols and Christmas music until Dec. 24, is "actually helping to undermine Christmas itself," because children are growing up not knowing the Christmas hymnology of the church.

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced his retirement, effective Dec. 31, 1964, at the annual meeting of the board in Atlanta, Ga. He has served with the board for 20 years, and has been its executive secretary since 1952.

Loma Mae Jones of Portland, Ore., an ordained minister specializing in religious education, has been named director of children's work for the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). She has been director of Christian education for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society since 1955.

A full-length motion picture on the life of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, prominent minister and author, has been completed in Hollywood, it was announced by producer Frank Ross. Entitled "One Man's Way," the 110-minute film is scheduled to be released in the spring by United Artists. Playing the role of Dr. Peale is stage and screen star Don Murray. Cast as Mrs. Peale is a TV newcomer, Diana Hyland. The script was written by Eleanor Griffin and John Bloch and was based on the biography of Dr. Peale, "Minister to Millions," by Arthur Gordon.

A unique Roman Catholic School of Religion to be staffed by lay men and women in Lexington, Mass. will be named in honor of the late President John F. Kennedy. The 16-room school now under construction will serve as a catechetical center for St. Brigid Church, which faces historic Lexington Green.

Ecumenism cannot be a one-sided affair and the Roman Catholic Church must make concessions if it expects other Churches to reciprocate, one of the leading lay auditors told the Second Vatican Council before it closed. Professor Jean Guittou of the Sorbonne University in Paris, together with Dr. Vittorino Veronese, former president of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), spoke on the final day of the Council's second session.

Conditions for the 3,000,000 Jews inside the Soviet Union "appear to have become worse" as they continue to be made the scapegoat for the country's economic difficulties. This observation was made in a statement issued by the American Jewish Committee. The statement urged that the Soviet Union uphold its laws and treat its Jewish population on a basis of equality.

A new "dialogue about the nature of the ecumenical dialogue" was called for by the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, in view of "rather different conceptions" about the meaning of the movement held by Roman Catholic and other Christians. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, speaking to the Assembly of the National Council of Churches, hailed the new atmosphere of discussion among various religious groups but warned against being "carried away by a romantic enthusiasm."

The Roman Catholic priest who administered the last rites to President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22 almost didn't become a priest. Seventy-year-old Father Oscar L. Hubor, pastor of Holy Trinity parish in Dallas, in a recent interview, recounted his late decision to become a priest and the fact that he was not ordained until he was almost 40.

NEWS

...from the office of the



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Education.....

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Area Council Director



Everyone who has thought very deeply knows that the greatest need of our church today is to reach that great number of adults who are not touched by the teaching program of our church. The great emphasis during the next four years in our church will be in the field of adult work. The new literature which is now in the process of creation will give a great emphasis to this work. It is the most challenging thing that the church has attempted in the field of adult education. We are looking forward to its publication in 1967. In the meanwhile, let us really begin work on the adult problem. Let us help the work along by giving publicity to any creative work which is being done by any local church or district in the Louisiana Conference. There are many wonderful helps already available in the field of adult work. We hope that you will write us for any material which you might need to strengthen the adult work program in your church. Plan Bible study in depth in your local church; organize subdistrict groups for Bible study; hold Bible conferences, and do all else you can to stimulate interest among adults in your church.

The Rev. George Pearce, Jr., First Church, Natchitoches, is our Conference Director of Adult Work on a voluntary basis. He will be happy to assist in any way he can if you have problems which you do not know how to handle. His time is limited as he is the busy pastor of a great college community, but he will do everything he can to help the adult program in any church.

The Christmas season is a great time for adults as well as for children. There are so many things we can do to make Christmas more in keeping with the spirit of the Christ. I do hope our plans are made to make this Christmas a strong spiritual experience rather than a commercial affair in which the Saviour is forgotten almost altogether. We can do this by placing the emphasis on service to others. The Methodist Home Hospital, The Methodist Children's Home, and many other worthy institutions are dependent upon your generosity and help at this season of the year. Let's try to spend on others as much as we spend on ourselves and our families. This will greatly help the spirit of Christmas in its truest meaning.



Lay Activities.....

Thomas A. Pitt
Asso. Area Director



Next week will be Christmas. Somehow it seems we are seldom ever quite ready for this great event. The last minute rush has almost become a part of the holiday. The wide-eyed anticipation of the children — the whispered conversations and plans of parents — the fond recollections of past seasons by our senior citizens — the decoration of home and tree — the hanging of stockings and mistletoe — the singing of carols and the visits of neighbors — the gathering of families — the building of memories for young people — the telling of the Christmas story — the prayers for "peace on earth, good will to men" — all this is a part of Christmas, a time when all of Christendom pauses finally to celebrate the birth of the Christchild, our Saviour — a time when men of good will, the world over, give thanks to God for his unspeakable gift.

As I write to you today I cannot help but recall past years and many of the joys that have come my way at Christmastime. Particularly I bring to mind old friends — good friends — the many people who have become such an important part of my life, for you have given to me what only you can give — a part of yourself. And I shall always cherish that gift. I only hope that somehow I have been able to also become a special part of you. The Baby Jesus grew into manhood and gave himself for us. So must we, give ourselves to Him that in so doing we may also give ourselves to others in love and Christian fellowship for this is the true spirit of Christmas.

Since we came into this new opportunity for service to Him and moved to Shreveport, we have made so many new friends, both here and throughout the state, for now we belong to all of you across the conference. This will be our

first Christmas in a new home, both with many old friends and new and we are looking forward to it with great anticipation. And yet to a degree it will be our first Christmas away from home for you cannot leave the place where you have lived for twenty-five years and not be mindful of all those you do not see so often anymore . . . those with whom we have shared so much for so long.

Let me say for all the staff here at the Area Council office and for the Board of Lay Activities, "Merry Christmas." Say a Christmas prayer that God will bless our labors as we strive to make every day one that will be dedicated to Him whose birthday we celebrate.

From Gladys and me to all of you goes our sincere and heartfelt wish that each of you in your own special way will find and keep in your lives the joy and peace that came into the world when the Star of Bethlehem stood over a manger so long ago. A Merry and Joyous Christmas Season to you and you and you!



Missions and Evangelism.....

K. G. Rorie
Asso. Area Director



The mail brings all types of literature. Bulletins from many of our Louisiana Conference churches are included. This may not be directly related to Missions or Evangelism, but it has, at specific times, a kinship by the way bulletins may be used to promote the program of Methodism. Recently I received samples of special Thanksgiving bulletins and the word of future samples of Christmas bulletins. For a comparison of their beauty I searched my files for other bulletins, then fell to reading the messages on the backs. Many were from our own publishing house, but others were not, and I began to wonder why some of our churches still persist in using bulletins published by nondenominational publishers when our own publishing house makes available such beautiful products for worship usage.

It seems that every practical consideration favors a Methodist congregation using its own denominational bulletins. The price compares favorably, and an honest appraisal will show the paper and printing to be every bit as good and in some instances, to my judgment, better.

Art work of the bulletins is of a high level, at least to my eye. It is done by the best artists available.

But most important of all, in my thinking, is page four. Each week the bulletin gives its readers brief statements of high points in the life, work, and thought of the Methodist Church. As a pastor I have often read the message with real delight. Now, in work of a promotional and educational nature, my eyes see different possibilities than before. I see it as a medium for keeping people informed as to what's what and who's who in their church. It is a great possibility for keeping before our people, Sunday after Sunday, the special "news" and emphases of our church.

Thumbing through bulletins of past months I find a bulletin telling of the printed word — The Holy Bible. Others depict the Communion Cup, a field "white unto harvest", a minister and the pulpit, a Mother with love written in the lines of her face, and all supplemented by a message relevant to the occasion for which the bulletin was intended.

The great seasons of the year are dealt with in plain language that the laymen find readable, interesting and informative. If our people are given the opportunity to read each week the bulletin provided by their own church, they will not only be kept informed on denominational matters and their spiritual import but will also be effectively led into an enriching understanding of the Christian Year.

I'm slightly prejudiced on the merits of our own denomination, and thankful for its many provisions for education and cultivation of our laymen. They deserve more information and should be given every opportunity to receive it.



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WOMAN'S PAGE



Hammond Study Involved Members

The First Methodist Church of Hammond, the Rev. E. R. Thomas, pastor, conducted the church-wide study on four Sunday evenings in November using Dr. Tracey K. Jones' book "Our Mission Today" as text. It was a cooperative project of the Commission on Missions, W. Neal Greer, Jr., chairman, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. E. H. Edwards, secretary of missionary education, and the Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Rose Wolf, secretary of missionary education.

The first session, sponsored by the Woman's Society, depicted the roll of the missionaries through the ages, and short skits presenting missionaries, past and present, were given. "Francis Asbury", written by Mrs. Thomas was portrayed by Mrs. Gordon Causey with Miss Pearl Himler and Mrs. L. E. Rownd as supporting cast; "David and Mary Livingston", written by Mrs. Edwards had Mr. and Mrs. Mario Fellom as the characters; "Sir Wilfred Grenfeld", written by Mrs. Pat Settoon, cast Miss Brenda Morrison, Miss Judy Worley and Donnie Shoffit; "Albert Schweitzer", written by Miss Wolf, with Dr. R. N. Garrett playing the part of Dr. Schweitzer; "Donald and Joan Small", written by Mrs. Paul Kornegay, and played by Bobby Funderburk and Miss Evelyn Edwards.

The second session was presented in panel form by the Couples' Class. The class is taught by H. C. Vickers with Pat Settoon as president, who served on the panel with Mrs. Tom Laird, Mrs. C. D. Alford, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Humphreys, Mrs. Martha Holland, Mrs. James White, and Mrs. Scott Niles. An interview Mr. Settoon had with a Muslim student who is attending Southeastern Louisiana College was also given.

The third session presented a drama, "Every Man a Missionary", written by Mrs. Edwards. In the cast were Mrs. Lokey Faller, Mrs. Paul Kornegay, Dr. C. O. Henneman, J. C. Steedley, Miss Diane Wahl, David Thomas, and Colleen Edwards.

The final session was indeed a climax to the study as the Rev. Carl Williams, missionary to Bolivia, was guest speaker. Mr. Williams, an agricultural missionary working with the Aymara Indians who live in the Andes Mountains,

showed slides and told of the progress being made there. At the evening worship hour he explained the role individuals could play in serving as missionaries at home.

Classes were held for all age groups with an average attendance of 150. Directing children's activities was Mrs. J. C. Steedly, WSCS secretary of children and also church school children's superintendent. Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Henneman, MYF junior high counselors, led that group in classes on "The Changing City Challenges the Church". As an outgrowth of the study, several students made a trip to New Orleans to visit the "Inner-City Parish". The senior high group was led by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Settoon, MYF counselors, and the Rev. Charles B. Humphrey, associate pastor. At one session they heard the Rev. Ray Holt of Crowley, who has been accepted by The Mission Board of The Methodist Church, to serve as a missionary.

The Study and Action Committee, with Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Vickers and Miss Himler serving as members, made the following suggestions as an outgrowth of our study: 1. That a free will offering be taken and divided between Pete Spitzkeit, who is serving in Korea and Donald Small who is serving in Malaya, to further their work there, and to help purchase a small car for the Smalls to use in their work. 2. That a Commission on Christian Vocations be organized within the church. 3. That all the members of the church send Christmas cards to Mr. and Mrs. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Spitzkeit and to Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Cady. 4. That we try to get a speaker from the "Inner City Parish in New Orleans" to come to our church and further explain the mission work in that area. 5. And that our Fourth Sundays of each month be dedicated further to missions.

News in Brief

THE SECOND OF FOUR STUDIES was presented by the Elysian Fields Woman's Society in November with Mrs. W. G. Johnston as leader. Participating in the study of Southern Asia were Mrs. J. D. Hansard, Mrs. A. C. Menge, Mrs. N. L. Stout, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. G. C. Williams, Miss Ruth Tracy, Mrs. Harry Vickers, and Mrs. J. E. Manis. A lunch prepared of products from Asia was prepared and served by Mrs. Manis. Place mats, decorations, etc. were in keeping with the theme of India and the surrounding countries.

THE TROUT WOMAN'S SOCIETY cooked and served the LaSalle Parish Development Board in November. This group of about ten ladies served 150 dinners. They have acquired a reputation for the excellence of both food and service and are using the talent as a money making project. They also served the Kiwanis Club of Jena on Ladies Night, December 3. The Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor of the Trout Church and Mrs. George Shelton is president of the Woman's Society.

THE DECEMBER PROGRAM of the Woman's Society in Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, featured Mrs. Troy Simpson reviewing "This Way to Christmas" by Ruth Sawyer. Mrs. W. R. Irving of Mansfield, district secretary of missionary education was a special guest. Dolls dressed by members for the Salvation Army were exhibited.

FRANK AND MARY POOLE, minister of music and organist at Alexandria's First Church, were in charge of the December program for the Woman's Society in that church.



THE STEERING COMMITTEE for the church-wide study held in the First Methodist Church of Hammond are pictured, from left: the Rev. Charles B. Humphreys, associate pastor; Mrs. E.H. Edwards, WSCS secretary of missionary education; Mrs. C.E. Henneman, WSCS secretary of youth work; Mr. W. Neal Greer, Jr., chairman of commission on missions; Miss Rose Wolf, WSG chairman of missionary education; Mrs. E.R. Thomas, WSCS secretary of Christian Social relations.

Suggestions for Worship Settings



JANUARY- "Where Does a Christian Woman Volunteer Her Time?" page 142
Picture- Christ
Hour Glass
Words- I Need Thee
Blue cloth, white flower and candle



AGAIN WE PRESENT suggestions for worship settings appropriate for use with the programs at the monthly meetings of the Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds. The arrangements were on display at the Centenary School of Missions in August and were the handiwork of Mrs. Joe S. Bond and Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt. The sketches are by Mrs. Genevieve A. Gentry, and pictures were taken by Lona Wilson.



FEBRUARY- "Our Mission Today" page 7
Picture- Christ- "His Presence"
Lighted Glob or Globe and candle
Words- Show Them The Way
Pale green cloth - Ivy

God's Glory Compassed Earth

(In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.—John 1:1-14).

1. God's glory compassed earth that night:

His Word was born a Boy—

A Life to witness heaven's concern
And share man's pain and joy.

2. Love came to earth that hallowed night

And sought forgotten men;
Love eased their sorrow, bound
their wounds,
And gave them hope again.

3. Light came to earth that brilliant night

To blaze a nobler Way;
For men had wondered far from
God,
In darkness gone astray.

4. Truth came to earth that holy night

To banish hate and fear;
Truth opened eyes and minds to
know
God's power so deep, so near.

5. For Word made flesh to dwell with men

As Love, and Truth, and Light,
Our grateful paeans rise, O God,
Extol thy grace and might.

A CHRISTMAS LITANY

Leader: Almighty, merciful, and loving Father, and the Father of Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother, we express our gratitude for your gift to mankind of your Son, whose coming and dwelling with us we commemorate this day.

People: We are grateful to you, our Father, for this Unspeakable Gift.

L.: We thank you for the Message, and for the Revelation of your love and concern for each of us that came with the Babe of Bethlehem and that was heralded in angel songs.

P.: We are grateful, our Father, for the Revelation of your might, and mind, and character that Jesus brought us.

L.: We are grateful for the life of service, of ministry, of healing, of teaching that was lived and exemplified by the Young Man, Jesus; for his showing us your Love, your Way, and your Path toward peace, and brotherhood, and goodwill, and righteousness; and for his sharing with us his vision of the Kingdom of God to be established upon earth.

P.: We are grateful, our Father, for vision of a better life and of a better world, that came to us from you through Jesus.

L.: We confess that we have been slow and careless in making our lives and actions square with the teachings we have accepted intellectually, and profess in creeds, and hymns, and prayers.

P.: Forgive us for our inconsistency, our Father, and in your great mercy lead our hearts and spirits into glad following of your just and righteous Way.

L.: We confess that, in many areas of our mingling with other men in our daily rounds, we have permitted hate to overcome love, strife and war to dethrone peace, selfishness and greed to anail the brotherliness and mutual



A Layman's Witness

By Charles A. Stuck/Lay Evangelist

A MEDITATION FOR CHRISTMAS

There is a story about a German prince of long ago who decided that he wanted a genuine Stradivarius violin. And being a rich man, he offered an enormous price for it. But no one offered to sell him an instrument.

One day an old, poorly-dressed man knocked at the great gate. He would have been run off by the watchdogs, except that he had a worn violin case under his arm. But the guards were still not impressed. They told him that he could not enter. He argued with the guards for some time. They even became angry at his request to see the prince.

Finally the old man asked the guards to tell the ruler, "Heaven's music is waiting at your door." The guards finally agreed to carry the message. These words aroused the curiosity of the ruler and the old man was ordered into the royal presence with the command to state his business quickly or be punished.

The stranger opened the violin case, service Jesus envisioned as preliminary to any reign of righteousness.

P.: Forgive us, our Father, for these our sins and misdoings that impede the accomplishment of your purpose in sending us your "Letter of Love" through Jesus.

L.: Our Father, help me and help us to hear afresh the Message of your love, your concern, your desire for fellowship with men, your desire to have us walk in the Way of Peace, of goodwill, of righteousness, and of service. Open our eyes, our hearts, and minds and spirits to the newborn Babe—"the Word made flesh (that) dwelt among us"; may we re-discover the Message, the Life, the Love, the Light, the Truth,

took out a beautiful instrument and put it to his chin. Softly he drew the bow across the whispering strings. Then as he gained confidence he played a melody for the prince which proved beyond a doubt that this was the violin for which he had waited. "This violin must be mine," he cried. "Name your own price. I must have it."

But the old man shook his head. "I cannot sell it to you," he said. "But I will give it to you on one condition. I must be allowed to live in your house the rest of my life. And I must be allowed to play on this instrument every day. Only in that way can its wondrous tone be preserved and made more beautiful." The prince accepted the terms and the violin's tone became more beautiful as the years passed.

What the ruler did not know was that any violin's tone becomes more beautiful with use. The age of the instrument makes no difference. It is constant use that gives a violin its

priceless tone.

The angels sang to the shepherds the night that Jesus was born:

"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth, peace to men of good will."

All of us want peace. At least we think we want it. And like the ruler in this little story, we are willing to pay a big price for it in material things. But peace is not something to be bought. It is not just the stacking of arms or of putting battleships into "mothballs." Peace is something to be achieved by hard and constant work. And probably the hardest work of all is to bear good will toward God's people, regardless of who they are.

Peace is not a free gift, like grace. It is a beauty of human relations that is achieved by working at it every day. The old violinist realized that the beauty of the violin's tone came only from daily use. And the beauty of peace comes from working at it daily, not just at the Christmas season.

News in Methodism

BY METHODIST INFORMATION

CONSIDER CAMPUS TRENDS

CHICAGO—(MI)—Fifty five formal papers were prepared by scholars and the Way.

P.: Help us, our Father, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to rededicate our lives to the following and serving of the purpose for which Jesus, the Christ, came to earth.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sketch shows the new eight-story \$4,000,000 Methodist Center in the nation's capital for which ground is expected to be broken next spring. Approved by the District of Columbia zoning board, the center is being built by the Methodist Division of Temperance and General Welfare to replace a denominational building on Capitol Hill. Erected in 1923, the present Methodist Center will be razed for a Senate office building. The new center will house several national and regional Methodist agencies, as well as other denominational and inter-denominational groups. Location of the structure is about five miles northwest of the present Methodist building. It will be near the campus of Methodist-related American University.

ars and delivered either at plenary or group sessions of the Second National Convention for Ministers to College and University Communities. The three-day study was held here Nov. 20-22.

This convocation brought together more than 200 Methodist preachers to students, who wrestled with the demanding problems posed by academic communities.

The importance of this specialized type of ministry was described by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., in an opening statement. Dr. Gross is general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, which sponsored the convocation.

"The college student," Dr. Gross said, "represents Methodism's seed corn that should be conserved and developed for the church."

The Rev. Dr. Richard N. Bender of the division's Department of College and University Religious Life headed the planning and coordination of the program.

WILL RECOGNIZE STUDENTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(MI) — The Methodist Church's annual Student Recognition Day will be observed Sunday, Dec. 29.

On that day, Methodist churches across the country will give recognition to their college and university students in special services.

Suggested materials for the day's observance have been prepared by the Rev. Robert H. Stewart, chaplain of the University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.



Devotional Resources

Roy I. Bagley, Editor

Converted - To Do the Will of God

By the Rev. Harold H. Spence
Pastor, St. Paul Methodist Church
Fort Smith, Arkansas

One of the words so familiar to our forefathers in the church which is so little used today is "conversion". A convert, as referred to in the church indicates a person who has changed from one way of thinking to another — from one way of life to another. Of course, we can understand in part why the word is not used as freely as it used to be. Today, most folks who profess faith in Christ and join our churches are folks who have been in Sunday School and Church all of their lives. Their parents before them have become a part of the Christian

fellowship. At least, they have become members of the church before the children were born. Therefore, there seems to be less actual change in a person's life when he joins the church than there used to be. Many simply take their stand, profess their faith, and identify themselves with the Kingdom of God.

Obviously, it is much better to see a person profess his faith who has not known what the depths of sin are by experience, than to see one whose life has been squandered make a drastic change. Of course, it is wonderful for all persons involved when one is soundly converted to a new way of life through Christ. But isn't it more wonderful to keep them from falling in the first place? Nevertheless, we stand to lose a great deal if we lose the implications of the word "conversion"! One thing which must happen to all of God's people, whether they are gradually or rather suddenly brought to Christ's way of living, is an inquiring mind as to what we must do to prove our faith and loyalty. The Phillippian jailer asks, "What must I do to be saved?" Saul, on the Jerusalem-Damascus road, trembling and astonished, asks, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" This was a question which changed his whole life. It was, for him, the greatest question he ever asked. And shouldn't it be for each of us?

The main issue for all of us should not be how long we live or how much wealth and comfort we acquire, but whether we are doing the will of God — whether we have his approval. In our best moments, all of us would like to do the will of God. That is man's highest achievement. Even Jesus said that it was his "meat—to do the will of him that sent me." Where the will of God is done, there we have the Kingdom of God. This is, also, a question that is in the minds of young men and women as they face life. "What wilt thou have me to do?" Here is the field of life and of time. The field is wide, but time is short, and I have only one life to live. How can I best invest my desire to serve God and do good to my fellow men?

There is no joy superior to that of doing what one likes to do, and which also does good to man and serves God. It is not just the minister who is called to God. There are certain primary and fundamental callings of life without which there would be no other occupation. There are the laborer, the miner, merchant and storekeeper who distribute the necessities of life, and above all, or underneath all, the work of the farmer. It was said a long time ago, "The king himself is served by the field." These fundamental callings of life can be followed, and at the same time the higher interests of life and the mind cultivated. Whatever work in life is chosen, and whatever calling one follows, in that calling he can honor God and do good to his fellow man.

Of course, we need to understand that there are some businesses or professions which are not callings of God. Any business which tends to demoralize or undermine character cannot be called of God. But the important fact is that God calls us to do certain things in life. He has endowed us with specific equipment to do specific tasks. This calling goes far beyond a business or professional calling, it extends to our social life—how we spend our leisure time — how we select our friends—or how we treat our families. As we face another day, we need to say with Saul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?"

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Build a Devotional

CHRISTMAS AND US

By the Rev. Myers Curtis
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Conway, Arkansas

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." We know that Christmas is the anniversary of the establishment of a unique relationship between God and man. Here we see God striving to save the world, to lead men by the cord of their own freedom into a divine and eternal fellowship.

The birth of Jesus is a miracle any way you look at it, but the important element in the miracle is not how God

entered the life of Jesus, but that he entered. Dr. Karl Barth sums it up when he writes, "the truth is clear that the man Jesus Christ owes His beginning in History to the fact that God in person became man — this existence begins with God's special action. In Him and through Him God has taken the initiative. Once more God acts as the creator. God gives Himself an earthly origin." If men can really believe this fact that God was man, it will make a tremendous difference in our lives. In an age of uncertainty, this will give us some things of which we can be sure.

We can be sure of what God is like. A world famous historian, Herbert Butterfield says, "If there were to be a revelation of God to man, only a human being more than we are would give a vision that we should be capable of comprehending. In a hungry baby in a manger-crib; in an eager questioning boy in the Temple; in a patient and understanding teacher who told simple, earthly stories; in a sympathetic and concerned physician who healed the sick and afflicted; in a stern prophet who denounced evil and hypocrisy; in a suffering victim of Roman rule on a cross saying, 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do' — we begin to see what God is like." As the historian says, "We are not left with a religion of nebulous love, mere sentimental good fellowship, and we are not asked to grope hazily for an unidentifiable God, shapeless as vapor and without any form. At least, we can take a firm grip on the bottom rung of the ladder of truth, and get hold of something concrete." Jesus is the mirror of God.

Bishop Stephen Neill in a *Genuinely Human Existence* has the thesis that Jesus Christ is the revelation of man to himself — the disclosure of the true and full reality of human nature. In fact, he says, in Jesus Christ we see human nature restored to normality and recovering the full powers God intended for man. The picture of the gospels is that of a man and not of a 'superman'. Jesus does not pass unscathed through the vicissitudes of life, untouched by its sorrows and joys. He did not show what we can do if we will just clinch our fists, grit our teeth and stick to it; but He did show what God can do through us, if we will relax our grip on the things that are temporary and material and put our complete trust in the things which Jesus proved to be eternal and important. When I was a boy, I heard a preacher tell of a woman whose entire life was geared to acquiring things. There was always something that she wanted — a new coat, a new car, new hats, new silverware, new diamonds, furs and baubles without end. Her husband was a "money-making" business man and managed to gratify these desires almost as fast as they beset her. Being a man of foresight, he also bought burial plots for himself and his wife against the eventual day of their passing. He even selected tombstones and ordered the inscriptions.

"On my wife's just put, 'She died of things,'" he told the engraver.

"And on yours?" the engraver asked.

"Put, 'He died providing them,'" said the man.

The literature and philosophy of the ages is full of the poignant and perplexing lament of man's enslavement of matter. The atomic age seems to bring to the world a key warning. It con-

jured up Thoreau rapping the knuckles of civilization for everlastingly seeking "improved means to unimproved ends." By electricity, by atomic energy, by advertising, by "getting and spending" are we simply heading for the same old "unimproved ends"? The goal of 'more' is a strange one. It is impossible! By definition, one sociologist remarked, "If what you really want is 'more' you obviously can never achieve it." The picture that comes to one's mind is one I have seen in a comic strip—a poor, harried puppy chasing a sausage that was dangling from a stick tied to his collar. We are so caught up in the whirlpool of earning a livelihood, of acquiring the accessories for comfortable living, and of providing against every doleful physical calamity that we have become what we profess we are not — practicing materialists. Jesus, our faith, our church, does not ask for a renunciation of all things. It is not a teaching of Jesus that material things are to be despised. Rather, it is a matter of emphasis. Things and gadgets may be a means to a living, but they are not an end of living. Through this gift of God — born a babe in a manger and walking the same road of life we walk and moving triumphantly on through death — we learn what the real values of life are. The God of love through Christ shows us what the values are. We are able through Him to find truth and worth in simple things.

We can be sure, too, that what man does is important in the fulfillment of God's plan. Jesus would be just another nice man with some fine teachings had he not lived close to the heart of God in one of the great experiences of his whole life. He went away into the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed dangerously. The lines became clear. Surrounded by his adversaries and troubled by the ultimate questions, Jesus came to the conclusion that there was only one way to go. To the cross. "Not my will, but thine" — the conflict of good and evil: the crucifixion; the glorious triumph of right: the resurrection! In the event, men find the answers to the ultimate questions, not only of death—but life! Jesus is a Saviour, he is a man of destiny and purpose. There are many who walk the streets, who live in houses, who have forgotten who they are and to whom they belong. They "flounder around" — listening to the voice of their own selfish hearts, heeding the voice of the world. They are sick, tired, frustrated and without meaning. They are as the playwright put it, "... a Norman Nothing."

To discover that one is a creature of God — that God has his mark on you — and that you are His — is to make a discovery that is the ultimate hope of the world and of your own life. God never despairs of man nor gives him up. God may not always control history by imposing His will upon man—but He does continue to redeem history wherever man is. Whatever He may be doing, we know that God is working for good, just as He was when he entered the evil world of Herod through a baby in a manger and as He triumphed over the evil world of Pontius Pilate through the death of a man on the cross. We are bought with a great price! To see men and women conscious of this destiny, makes individuals, communities, and nations leap for joy — what it must do to the heart of God!

A New Look At President Kennedy's Assassination

by the Rev. George W. Harbuck
Pastor, First Methodist Church, Monroe

On the fateful Friday that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, I had gone home a little early to prepare a snack for my teen-age daughter, who came home from nearby Neville High school for lunch. My wife, whose father had died the week before in Virginia, was still with her mother in that state.

When the hamburger and french-fries were on the table for Nancy, I walked into the den and turned the television set on. One of those impossible soap operas—a real tear jerker which has no beginning and no ending was on. Suddenly an announcer broke in with the news bulletin—unconfirmed—that President Kennedy had been shot. The soap opera then came back on; "Some joke," I thought to myself. However, at the close of the program, the local TV station switched to the network's news room in New York, where it was to stay for the next four days. Slowly it began to dawn on me that this was no joke, rather it was a depressingly terrible truth.

As the events began to unfold, and even before the accused assassin was apprehended, one news commentator in New York suggested the possibility that the murder might be a member of the radical right-wing, which is especially vocal in the Dallas area. When Lee Oswald was arrested, there was a frantic digging into his past, and to the consternation of newsmen he was not a "radical rightest," and if anything, was a radical "leftest." This necessitated a hasty reassessment of the line of thought which, to this point, had been pursued. When the full horror of the tragedy had been assimilated, and all the wheels of progress in these United States had ground to a sad stop, these facts were known; John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States was dead. Lyndon Baines Johnson had been sworn in as the 36th President, Governor John Connally of Texas was in a critical condition, and Lee Harvey Oswald, a known Communist sympathizer was in Dallas City Jail, accused of the shootings.

At this writing, one week has elapsed since John F. Kennedy was laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery. The country is still numb with disbelief that this terrible thing could happen. Lee Harvey Oswald is

dead, himself the victim of an assassin's bullet, and in a lonely, unmarked grave in Ft. Worth, Texas, locked forever in death, is the answer to the single question which is on the lips of all Americans—"Why?"

In the absence of the answer to this question, a line of thinking has been pursued that is slowly sinking into the hearts of us all. It involves a singular effort to assess a national guilt for John F. Kennedy's death, a guilt that most of us were willing to assume through those emotion packed hours between his death and his burial. The citizens of Dallas are in the throes of repentance, and for some of its citizens this is probably much needed. At this writing there is still a concerted effort on the part of the press, both sacred and profane, to keep "our guilt ever before us" by reminding us of the "seeds of hatred" we have sown. I am now beginning to wonder if the press, particularly the church press, is not diverting attention—through the "national guilt" line—from other considerations whose depths need to be plumbed?

For instance, who, ultimately, bears the guilt for Americans who wind up with an attitude such as that shared by Lee Harvey Oswald? He was a native born American, and while his parents may not have been persons of means, their child could have had access to some of the same influences as the sons of the richest, such as the public schools—where were these institutions, and what influences were they bringing to bear on the young life of Lee Harvey Oswald? In history was he not learning something of the persons and incidents that have made America the nation it is? Or would such teachings be too Chauvinistic for these one-world days in which we live? Was there nothing in his brush with American history to make his heart well with pride and say, "this is my own, my native land!"

Or where was the church? Any church? Where was the church which annually spends millions of dollars in a vast net-work of missionary activity? Was it so busy converting the heathen in Timbuctoo that it had no time for the Oswald child who was not in Sunday School Sunday after Sunday? I wonder how many religious census turned up the name—Lee Harvey Os-



SHOWN AT THE RECENT Alexandria District Conference, meeting at First Church, Natchitoches (L. to R.): The Rev. R.R. Branton, conference preacher; the Rev. Fred Flurry, district superintendent; and the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., host pastor.



LUNCH TIME AT the recent Monroe District Conference, at Memorial Methodist Church.

wald—"no church affiliation." What influence did the church bring to bear on the life of this boy, who drew into a man, and who, out of a heart of hate, murdered a President?

Or pursue another line of thinking. Suppose in New York, or Fort Worth or New Orleans, Oswald did come under the influence of the church. Suppose he did attend Sunday School and church, and observed laymen, Sunday School teachers, and preachers.

Suppose he went to church on "Building Fund Sunday," or "World Service Sunday," or "World Order Sunday," or "Temperance Sunday," or "College Sunday," or "Orphanage Sunday," ad infinitum—when the church is lost in the miasma of its special days, hungry to hear the Gospel—but hearing only an appeal for more money.

There is a story, which, if apocryphal, deserves to be true. A young Russian living in England was invited to church by an English friend. The invitation was accepted, and he went to church with his friend. At the close of the service the young Englishman asked his Russian friend what he thought of the service. "The windows were inspiring, the music magnificent, but . . ." and his voice trailed off.

"But what?" insisted his friend. The Russian then said—"But I got the impression that the minister did not really mean what he was saying." What a terrible price for insincerity, for this young Russian was named Nicolai Lenin!

The Church cannot afford the luxury of insincerity! Or of unconcern! And these may very well have been the factors that spawned a Lee Harvey Oswald!

A President is dead, and our hearts are heavy. But our grief should not blind us to some truths. It is so easy to blame "hate baiters" in our midst for John F. Kennedy's death. It requires much less soul-searching to do that than to ask ourselves these questions: "Where was the church when Lee Harvey Oswald was growing up? Where was the church when the greatest need of his life was Jesus Christ, whom to know is to love, and whom to love is to serve?"

It occurs to me that some seeds have been sown alright; the seeds of indifference by the church today, a church whose timeless mandate is still to make Jesus Christ known, loved and served, even to the lowliest and least!

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Conference Board of Lay Activities Meeting



AT BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES MEETING in Alexandria, Dec. 7 and 8. Left: Joe Solomon, Monroe; Allen Collette, Lake



Charles; John Trotter, New Iberia; Tom Pitt and Dudley Snow, Shreveport; Center: Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Roberts, Shreveport, and



Mrs. John Trotter, New Iberia; Right: Tom Pitt and Dudley Snow. (Louisiana Methodist Information pictures by Lona Wilson.)



WE ARE INDEBTED to Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson for these excellent pictures from the Assembly of the National Council of Churches. Left: Mrs. Glen Laskey, Ruston, meets a Methodist

delegate from North Carolina, while Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport, and Vincent Mouser, Columbia, look on; Center: the NCC Assembly in session at Convention Hall, Philadelphia; Right: Vincent

Mouser and Charles Parlin, center, prominent Methodist layman from New York.

Report From National Council

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Lumbus, Ind. The Indianapolis churchman represents one of the smallest, yet one of the most ecumenical denominations in the NCC.

He has been an officer of the National Council since 1950, serving since 1957 as chairman of the Division of Christian Education, a post which made him a vice-president and a member of the General Board. In all he has served as an officer or member of some 25 council boards and committees.

The leader of the 748,000-member EUB church has also played an important role in merger negotiations between his denomination and The Methodist Church, serving as chairman of the EUB Commission on Church Union.

The central objectives and purposes of the National Council of Churches as "servant to the church and the world" were defined by the National Council's new General Secretary, Dr. R. H. Espy. He listed these goals as: to manifest unity; to represent the churches; to serve the whole man; to seek the whole truth; to broaden interfaith activity; to assist local and state councils of churches; to enlist the laymen's concern; and to further evangelism.

"The National Council of Churches is not a church nor a super-church nor a supra-church," Dr. Espy reminded the delegates and accredited visitors, "as some persist in asserting."

The Council serves 31 major Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox communions in the nation through divisions and departments concerned with Christian education, world service, home and foreign missions and other

ministries, dedicated to what Dr. Espy termed "unity, witness and service."

The Assembly called upon President Lyndon B. Johnson and the Congress to expedite the resettlement of refugees from Cuba. The group also gave assurances of full cooperation of the Protestant churches in moving Cuban refugees from Miami, Fla., to other parts of the country where they could find jobs and housing.

The government and the churches were also asked to move more rapidly toward the creative integration of that large number of Cuban refugees who remain in the Miami area.

In its report to the Assembly, the Joint Committee from the Division of Home Missions and Church World Service noted that in the first ten months of 1963 it had registered 2,116 refugees and resettled 3,900. This brought the total number registered by the committee since it was created in December, 1960, to 14,185 registered and 12,356 resettled.

In other action, the General Assembly took a strong stand against legalized gambling. A resolution reaffirmed the anti-legalized gambling position taken in 1951 by the NCC's General Board. At that time member denominations were called upon to "urge officers of government—federal, state and local—to search out and prosecute the lawbreakers where misdeeds have been uncovered."

In reviewing the three years of his administration, the Council's first lay president, J. Irwin Miller, counseled a strengthening and sharpening of the Council's role in society. He reported that a Council self-study has already resulted in tangible savings to the Council of \$135,000 a year, with the possibility that this sum may yet be increased to \$200,000 annually. "Each elimination of the unnecessary or of duplication frees funds and persons for new problems and new services,"

he said.

He related with pride that the major faiths in our country—Jewish, Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant—are now cooperating in a way previously assumed impossible.

"I know of no more apt Christian tool for the times than the Council, and I can only say value it, sharpen it, use it."

Discipleship

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meals, room and registration is \$23. A registration fee of \$5 should be sent to the Rev. G. Byron Deshler, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37203. The cost for ministers for their three days will be about \$31 for the three days, plus a \$5 registration fee which is to be sent to the same address.

Let The Children Come

The birth of the Baby, Jesus, was announced by the voices of angels singing. Read Luke 2:8-15. This is one of the most famous and loved songs in the world — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Since that time people in every country of the world have tried to capture the meaning of this song in their own languages. Let us think about some of these Christmas hymns.

In the little town of Oberndorf, Austria, the organ in the little church was broken. It was the day before Christmas Eve and the pastor Joseph Mohr, was extremely worried because there would be no music for Christmas. He felt that they must surely have something special for their church celebration. Late at night as he returned to his home after visiting a sick man, he turned and looked over the small, sleeping town. Behind him were the snow-covered mountains. He thought,

"It must have been something like this in the little town of Bethlehem so long ago." He hurried home and wrote a poem. The next day the organ-master arranged music that could be played on the guitar. On Christmas Eve they sang this song, "Silent Night, Holy Night" which has found its way around the world.

Phillips Brooks remembered his visit to the little town of Bethlehem and wrote the words, "O' Little Town of Bethlehem." Martin Luther wrote "Away in a Manger" for his own children. They could not understand the songs of their day which were written in Latin and were sung only by the Priests and choir boys. Now they and their friends could sing and understand the words their father wrote for them.

Did you know that the first American Christmas Carol was written for the Indians? The missionary, Jean de Brebeuf, had come from Canada to tell the Huron Indians about Jesus. The hymns he knew were in French and Latin. The Indians could not understand them and even when he translated them, they had not heard of shepherds, nor had they ever heard of a manger. A part of this hymn which could be understood by the Indians was:

... "O children of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and
Heaven
Is born today for you
Come kneel before the radiant
Boy
Who brings you beauty, peace
and joy."

—Aunt Feather

In the 5 homes for young business women which operate under the auspices of The Methodist Church, 209 girls and young ladies were accommodated during 1962.



The new president of the National Council, Bishop Reuben H. Miller of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, left; Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editorial director of Together and Chris-

tian Advocate, center, in the press section at the Philadelphia meeting; and, right, Judge Vincent Mouser, Columbia, La., and

Charles Parlin, New York Methodist layman, who is one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Dr. E.T. Wayland



LESSON FOR JANUARY 5, 1964:

"MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 12:46-50; 13:53-58; Luke 2:19, 39-52; John 2:1-12; 19:25-27; Acts 1:14. Printed Lesson Text Luke 2:41-51; Acts 1:14.

MEMORY SELECTION: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Luke 1:46-47.

AIM OF LESSON: To present a balanced view of Mary the mother of Jesus, to picture the gradual growth of her understanding of the character and mission of Jesus and to emphasize the importance today of accepting Jesus as Christ the Lord.

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For the past three Sundays we have studied lessons selected from the Book of Galatians under the general subject, "Man's Faith and God's Grace." The first ten lessons of the past quarter were selected from 1 and 2 Corinthians. The general subject was "The Character of Christian Living."

With today's lesson we begin a new quarter and a new calendar year. Through this quarter our lesson texts will be selected from the Gospels. These lessons will be character studies under the general subject, "Personalities Around Jesus." It is quite appropriate to begin such a series of lessons with a study of the life of the mother of Jesus, Mary.

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MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

In apocryphal writings there are many fanciful stories about the Virgin Mary. However, these writings add little if anything to a dependable record of her life.

All authentic information we have about Mary, our Lord's mother, comes from the New Testament. Much of this comes from the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke.

The author of Matthew opened his writings with a genealogy of Jesus in order to show the Jews, and us, that Jesus was a descendent of Abraham. In this listing of forebears, Jesus is made a descendent of Abraham through "Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus." With this approach to the birth of Jesus, Matthew has more to say about Joseph than he does about the Virgin Mary. However, many Bible students think that Mary was a descendent of the house of David.

It is thought that Luke, the beloved physician, who wrote Luke's Gospel, got his information about the birth of Jesus from Mary herself. We could wish that we had more authentic information about Mary, the mother of Jesus but holding the special place she does, perhaps it is well that we do not.

Luke gives us a little insight into Mary's life before the birth of Jesus. Luke says that the angel Gabriel, appeared to Mary who was espoused to a man whose name was Joseph. The angel revealed to Mary that she, a virgin, "had found favor with God" and was to be the mother of a child, Jesus, who was to redeem the world.

In answer to Mary's question, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" the angel said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." In the face of this startling experience and surprising announcement, we see the great faith and sublime spirit of submission in the answer of Mary, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto

me according to thy word."

Mary at once visited her cousin Elizabeth, who in three months was to become the mother of John the Baptist. Together they rejoiced at the special blessings they had received of God. Mary stayed there until time for the birth of John before she returned to her home.

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MARY'S PLACE IN THE CHURCH

In the Protestant church, Mary holds a place of high honor. Being the mother of Jesus she is considered the queen of all mothers. Yet with it all she is considered to be only human and as human gave to Jesus the human side of his nature. Considered only a human, there is no tendency in the Protestant church to worship her.

In the Catholic Church Mary's position is quite different. Mary is held to be an object of worship, to whom prayers may be addressed. The Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is the article of faith proclaimed by Pope Pius IV. In this statement of faith it is declared that Mary was conceived without any taint of original sin. Furthermore it is stated that she lived a sinless life. Catholics teach also that, at death, the physical body of Mary was miraculously translated to heaven.

Protestants do not think that any of these teachings about Mary are justified by the record of her life as found in the New Testament. These beliefs have their foundation in pronouncements by Popes rather than Biblical records.

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THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER

Our lesson begins with a record of the parents of Jesus attending the Feast of the Passover at Jerusalem, when Jesus was 12 years old. Jewish law required every adult male to attend this feast annually. It was not necessary for either Mary or Jesus to attend. Their presence there indicates the special religious atmosphere in their home.

We are told that possibly 100,000 visiting Jews crowded into the city of Jerusalem, a city of about 50,000, at the time of the feast. Confusion and disorder was quite common. The feast continued over a period of seven days.

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THE LOST CHRIST

In the confusion and tumult that attended the religious gathering of so many Jews, it was easy for families to become separated. When Joseph and Mary, with their group, started back to their home, they "supposed" Jesus, the twelve year old lad, was somewhere in the group. They apparently did not make a close check.

When they missed him at the close of the first day out, the parents of Jesus immediately returned to Jerusalem to find him. "After three days they found him in the Temple."

It is interesting to note that Mary the mother of Jesus lost Jesus while she was celebrating a great religious feast. Even today we become so much concerned about the ceremonies, the ritualistic services and the organizations of the church that it is possible for us, in midst of it all, to lose the Christ we are supposed to be working for.

Jesus was lost at the Temple or Jewish church. It is quite possible for some regular church attendants today to lose touch with Christ even at the church. It would be well to remind ourselves also that Jesus was found at the Temple. The church is not the only place

where we may find Christ. However, it is the one place to find him and possibly the best and most likely place for a searcher for Christ to find him.

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

As a result of a great painting titled "Jesus Teaching in the Temple" we often think of Christ at 12 years in the Temple teaching the Jewish teachers there. However, the Record says, "After these days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions."

I read recently where some one said that he never learned anything while he was talking. Even Christ, the Son of God, seemed to think that listening was very important.

In this Temple story, found only in Luke Gospel, we learn that Christ at the age of 12, was conscious of his divine Sonship and mission. In answer to Mary's question as to why he stayed behind, Jesus answered, "Wist ye not that I must be about MY FATHER'S business." Jesus here seems to draw a contrast between his obligations to Joseph, his father, and to God his heavenly Father.

MARY'S KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS GROWS

When the shepherds came to Bethlehem to see the Baby Jesus "they made known abroad the sayings which were told them concerning the child." They told everybody and people about them wondered. Luke says of Mary, "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Our lesson text, in verse 51, says of the Temple experience, "But his mother kept all these sayings in her heart."

Mary had been conscious, since the visit of the angel, Gabriel, that the child she would bear was to be a very special Person in God's plan to redeem the world. Hence she kept in her heart the memory of the unusual events surrounding his birth and development.

Mary learned gradually from the Temple experience that it was necessary for Christ to live his life independent of her. There is no record of Jesus ever having called Mary mother. We feel sure that he did in early life.

In later life, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, Jesus addressed his mother said, "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" Jesus said "Woman" not mother. In Capernaum, when Jesus was told that his mother and brethren were present and wanted to see him, he said "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" Then stretching his hands out toward his disciples Jesus said, "Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Mary learned the hard way that Jesus was much more than just her son.

We see something of the deep concern of Jesus for his mother even while he was hanging on the cross. Jesus saw his mother and John standing near the cross. "And he sayeth to his mother, 'Woman, behold thy son!'" Then sayeth he to the disciple, "Behold thy mother." Even on the cross Jesus addressed Mary as "Woman," while committing her to the care of the apostle John.

OBEDIENT TO HIS PARENTS

After this Temple experience Luke tells us that "He (Jesus) went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them (his parents)."

Youth of today could well learn a lesson here. For 18 years after the Temple experience, Jesus apparently was at his Nazareth home. Joseph, it appears, died during this period.

MARY WITH CHURCH IN PRAYER

The closing verse of our lesson text tells us "These all (the young church) continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and MARY the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

With this verse the Biblical record of Mary the mother of Jesus closed. She now knows that her Baby Jesus is the world's Saviour and Redeemer.



As early as 1744 Wesley gathered a group of ministerial friends who conferred together, "Setting our doctrines, practices and discipline, with love and unanimity." This was the beginning of "the Conference" which is now the authority of The Methodist Church. The first Conference to be held at Wesley's Chapel was in 1779. According to tradition, this picture commemorated the occasion. It contains the likenesses of many of the delegates.

The Christmas Conference of 1784

On Christmas Eve, 1784, most of the Methodist preachers in America assembled in Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore at a conference to organize the Methodists into an independent Episcopal Church. In the late summer of that year John Wesley had sent to America Thomas Coke, Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey to assist in the establishment of such an American Methodist denomination.

The portrayal of the significant Christmas Conference in Thomas Coke Ruckle's classic "The Ordination of Bishop Asbury" is shown here, below, with a composite picture, above, published in 1822 of the founder of Methodism, bearing the title, "The late Rev. John Wesley, M.A., & 446 of the Preachers in the Connexion represented as assembled in City Road Chapel, London." A very old print of this composite picture is among the Methodistica preserved in the archives of the World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

The original canvas of "The Ordination of Bishop Asbury" was destroyed in a fire, but copies of an engraving that Ruckle had supervised were preserved. A copy on display at John Street Church in New York City was presented to that church by the artist. (from World Parish, published by the World Methodist Council.)



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A Letter from Brady Tyson

(The following excerpts from a letter by Missionary Brady Tyson, were recently quoted by Bishop W. Kenneth Pope at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Area Council. We believe these same words will have inspirational value for all our readers.—The Editors.)

My first job among the Brazilian university students is to be a pastor to the little flock of Christian students who live in this environment, who try to live in it as Christians and struggle to remain faithful to Him who called them and gives them life. But this pastoral ministry is not a thing of ordination, but of location. It is a mutual ministry of believers. We encounter one another, often by chance, share our tensions and hopes, say a word of joy and thanksgiving each to the other, and disperse again, to go back into the world. Here and there we have small groups of Protestant students who meet regularly. We have a Brazilian branch of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship and a Brazilian branch of the World Student Christian Fellowship. I attend both and try to urge any interested student to attend one or the other.

Secondly, I am an evangelist, which does not mean that I am present with a program and a plan and a card of church membership that can automatically clear up all the confusion and solve Brazil's problems. But it does mean that in the midst of the chaos, there is hope, and there is joy. It does mean that somewhere God is at work in all this around us here and that if we discipline ourselves, strive to look, wait to receive and learn what it means to live by faith, we will see now and then the hand of God in our own lives and in the events around us. And to testify to the presence of God in the midst of this turbulence is what it means to be an evangelist on a Brazilian campus today.

Pastor, evangelist. But really to be a missionary in the strange and bewildering atmosphere of the Brazilian university means two other things: to be a student and to be a servant. A university is a community of students and scholars. To be a minister to the students it is necessary to be a student. This implies a willingness to learn, to entertain new ideas and to reconsider old ones. It means to accept the academic disciplines, to be a part of university life, and not only to pull the Christians out of the classroom to form them into a little club but to learn to be a Christian and a student in the classroom. To be a student is to be a servant of truth. To be a Brazilian student today means to be servant of the Brazilian people, who so much need those who can serve them well.

So, strangely enough, I am again a student. I attend classes, I read books and magazines, I choose special subjects for research. All this to understand Brazil, to be able to know Braz-

ilian university students and to be able to talk about the things they talk about.

It has been very exciting, and very humbling, to be with the university students and professors here. I confess, even to those of you who support me, that I have learned far more than I have contributed. And this may continue to be the case in the future. And yet, with all its frustrations and seeming lack of effect, we Christians in the university have our victories, have our joy and our hope. And if we sometimes feel we are moving "against the stream," the faithfulness of God to His people sustain us. Subjected as they are to great stress and temptations, often rejected by an unfeeling church institution, still very immature in many ways, I must confess that you that I have never known, in some ways, a more mature Christian community than that little band of pilgrims whom God has pleased to make his leaven in the University of Sao Paulo. How we long that our numbers be increased, that our understanding be broadened and deepened, and that we be kept faithful in all things, you must imagine for yourself.

For the whole family, I say that we are well and happy and that we appreciate your letters, your thoughts and your support.

Sincerely
Brady Tyson
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FORERUNNER OF MERGER

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—What is believed to be the first merger of Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren parishes in anticipation of the proposed union of the national denominations in 1968 has been completed here.

The Rev. C. Clifford Sargent announced the local merger as the first pastor of Wesley Methodist Church.

With about 700 members, Wesley Church unites the former First and Thomson Methodist Churches and St. John's EUB Church. The newly-merged church is in the Providence District of the New England Southern Conference, of which the Rev. Morrill G. Martin is superintendent.

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